

White Hall High School Student Handbook



Home of the Bulldogs

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Teaching Tomorrow, Today

WHITE HALL ALMA MATER

**For our school, our alma mater
Dear old White Hall High,**

**We shall bring thee highest honor,
As in years gone by.**

**And for thee we'll ere fight onward,
Victory proclaim!**

**White Hall High, our alma mater,
Hail to thy dear name.**

**Bulldogs
(School Mascot)**

**Black & White
(School Colors)**

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ASSURANCE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPLIANCE WITH CIVIL RIGHTS RESPONSIBILITIES

The undersigned superintendent for the White Hall School District and Jefferson County assures the Director, General Division, Arkansas Department of Education that all schools within the district follow the following Civil Rights Regulations as stated:

TITLE VI, SECTION 601 OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

The District Title VI Civil Rights Coordinator is:
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TITLE IX, SECTION 901, OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENT OF 1972

No person in the United States shall, based on sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

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SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 AND TITLE II

No otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States shall, solely by reason of handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Any individual who believes they have been deprived or discriminated against due to a handicapping condition should contact;

The District Section 504 Civil Rights Coordinator is:
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TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT OF 1990

No otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States shall, solely by reason of handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Any individual who believes they have been deprived or discriminated against due to a handicapping condition should contact;

The District Title II Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 Coordinator is:
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2024-2025 Bell Schedule

	Start	End	
First Bell	8:15		
1	8:20	9:08:00 AM	9:13:00 AM
2	9:13:00 AM	10:01:00 AM	10:06:00 AM
3	10:06:00 AM	10:54:00 AM	10:54:00 AM
1st LUNCH	10:54:00 AM	11:24:00 AM	11:29:00 AM
4	11:29:00 AM	12:17:00 PM	12:22:00 PM
RTI 5	12:22:00 PM	12:57:00 PM	1:02:00 PM
6	1:02:00 PM	1:50:00 PM	1:55:00 PM
7	1:55:00 PM	2:43:00 PM	2:48:00 PM
8	2:48:00 PM	3:36:00 PM	3:36:00 PM
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First Bell	8:15		
1	8:20	9:08:00 AM	9:13:00 AM
2	9:13:00 AM	10:01:00 AM	10:06:00 AM
3	10:06:00 AM	10:54:00 AM	10:59:00 AM
4	10:59:00 AM	11:47:00 AM	11:47:00 AM
2ND LUNCH	11:47:00 AM	12:17:00 PM	12:22:00 PM
RTI 5	12:22:00 PM	12:57:00 PM	1:02:00 PM
6	1:02:00 PM	1:50:00 PM	1:55:00 PM
7	1:55:00 PM	2:43:00 PM	2:48:00 PM
8	2:48:00 PM	3:36:00 PM	3:36:00 PM
* 23 Minutes between lunches			

48min class/ 35 min RTI = 371 minutes

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STUDENT DISCIPLINE CHART

INFRACTION	MINIMUM DISCIPLINARY ACTION	MAXIMUM DISCIPLINARY ACTION
Disruptive Behavior	Detention Hall	In School Suspension
Insubordination	Detention Hall	Suspension
Tardies	Detention Hall	Suspension
Fighting	Suspension	Recommendation for Expulsion
Forgery	Detention Hall	Suspension
Possession of Cigarettes, cigarette papers, lighters. Smoking/Possession or Use of Smokeless Tobacco/e-cigarettes	In School Suspension (5 days)	Suspension (10 days)
Failure to Follow School Procedure	Detention Hall	Suspension
Cheating	No Credit	In School Suspension
Parking Lot/Driving Violation	Verbal Reprimand	Suspension of Driving Privileges
Possession/Under the Influence of Alcohol or Illegal Drugs	10-Day Suspension FINS Petition Filed with 6th Division Juvenile Court	Recommendation for Expulsion
Possession of Firearms on Campus	10 Day Suspension	Recommendation for Expulsion
Physical Abuse/Assault on School Employee	Suspension	Recommendation for Expulsion
Disrespect/Verbal Abuse of a School Employee (Profanity)	Suspension	Recommendation for Expulsion
Attendance Policy Violation	In School Suspension	In School Suspension
Vandalism	Repayment of Damages	Recommendation for Expulsion
Weapons/Threats to Use Weapons	In School Suspension	Recommendation for Expulsion
Cell Phone/Improper Use of Electronic Devices	Parent Must Pick Up Device	Suspension
Dress Code Violation	Warning Must be correct before returning to class	In School Suspension
Public Display of Affection	Detention Hall	In School Suspension
Bullying	1 Day Suspension	Recommendation for Expulsion
Sexual Misconduct/Harassment	Suspension	Recommendation for Expulsion
Possession of Laser Pointers	Detention Hall	Suspension
Bus Infraction	Verbal Warning	Revocation of Transportation Privileges
Leaving Trash in the Cafeteria	Detention Hall	Suspension
Horseplay	Detention Hall	Suspension
Throwing Objects	Detention Hall	Suspension
Gangs and Gang Activity	In School Suspension	Recommendation for Expulsion
Computer Violation	Detention Hall	Computer Privilege's Revoked
Gambling	Detention Hall	Recommendation for Expulsion
Theft	In School Suspension	Recommendation for Expulsion
Cutting Class/Out of Assigned Area	Detention Hall	In School Suspension
ID Badge Violation	Warning	Detention Hall
Removal from ISS	Suspension	Suspension
Terroristic Threatening	Suspension	Expulsion

Behavior Not Covered. The School District reserves the right to discipline student behavior that is not conducive to good order and discipline in the schools, even though such behavior is not specified in the written rules of this handbook. Students shall make restitution of any property stolen by them and shall be subject to other disciplinary measures. (A.C.A. 6-18-502)

VISION

The White Hall School District exists to serve the needs and interests of each student by providing a quality educational program consisting of curricular and extracurricular activities designed to further enhance the strength of this nation and by exerting continuous efforts toward the improvement and enrichment of the quality of life.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of White Hall High School is to provide a safe learning environment while promoting the success of all students in a post information global community by requiring student engagement in a functional, technology-focused learning environment; fostering respect and understanding of diverse societal and world cultures; providing a rigorous and relevant academic curriculum and instilling a sense of pride in self, school, community, and country.

Through the district's educational programs, all schools within the district will support each individual student's efforts:

- To achieve mastery of basic competency skills in reading, mathematics, communications, and problem solving.
- To expand intellectual development of learning skills for critical thinking and decision-making and to require independent study skills to facilitate continued learning throughout life.
- To become economically self-reliant by developing respect for the dignity of work, acquiring job entry skills, and developing an understanding of the economic relationships between management of time, money, and personal resources.
- To identify and clarify ethical, moral, and spiritual values necessary for becoming a responsible and humane citizen.
- To develop an understanding of the political heritage and democratic principles of society and acquire a sense of responsibility to the American democracy.
- To realize self-limitations and capabilities and develop insights into the unity and interrelatedness of knowledge.
- To improve the quality of personal and professional technology-based decisions and participate in the transition from an industrialized society to a service and information age.

WHITE HALL SCHOOL POLICIES **STUDENT RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND LIMITATIONS**

Students' rights are the same as those extended to any other citizen of the United States of America. Individual rights must be exercised carefully to preserve the rights of others. Students are responsible for the way they behave. For any actions committed outside the boundaries of acceptable behavior, students must accept the consequences. All students are protected by due process of law.

Administrators and teachers also have rights and duties. The teacher is required by law to maintain a suitable environment for learning, and administrators have the responsibility for maintaining and facilitating the educational program.

The principal is authorized to suspend students for cause up to 10 days. The Board of Education has the authority to expel students for cause for periods longer than ten (10) days.

The White Hall School District rules, regulations, and procedures are designed to protect all members of the educational community in the exercise of their rights and duties.

ACADEMICS

ACADEMIC COURSE ATTENDANCE BY PRIVATE AND HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS

The District allows private school and home-schooled students whose parents, legal guardians, or other responsible adult with whom the student resides are residents of the District to attend academic courses offered By the District. The District will place a list of courses that a private school or home-schooled student may request to attend on its website by:

- June 1 for courses to be offered during the Fall semester; and
- November 1 for courses to be offered during the Spring semester.

A private school or home-schooled student who desires to attend one or more of the available academic courses shall submit a written request to attend the academic course(s) to the superintendent, or designee, no later than:

- August 1 for Fall semester courses; or
- December 1 for Spring semester courses.

The superintendent, or designee, is authorized to waive the application deadline on a case by case basis.

The District permits a private school or home-schooled student to attend a maximum of six (6) courses per semester.

The District may reject a private school or home-schooled student's request for attendance if the District's acceptance would:

- Require the addition of staff or classrooms;
- Exceed the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school building;
- Cost the District more for the student to attend the academic course than the District receives for the student's attendance;
- Cause the District to provide educational services the District does not currently provide at a financial burden to the District; or
- Cause the District to be out of compliance with applicable laws and regulations regarding desegregation.

Requests to attend an academic course will be granted in the order the requests are received. Upon the receipt of a private or home-schooled student's request to attend academic course(s), the District will date, and time stamp the request for attendance. If a private school or home-schooled student is denied attendance based on a lack of capacity and an opening in the requested course occurs prior to the start of the course, the District will use the date and time stamp on the request for attendance to determine the private school or home-schooled student who will be notified of an opening in the requested course.

As part of the request to attend academic courses in the District, a private school or home-schooled student shall:

- Indicate the course(s) the private school or home-schooled student is interested in attending;
- If the course(s) the private school or home-schooled student is interested in attending is being offered by the District in both a physical and a digital format, whether the private school or home-schooled student intends to attend the physical course or the digital course; submit, along with the student's application, a copy of the student's transcript indicating that the student has received credit for the course(s), or equivalent course(s), that are a prerequisite to the course(s) the student desires to attend at the District.
- Agree to follow the District's discipline policies; and
- Submit immunization documentation required by Policy 4.57—IMMUNIZATIONS.

A private school or home-schooled student who fails to attend an academic course by the eleventh (11) day of class or who is absent without excuse for eleven (11) consecutive days during the semester shall be dropped from the course.; however, a private school or home-schooled student shall not be considered truant for unexcused absences from the course(s) the student is attending at the District.

Private school or home-schooled students shall receive a final grade and transcript for each academic course the student completes.

The responsibility for transportation of any private school or home-schooled student attending academic courses in the District shall be borne by the student or the student's parents.

The opportunity provided to home schooled students under this policy is in addition to the opportunity provided in Policy 4.56.2—EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENTS.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-15-509; A.C.A. § 6-18-232; A.C.A. § 6-18-702; A.C.A. § 6-47-401 et seq.; ADESE Rules Governing

Distance and Digital Learning; ADESE Rules Governing Kindergarten Through 12th Grade Immunization Requirements in Arkansas Public Schools; Commissioner's Memo COM-19-021

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY/EXTRACURRICULAR

To satisfy the Arkansas Department of Education regulation a student must have met the AAA requirement and have a grade point average of 2.0 (1.8 for junior high). The ADE regulation will permit a student to participate on a probationary status if the student is actively participating in the school's academic improvement program. Remediation will be provided Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for 100 minutes. Students must participate 2 days a week during their probation period. A student may not participate in two consecutive semesters of probation. According to the Arkansas Activities Association requirements; to participate in interscholastic competition, students passing four academic courses but failing to meet the 2.0 GPA requirements must be enrolled in and attending 100 minutes per week a Supplemental Instruction Program meeting established criteria and approved by the AAA. If a student's GPA drops below 2.0 at the end of any semester, the must immediately enrolls in and attend the SIP. If a student fails to enroll in the SIP at this time, the student must attain a 2.0 GPA to regain eligibility.

It should be noted that a violation of the AAA rule may result in forfeitures. A violation of the ADE regulation could affect a school's accreditation. The ADE is responsible for administering the GPA regulation and the academic improvement program.

All coaches and sponsors will have all activities that require loss of instructional time approved at least one week in advance of the activity by their building principal and the Athletic Director. Extenuating circumstances' such as winning an event or competition which advances our student/athletes to the "next round", will be taken into consideration. Coaches of all athletic teams will be encouraged to schedule games/contests that will prevent student/athletes from losing valuable classroom instruction time. Spring events and scheduling will be monitored very closely by the administration.

Students are ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for one or more of the following reasons:

- failure to obtain a 2.0 GPA
- failure to pass 4 academic classes
- failure to attend and complete Supplemental Instruction (100 minutes), no unexcused absences for the current semester.
- failure to raise GPA 1/10th of a percent.
- Known felony conviction for the current semester

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

The first semester ninth-grade student meets the scholarship requirements for junior high if he/she has successfully passed four (4) academic courses the previous semester. The second semester ninth-grade student meets the scholarship requirements for junior high if he/she has successfully passed (4) academic courses the previous semester which count toward his/her high school graduation requirements. Ninth-grade students must meet the requirements of the senior high scholarship rule by the end of the second semester in the ninth grade in order to be eligible to participate the fall semester of their tenth-grade year.

Senior High: To remain eligible for competitive interscholastic activity, a student must have passed (4) academic courses the previous semester and either:

- Have earned a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 from all academic courses the previous semester; or
- If the student has passed four (4) academic courses the previous semester but does not have a 2.0 GPA the student must be enrolled and successfully participating in a SIP to maintain their competitive interscholastic extracurricular eligibility.

ARKANSAS ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

In addition to the foregoing rules, the district shall abide by the rules and regulations of AAA governing interscholastic activities. AAA provides catastrophic insurance coverage for students participating in AAA governed extracurricular activities who are nrolled in school. As a matter of District policy, no student may participate in a AAA governed extracurricular activity unless he or she is enrolled in a district school, to ensure all students are eligible for AAA catastrophic insurance.

Intrascholastic Activities

AAA Governed Activities

Students participating in intrascholastic extracurricular activities that would be governed by AAA if they were to occur between tudents of different schools shall meet all interscholastic activity eligibility requirements to be eligible to participate in the comparable intrascholastic activity. The District will abide by the AAA Handbook for such activities to ensure District students are not disqualified from participating in interscholastic activities.

Non-AAA Governed Activities

Unless made ineligible by District policies, all students shall be eligible to participate in non-AAA governed intrascholastic extracurricular activities. Intrascholastic activities designed for a particular grade(s) or course(s) shall require the student to be enrolled in the grade(s) or course(s).

School Choice Transfers

A student who transfers under a legal school choice option shall not be denied participation in an extracurricular activity where the student transfers based exclusively on the student's decision to transfer. A student who transfers after July 1 of the year the student enters grade seven (7) shall complete a Changing Schools/Athletic Participation form as defined by AAA, which must be signed by the:

- Superintendent of the student's resident school district;
- Superintendent of the nonresident school district to which the student transfers; and
- Parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis to the student.

The completed Changing Schools/Athletic Participation form shall be filed with the non-resident school district where the student transfers and the AAA. The Changing Schools/Athletic Participation form shall be signed by the superintendent of a student's resident school district and the superintendent of the nonresident school district to which a student transfers unless there is demonstrable evidence of recruiting by the receiving school district personnel or that the student is transferring to the nonresident school district solely for athletic purposes.

ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM ***(EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA))***

Every student attending an Arkansas public school shall participate in the statewide program of educational assessments required in Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-15-419, 6-15-433, 6-15-2009 and established by the State Board. The assessments administered to Arkansas students are detailed below. Federal and state law, as well as State Board of Education regulations, mandate testing for public school students in Arkansas. All students are expected to participate in state assessments. The laws and regulations require the administration of criterion-referenced tests (CRTs) and norm-referenced test (NRT). The Arkansas Department of Education has established a program of testing that focuses on measuring application of basic skills and problem-solving skills essential to the success of students in school.

The **ATLAS** tests have been developed to measure achievement and will identify students who may need additional instruction in language arts, mathematics and science. Students, grades three (3) through ten (10), will be tested in the spring with the **ATLAS** exams. Students in grades 3-8 will completed grade level Math, Science, and English Language Arts exams. Students in Grades 9-10 will take the ATLAS grade level English Language Arts Exams. Students enrolled in Algebra I will take the Algebra End of Course Exam. Students enrolled in Geometry will take the Geometry End of Course Exam. Students enrolled in Biology I will take the Biology End of Course Exam.

Grades K, 1 & 2 shall be administered Literacy and Math exams hree (3) times throughout the school year. Students who show evidence of a substantial reading deficiency based on test scores shall be provided *Intensive Reading Instruction* by the school. A reading plan shall be developed for any student identified with a substantial reading deficiency. The plan shall be developed by the teacher for use in remediation of the student. The remediation shall occur during the school day and shall supplement the daily core literacy classroom instruction. The plan shall include periodic monitoring assessments based on student growth which leads to grade level performance. Student achievement in each of the five essential elements, *comprehension, phonics, fluency, phonemic awareness, and vocabulary*, shall be monitored monthly after the student completes the intervention and meets requirements. The reading plan contains a description of the student's reading deficiency, a description of current services and a description of the interventions and instructional strategies that are designed to remediate the identified areas of reading deficiencies.

The **ELPA21** Online Assessment for Grades K-12 shall be administered within the window, January-March. The English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21st-Century (ELPA21) measures a student's growth in English language proficiency based on English Language Proficiency (ELP) Standards. It provides valuable information that informs instruction and facilitates academic proficiency in English to help make sure all ELs leave high school prepared for college and career success.

Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities will be assessed with **Dynamic Learning Maps**. Dynamic Learning Maps test English Language Arts, grades 3–10; Math, grades 3–10; and Science, grades 3–10 (SQSS indicator).

ACT Grade 11 measures achievement with the percent meeting ACT College Readiness in Reading, Math & Science Readiness Benchmarks. Additionally, the Advanced Placement (AP) exams are required for weighted credit and scheduled during the month of May.

CHEATING

All students are expected to be honest and to display a high standard of integrity in the preparation and presentation of work for credit in all classes. The attempt of any student to present as his/her own work, which he/she has not honestly performed, will be regarded as a serious offense that will subject the offender to a zero as a grading penalty, and possible disciplinary action. The teacher/school will contact the parents or guardian of any student who is found to be in violation of this policy.

Cheating - Dishonesty of any kind on a test, examination, written assignment, project, illegal possession of a test or examination questions, the possession of unauthorized notes during a test or examination, taking notes from or giving notes to another student, assisting others to cheat, plagiarism or altering grade records are instances of cheating. Students will receive a zero for the complete process and will be subject to disciplinary action.

Plagiarism - Offering the work of another as one's own without proper acknowledgement is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines, and other reference works, or from the themes, reports, or writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism and will receive a zero for the complete process and will be subject to disciplinary action.

COLLEGE VISITS

Criteria for Taking a College Day:

- Student must have attained a minimum composite ACT Score of 19.
- Student must be passing all subjects in which they are enrolled at the time of the request
- Student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Juniors who meet the criteria for a college visit are approved for **one** college visit. Seniors who meet the criteria for a college visit are approved for **two** college visits. Additional college visits may be approved by school administration if it is in the best interest of the student.
- Students who take an approved college day should present documentation of the college visit to the attendance office upon their return.
- Students presenting documentation of a college visit, who have failed to meet the criteria for taking a college day will be recorded as "Absent."

CONCURRENT CREDIT

Any student in grades nine through twelve who successfully completes a college course(s) from an institution approved by the Arkansas Department of Education shall be given elective credit toward graduation requirements at the rate of one credit per college course and the grade will be calculated in the GPA. White Hall will not allow concurrent credit to substitute for common core courses required for graduation from a previously attended accredited public school. Students will retain credits applied toward a course required for graduation from a previously attended accredited public school. All costs for higher education courses taken for concurrent credit will be the responsibility of the student. An official college transcript must be presented to the high school by the Friday prior to graduation and/or the first day of school in the fall to be included on the high school transcript. Current high school transcript (minimum 3.0 GPA), ACT scores (minimum 19), immunization records, and a letter signed by a counselor needed for college enrollment must be requested from White Hall prior to college registration. AR Code 6-18-223

Concurrent enrollment provides high school students the opportunity to enroll in college courses. Earned credits are granted simultaneously by the high school and the college. Concurrent credit classes will move at a faster speed and will cover more information than in a regular high school course.

It is the student's responsibility to determine if a college or university in which he/she will enroll in the future will accept the concurrent credits for college credit – this can be checked by visiting <https://www.adhe.edu/institutions/academic-affairs/arkansas-transference-and-articulation/arkansas-course-transfer-system>. Students need to meet college acceptance requirements prior to enrollment

Any student who fails to meet these requirements by our deadline may be removed from the concurrent credit course. If you do not meet these requirements, it is possible to stay in the class if it is an AP class. In this case, you will receive the weighted GPA and may receive college credit contingent upon your score on the AP test.

Concurrent credit provides high school students the opportunity to enroll in college courses. Earned credits are granted simultaneously by the high school and college. Concurrent credit classes will move at a faster speed and will cover more information than in a regular high school course.

*To check to see if a course will transfer to the college you will be attending, please visit the following website to check transfer credit eligibility: <https://www.adhe.edu/institutions/academic-affairs/arkansas-transference-and-articulation/arkansas-course-transfer-system>

Students must meet college acceptance requirements prior to enrollment. Except for College Algebra and Concurrent Credit Fine Art (Music Appreciation), the rest of the concurrent credit classes are taught within an AP class. If you do not meet college admission requirements for an AP class, it is possible for you to remain in the AP class. In this case, you will receive the weighted GPA and may receive college credit contingent upon your score on the AP exam at the end of the school year.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- Complete the college application form.
- Provide proof of the required immunizations
- Submit a high school transcript
- Possess a minimum of 3.0 cumulative GPA
- **University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM):** Submit ACT test scores that indicate a minimum of 19 Composite; minimum of 19 in Reading on the ACT on ALL concurrent classes. In addition, a minimum score of 19 in English for AP Language and Composition, and a minimum score of 22 for College Algebra.
- **Southeast Arkansas College (SEARK):** SEARK will also accept the Accuplacer Next Gen. for admission.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- Complete the college application form
- Provide proof of the required immunizations (shot record)
- Submission of a high school transcript
- Possess a minimum of 3.0 cumulative GPA or a 3.0 GPA in the specific subject areas
- Submit ACT/Explore/Plan/VUCC Grade 11/COMPASS test scores that indicate a minimum of 19 in Reading on the ACT (or equivalent test). A score of 19 (or equivalent) is required on the ACT in English and/or math if the student enrolls in either or both courses.

Students who withdraw from a concurrent course once classes begin for that college could receive a failing grade. It is the responsibility of the STUDENT to communicate directly with the college concerning a withdrawal or their college transcript. If the student does receive a failing grade in a class, it will be on their college transcript. When applying to a community or four-year college their senior year of high school, students MUST submit transcripts from any college through which they did concurrent credit through. This means that the colleges the student applies to will see the failing grade on the transcript. Only take concurrent classes if you are going to take them seriously.

CONFERENCE PERIOD FOR TEACHERS

Teachers have a conference period each day. Parents who would like a conference with a teacher should contact the appropriate counselor to arrange a conference by calling 247-2014. Students may make appointments to visit with a teacher, counselor, or principal by obtaining a written pass from that individual before school or during lunch. Students will not be released from class without a written pass.

CREDIT RECOVERY GUIDELINES

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Guidelines

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- Students are not eligible to receive more than 4 semesters of credit recovery.
- Afterschool credit recovery is 3:40-4:40 and students are responsible for their own transportation.
- Students who miss more than 3 days of afterschool credit recovery without a medical note will be dismissed from the program.

Summer School

The same course setting used during the regular school year will be used during summer school, if offered.

Violations

Failing to adhere to the rules and guidelines listed above could result in dismissal from credit recovery.

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

No student in the White Hall School District shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity sponsored by the District. The District has a limited open forum granting equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other youth groups.

Inquiries on non-discrimination may be directed to the Superintendent or his/her designee, who may be reached at 870-247-2196.

For further information on notice of non-discrimination or to file a complaint, visit <http://wdcrobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contacts/>; for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481. Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-10-130; A.C.A. § 6-18-514; 28 C.F.R. § 35.106; 34 C.F.R. § 100.6; 34 C.F.R. § 104.8; 34 C.F.R. § 106.9; 34 C.F.R. § 108.9; 34 C.F.R. § 110.25

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS

Home-schooled student means a student legally enrolled in an Arkansas home school and who meets or has met the criteria for being a home-schooled student, as established by A.C.A. § 6-15-503.

Interscholastic activity means an activity between schools' subject to rules of the Arkansas Activities Association that is outside the regular curriculum of the school district, such as an athletic activity, fine arts program, or a special interest group or club.

Each school in the District shall post on its website its schedule of interscholastic activities, including sign-up, tryout, and participation deadlines, at least one semester in advance of those activities. A hard copy of the schedule shall be available upon request.

Home-schooled students whose parents or guardians are legal residents of the school district will be permitted to pursue participation in an interscholastic activity in the student's resident school zone as permitted by this policy.

Home-schooled students whose parent or legal guardian are not residents of the school district will be permitted to pursue participation in an interscholastic activity in the District if the superintendent of the student's resident district and the superintendent of the District both agree in writing to allow the student to participate in interscholastic activities at the District.

Although not guaranteed participation in an interscholastic activity, home-school students who meet the provisions of this policy, AAA Rules, and applicable Arkansas statutes shall have an equal opportunity to try out and participate in an interscholastic activity without discrimination. The District shall provide a reasonable alternative to any prerequisite for eligibility to participate in an interscholastic activity that the home-schooled student is unable to meet because of his or her enrollment in a home school.

No student shall be required to pay for individual or group instruction to participate in an interscholastic activity.

To be eligible to try out and participate in interscholastic activities, the student or the parent of a student shall mail, or hand deliver the student's request to participate to the student's school's principal before the signup, tryout or participation deadline established for traditional students. Additionally, the student shall demonstrate academic eligibility by obtaining a minimum test score of the 30th percentile or better in the previous 12 months on the Stanford Achievement Test Series, Tenth Edition; another nationally recognized norm-referenced test; or a minimum score on a test approved by the State Board of Education.

A student who meets the requirements for eligibility to participate in an interscholastic activity is required to register for no more than one course in the District's school where the student is intending to participate in an interscholastic activity.

The student shall regularly attend the class in which the student is registered beginning no later than the eleventh (11th) day of the semester in which the student's interscholastic activity participation is desired. The student must attend the practices for the interscholastic activity to the same extent as is required of traditional students.

A home-schooled student who has met the try out criteria; and who has been selected to participate in the interscholastic activity shall meet the following criteria that also apply to traditional students enrolled in the school:

- standards of behavior and codes of conduct;
- attend the practices for the interscholastic activity to the same extent as is required of traditional students;
- required drug testing;
- permission slips, waivers, physical exams; and
- participation or activity fees.

A home-schooled student who is not a resident of the District may begin participating in interscholastic activities:

- Immediately upon being approved for participation for all interscholastic activities other than athletic activities; and
- One (1) calendar year after being approved to participate in interscholastic activities that are athletic activities unless the approval is prior to July 1 of the school year the student would have been enrolled in seventh (7th) grade if the student were enrolled in public school.

A home-schooled student who is not a resident of the District and is prohibited under this policy from participating in an interscholastic activity that is an athletic activity for one (1) calendar year may immediately participate in rehearsals, tryouts, practices, auditions, classes, or other endeavors associated with the interscholastic activity.

Students who participate in extracurricular or athletic activities under this policy will be transported to and from the interscholastic activities on the same basis as other students are transported.

A student who withdraws from an Arkansas Activities Association member school to be home-schooled shall not participate in an interscholastic activity in the resident school district for a minimum of three hundred sixty-five days after the student withdraws from the member school.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-15-509; A.C.A. § 6-16-151; A.C.A. § 6-18-232; A.C.A. § 6-18-713; Arkansas Activities Association Handbook; Commissioner’s Memo COM-18-009; Commissioner’s Memo LS-18-015; Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing Home Schools

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Definitions:

“Academic Courses” are those courses for which class time is scheduled, which can be credited to meet the minimum requirements for graduation, which is taught by a teacher required to have State licensure in the course or is otherwise qualified under Arkansas statute, and has a course content guide which has been approved by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Any of the courses for which concurrent high school credit is earned may be from an institution of higher education recognized by DESE. If a student passes an academic course offered on a block schedule, the course can be counted twice toward meeting the requirement for students to pass four (4) academic courses per semester as required by this policy.

“Extracurricular activities” are defined as: any school sponsored program where students from one or more schools meet, work, perform, practice under supervision outside of regular class time, or are competing for receiving an award, rating, recognition, or criticism, or qualification for additional competition. Examples include, but are not limited to, inter/interscholastic athletics, cheerleading, band, choral, math, or science competitions, field trips, and club activities.

“Field Trips” are when individual students or groups of students are invited to programs or events when there is no competition and the students are not interacting with each other for planning, qualifying, or arranging for future programs or for receiving recognition.

“Intrascholastic Activities” means athletic or non-athletic/academic activities where students compete on a school vs. school basis.

“Intrascholastic Activities” means athletic or non-athletic/academic activities where students compete with students from within the same school.

“Supplemental Improvement Program (SIP)” is an additional instructional opportunity for identified students outside of their regular classroom and meets the criteria outlined in the current Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) Handbook.

Extracurricular Eligibility

The Board believes in providing opportunities for students to participate in extracurricular activities that can help enrich the student's educational experience. At the same time, the Board believes that a student's participation in extracurricular activities cannot come at the expense of his/her classroom academic achievement. Interruptions of instructional time in the classroom are to be minimal and absences from class to participate in extracurricular activities shall not exceed one per week per extracurricular activity (tournaments excepted). Additionally, a student's participation in, and the District's operation of, extracurricular activities shall be subject to the following policy. All students are eligible for extracurricular activities unless specifically denied eligibility based on criteria outlined in this policy.

Any student who refuses to sit for a Statewide assessment or attempts to boycott a Statewide assessment by failing to put forth a good faith effort on the assessment as determined by the assessment administrator/proctor, or whose parents do not send their student to school on the dates the assessments are administered or scheduled as make-up days shall not be permitted to participate in any non-curriculum related extracurricular activity. The student shall remain ineligible to participate until the student takes the same or a following statewide assessment, as applicable. The superintendent or designee may waive this paragraph's provisions when the student's failure was due to exceptional or extraordinary circumstances. Students falling under the provisions of this paragraph shall be permitted to attend curriculum related field trips occurring during the school day.

A student who enrolls in the district and meets the definition of "eligible child" in Policy 4.2—ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS shall be eligible to try out for an extracurricular activity regardless of the date the student enrolls in the District so long as the student meets all other eligibility requirements and the extracurricular activity is still ongoing.

A student and the parent or legal guardian of the student shall sign and return an acknowledgement of receipt and review of an information sheet regarding signs and symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest before the student may participate in an athletic activity and before each school year the student participates in an athletic activity.

No student shall be required to pay for individual or group instruction to participate in an extracurricular activity.

Interscholastic Activities

Each school in the District shall post on its website its schedule of interscholastic activities, including sign-up, tryout, and participation deadlines, at least one semester in advance of those activities. A hard copy of the schedule shall be available upon request.

Intrascholastic Activities

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EXTRA QUALITY POINTS FOR MORE DIFFICULT SUBJECTS

Students taking AP Courses will receive quality points for determining grade points after completing the AP exam. Students must also complete both semesters of the AP course and take the AP Exam to gain weighted credit for the course. A 5-point “A” grading scale for ADE approved Honor Courses and International Baccalaureate (IB) credit will be accepted under the same criteria as Advance Placement. No extra credit toward graduation will be given for these courses, only extra quality points for determining grade points

GRADING SCALE FOR AP/IB/ADE HONORS				QUALITY POINTS		
A	90 %	100 %		A	5	Quality Points
B	80 %	89 %		B	4	Quality Points
C	70 %	79 %		C	3	Quality Points
D	60 %	69 %		D	2	Quality Points
F	59 %	and below		F	0	Quality Points

NOTE: The Pre-Advanced Placement classes at White Hall High School will receive the same quality points that all regular academic courses receive. A teacher of a Pre-AP or AP course must meet Arkansas Teacher Licensure requirements and must attend a College Board sponsored or endorsed training institute, or workshop in the teacher’s content area no less than once every five (5) years to stay current on curriculum and program development. Grades assigned to students for performance in a course shall reflect only the extent to which a student has achieved the expressed academic objectives of the course. Grades that are aligned with other educational objectives such as the student learning expectations contained in the curriculum frameworks may also be given. Grades assigned to students reflect the educational objectives and rules of the AR code 6-18-223. All regular courses will continue to receive *AR code 6-15-902 A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1; F-0*

REGULAR COURSE GRADING SCALE				QUALITY POINTS		
A	90 %	100 %		A	4	Quality Points
B	80 %	89 %		B	3	Quality Points
C	70 %	79 %		C	2	Quality Points
D	60 %	69 %		D	1	Quality Points
F	59 %	and below		F	0	Quality Points

FERPA (CUSTODIAL AND NONCUSTODIAL PARENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES)

In accordance with the Family Educational Right to Privacy Act (FERPA), the Board of Education makes no distinction between the custodial and noncustodial parent about access to school records unless evidence has been provided through a court order, state statute, or legally binding document that specifically revokes these rights. "Parent" means a parent of a student and includes a natural parent, a legal guardian, or an individual acting as a parent in the absence of a parent or guardian. For the school's purposes, the parent who enrolls the student in school and with whom the student resides is considered the custodial parent unless school officials are informed otherwise by a certified court order.

Parents 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 to review the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies. Parents have the right to request that school correct records, which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. Both parents can see the student at school unless prohibited by court order. Only the custodial parent has the right to remove the student from school property or grant permission for the student to be removed from school property by others

FERPA (STUDENT RECORDS - NOTICE OF PRIVACY RIGHTS)

This notice informs parents and eligible students (those ages 18 or older) of their rights concerning educational records maintained by the White Hall School District. These rights include those of access to the records, opportunity to challenge such records, limitations on disclosure, and provisions to file a complaint with the Department of Education. These rights are explained in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1984 (FERPA) as amended (Public Law 93-380) and 1232g. and the School Laws of Arkansas (1975). A copy of which may be reviewed in the office of the principal.

The laws and regulations require school systems such as White Hall to:

Provide parents and eligible students the opportunity to inspect educational records. Requests should be directed to the school principal.

Provide parents and eligible students the opportunity to challenge the contents of the records when they believe it contains information that is inaccurate, misleading, or an invasion of the student's right to privacy. This does not apply to grades.

Limit disclosure of information from the student's record to those who have written consent of the parent or eligible student, or to officials specifically permitted under the law (such as White Hall School District officials); to those of other schools in which the student seeks to enroll; and under certain conditions and for specific purposes to local, state, and federal officials.

An amendment to FERPA permits educational agencies and institutions to disclose — without the consent or knowledge of the student or parent — personally, identifiable information from the student's education records to the Attorney General of the United States or to his designee in response to an *ex parte* connection with the investigation or prosecution of terrorism crimes specified in sections 2332b (g) (5) (B) and 2331 of title 18, U.S. Code.

Parents and eligible students may file a complaint with the Department of Education if they believe their rights under this law have been violated and if efforts to resolve the situation through appeal channels within the White Hall School District have not proved satisfactory. Complaints should be addressed: *Family Educational Rights, Switzer Building, Room 4511, Washington, D.C. 20202.*

In addition, the law requires that each school system define "directory information," to inform parents and eligible students what it is and to explain how they can prevent any or all parts of directory information (to be released for school purposes):

- Student's name
- Address
- Telephone Number
- Date and place of birth
- Dates of attendance
- Honors and awards received
- School(s) attended
- E-mail address
- Participation in activities
- Height and weight if member of athletic team
- Photographs

Parents and eligible students may refuse to allow the release of any or all items listed above. In such cases, they must notify the principal of the student's school in writing within two (2) weeks of receipt of this notice of the specific information to be withheld.

GRADING POLICY

Grades assigned to students for performance in a course shall reflect only the extent to which a student has achieved the expressed academic objectives of the course. Grades that reflect other educational objectives such as the student learning expectations contained in the curriculum frameworks may also be given. (*Arkansas State-Standard VII*)

GRADING SCALE

The following grading scale and quality points will be used for *all regular academic courses*. Quality points are used to calculate grade point average (GPA). Numerical averages of .5 or above will be rounded up to the next whole number. Example: 77.5 changes to 78 while 77.4 remains as 77.

GRADING SCALE			QUALITY POINTS		
A	90 %		A	4	Quality Points
B	80 %	89 %	B	3	Quality Points
C	70 %	79 %	C	2	Quality Points
D	60 %	69 %	D	1	Quality Points
F	59 %	and below	F	0	Quality Points

Students taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses at White Hall High School will receive the following quality points for determining grade point average: A-5; B-4; C-3; D-2; F-0. The quality points will be given upon completion of the AP Exam. No extra credit toward graduation will be given for Advanced Placement classes, only extra quality points for determining grade point average. Students must also complete both semesters of the AP course and take the AP exam to gain weighted credit for the course. International Baccalaureate (IB) credit will be accepted under the same criteria as Advanced Placement.

A five-point "A" grading scale for ADE approved Honor Courses and International Baccalaureate (IB) credit will be accepted under the same criteria as Advance Placement. No extra credit toward graduation will be given for these courses, only extra quality points for determining grade points.

GRADING POLICY FOR VIRTUAL LEARNERS

The grading policy for virtual learning shall be consistent with the grading policy for on-site students. The grading policy is outlined in the 2024-25 Student Handbook and Virtual Learning Agreement.

GRADUATION

At the beginning of the school year, a minimum of 16.5 credits is required to be classified as a senior, a minimum of 11.0 credits is required to be a junior, and a minimum of 5.5 credits to be classified as a sophomore. A student will receive a diploma from White Hall High School after earning twenty-two (22) credits, including all state and district required courses. All grades earned will be calculated in the grade point average (GPA).

To participate in the graduation ceremony, students must complete all graduation requirements within a minimum of one (1) credit. The student(s) must be enrolled in an approved summer school course and have receipt of payment for that course prior to graduation practice to participate in graduation exercises. Students must satisfy all obligations to the school before graduation such as textbooks, charges, fines, cleaning locker, turning in athletic equipment, etc. Graduation ceremony guidelines and dress code will be distributed to seniors in the spring semester. All rules must be followed for students to march.

GUIDANCE SERVICES

The Counselors and guidance facilities are available to all students from 8:10 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. each day. Students are assigned to counselors by their last name Individual conferences may be requested by the student or may be initiated by the counselor. Students wishing assistance with personal problems, course selections, graduation requirements, post-educational plans (college, technical training, etc.), or vocational plans are urged to use this service. Counselors meet with students in groups and on an individual basis.

Parents are encouraged to make appointments with counselors concerning student progress and plans. Parents and students are always welcome to visit the counselors and use the many services provided.

Information available in the Guidance Department includes educational and vocational reference books; college information, military brochures, technical and business school catalogs; files of current information and applications; scholarship and financial aid applications; registration forms for ACT and SAT. The counseling services include student profiles from various tests devised

to assist the student in making wise educational and occupational choices.

Important announcements concerning student educational and occupational plans and programs are posted regularly on bulletin boards and in the Guidance Offices. Weekly announcements are made providing information and opportunities for students to apply for various programs during high school and post-secondary education.

HOME SCHOOLING

Enrollment in Home School

Parents or legal guardians desiring to provide a home school for their children shall give written notice to the Superintendent of their intent to homeschool. The notice shall be given:

- At the beginning of each school year, but no later than August 15;
- Fourteen (14) calendar days prior to withdrawing the child (provided the student is not currently under disciplinary action for violation of any written school policy, including, but not limited to, excessive absences) and at the beginning of each school year thereafter; or
- Within thirty (30) calendar days of the parent or legal guardian establishing residency within the district during the school year.

Written notice of the parent or legal guardian's intent to homeschool shall be delivered to the Superintendent through any of the following methods:

- Electronically, including without limitation by email;
- By mail; or
- In person.

The notice shall include:

- The name, sex, date of birth, grade level, and the name and address of the school last attended, if any;
- The mailing address and telephone number of the home school;
- The name of the parent or legal guardian providing the home school;
- Indicate if the home-schooled student intends to participate in extracurricular activities during the school year;
- A statement of whether the home-schooled student plans to seek a high school equivalency diploma during the current school year;
- A statement if the home-school student plans to seek a driver's license during the current school year;
- A statement that the parent or legal guardian agrees that the parent or legal guardian is responsible for the education of their children during the time the parents or legal guardians choose to homeschool; and
- A signature of the parent or legal guardian, which must be notarized if the home-schooled student plans to seek a driver's license during the school year.

To aid the District in providing a free and appropriate public education to students in need of special education services, the parents or legal guardians homeschooling their children shall provide information that might indicate the need for special education services.

Enrollment or Re-Enrollment in Public School

A homeschooled student who wishes to enroll or re-enroll in a District school shall submit:

- A transcript listing all courses taken and semester grades from the home school;
- Score of at least the thirtieth percentile on a nationally recognized norm-referenced assessment taken in the past year; and
- A portfolio of indicators of the home-schooled student's academic progress, including without limitation:
 - Curricula used in the home school;
 - Tests taken, and lessons completed by the home-schooled student; and
 - Other indicators of the home-schooled student's academic progress.

If a homeschooled student is unable to provide a nationally recognized norm-referenced score, the District may either assess the student using a nationally recognized norm-referenced assessment or waive the requirement for a nationally recognized norm-referenced assessment score.

A homeschooled student who enrolls or re-enrolls in the District will be placed at a grade level and academic course level equivalent to or higher than the home-schooled student's grade level and academic course level in the home school:

- As indicated by the documentation submitted by the home-schooled student;
- By agreement between the public school and the homeschooled student's parent or legal guardian; or
- If the home-schooled student fails to provide the documentation required by this policy, except for the nationally

recognized norm-referenced assessment score, the District may have sole authority to determine the homeschooled student's grade placement and course credits. The District will determine the homeschooled student's grade placement and course credits in the same manner the District uses when determining grade placement and course credits for students enrolling or re-enrolling in the District who attended another public or private school.

The District shall afford a home-schooled student who enrolls or re-enrolls in a public school the same rights and a privilege enjoyed by the District's other students. The District shall not deny a homeschooled student who enrolls or re-enrolls in the District any of the following based on the student having attended a home school:

- Award of course credits earned in the home school;
- Placement in the proper grade level and promotion to the next grade level;
- Participation in any academic or extracurricular activity;
- Membership in school-sponsored clubs, associations, or organizations;
- A diploma or graduation, so long as the student has enrolled or re-enrolled in the District to attend classes for at least the nine (9) months immediately prior to graduation; or Scholarships.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-15-503; A.C.A. § 6-15-504; A.C.A. § 6-41-103

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education to delegate the responsibility of assigning homework for students to professional staff in accordance with the following principles and guidelines:

- Assignments will be assigned to provide either massed practice for a skill/concept recently learned or distributive practice for a skill/concept which was learned earlier but for which review is needed to maximize retention.
- Massed practice of a new skill/concept is essential to achieve a high degree of mastery.
- Distributive practice (review) of previously learned skills/concepts is essential to promote maximum retention and recall.
- Practice is most effective if it is provided in short frequent sessions.
- Guided Practice under the supervision of a teacher prior to independent practice is essential to ensure that the learner practices the skill/concept correctly.
- The more specific the linkage of practice to the skill/concept being taught for mastery or review, the more likely positive results will be achieved.
- The level of difficulty and complexity of practice must be at or below the level at which the learner may proceed without supervision and guidance.
- Increased meaningfulness of the practice increases the probability of effectiveness.
- Practice of specific, small bits of learning is most effective if meaning is not compromised.
- The more immediate the results of the practice are made known to the learner, the higher the probability of effectiveness.

The following guidelines will be observed by professional staff in homework assignments.

- Assignments will be considered as an extension of the classroom instruction for either independent skill practice for mastery or for review of previously mastered skills/concepts.
- Assignments to achieve mastery of new skills/concepts will focus specifically on these skills to promote mastery in more effective and efficient manner.
- Assignments to achieve mastery of new skills/concepts will follow guided practice to ensure that the learner can successfully practice the skill/concept accurately.
- Maximum use of classroom time for input and supervised study should be planned for each lesson.
- Assignments will be designed to provide short, frequent practice sessions focused on small segments of learning.
- Assignments will be made which address common needs of groups of learners and specific needs of individuals rather than automatically assigning common homework to all learners without regard to the individual learner's needs or purpose of the assignment.
- Follow up instruction and exercises should be implemented to guide the learner in making and practicing corrections.
- Professional staff will exercise judgment relative to the quantity and frequency of homework assignments in relation to the above principles and guidelines. The emphasis will be on quality rather than quantity.

HONOR GRADUATES

Honor Graduates are the top ten percent (10%) of the senior class according to grade point average. The number of Honor Graduates is determined by the number of seniors enrolled at the beginning of the school year. Grade point averages are figured to four (4) places to the right of the decimal. Honor graduates will be named after the fourth nine weeks grading period. Commencement speeches are to be made by the valedictorian and salutatorian. Valedictorian and salutatorian will be determined by the highest GPA only. Only in the case of a tie will there be co-valedictorians or co-salutatorians.

Only a student who is enrolled in a course of study containing the minimum core of high school courses recommended for preparation for postsecondary education (Smart Core) as set forth by the State Board of Higher Education and the State Board of Education pursuant to Arkansas Code 6-61-217 shall be eligible for membership in the National Honor Society or any equivalent honorary society or honor graduate status.

Beginning with the class of 2024, to be considered an Honor Graduate you must:

- Be in the top 10 percent of the senior class according to grade point average
- Complete a minimum of 4 AP courses
- Have a minimum GPA of 4.0
- Must not have a no-credit "NC" on record

HONOR ROLL AND MERIT LIST

Honor Roll:

- Students taking five (5) academic subjects and receiving four (4) A's and one (1) B
- Students taking six (6) academic subjects and receiving four (4) A's and two (2) B's
- Students taking seven (7) academic subjects and receiving five (5) A's and two (2) B's

Merit List:

- Students who receive a "B" or better in all academic subjects will be listed on the Merit List.

LEGAL NAME IN SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS

On all school related documentation, students will be listed by their legal name and biological sex, as it appears on their birth certificate. This includes, but is not limited to; all school records, diplomas, report cards, awards, yearbooks, mail, etc. No nicknames or preferred names will be used, unless it appears that way on their birth certificate or a certified legal name change document.

MAKE-UP WORK

Students who miss school due to an excused absence shall be allowed to make up the work they missed during their absence under the following rules.

- Students are responsible for asking the teachers of the classes they missed what assignments they need to make up.
- Teachers are responsible for providing the missed assignments when asked by a returning student.
- Students are required to ask for their assignments on their first day back at school or their first-class day after their return.
- Make-up tests are to be rescheduled at the discretion of the teacher but must be aligned with the schedule of the missed work to be made up.
- Students shall have one class day to make up their work for each class day they are absent.
- Make-up work which is not turned in within the make-up schedule for that assignment shall receive a zero.
- Students are responsible for turning in their make-up work without the teacher having to ask for it.
- Students who are absent on the day their make-up work is due must turn in their work the day they return to school whether the class for which the work is due meets the day of their return.
- As required/permitted by the student's Individual Education Program or 504 Plan.
- Work may not be made up for credit for unexcused absences **unless** the unexcused absences are part of a signed agreement as permitted by policy 4.7—ABSENCES.
- and students shall receive a zero for missed assignments.
- In lieu of the timeline above, assignments for students who are excluded from school by the Arkansas Department of Health during a Disease outbreak are to be made up as set forth in Policy 4.57—IMMUNIZATIONS.

Students may make up work missed by contacting each teacher on the first day that they return to class and inquiring as to what work was missed. Specific times and instructions as to when the work can be made up will be given. The proper and most appropriate time to do this is at the beginning of each class period, either preceding or immediately following roll check. If additional test information is given during the student's absence, the student will be afforded extra time in which to take the test.

If student is notified of a scheduled test and then is absent between the time the test was announced and the time the test was administered, under normal circumstances, students will be required to take the test the first day after absence.

Students knowing in advance of a school related activity in which they will participate (pep assembly, competition, award program, etc.) should decide with the teacher/teachers for completing assignments and submit them before being absent. This applies to students who will be absent from a regular class which will be in session while student is absent.

Parents may request make-up work through the office for those students who have been absent for three (3) or more consecutive days. Requests must be called in before 8:30 A.M. for pick-up at 3:00 P.M.

Students will not receive make-up if absence is due to a suspension or expulsion.

Work for students serving an out-of-school suspension or expulsion shall be in accordance with the District's programs, measures, or alternative means and methods to continue student engagement and access to education during the student's period of suspension or expulsion, including offering an expelled student an opportunity for enrollment in digital learning courses or other alternative educational courses that result in the receipt of academic credit that is at least equal to credit the expelled student may have received from the District if the student had not been expelled.

In lieu of the timeline above, assignments for students who are excluded from school by the Arkansas Department of Health during a disease outbreak are to be made up as set forth in Policy 4.57—IMMUNIZATIONS.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-15-1406, A.C.A. § 6-18-502

MEDIA CENTER SERVICES

The media center has fiction, nonfiction, and reference books to meet the reading and researching needs of all White Hall High School students. Current best-sellers are always added to the collections throughout the school term. Online searching of the media center's resources is easily accomplished through an electronic card catalog and the traveler portal. Approximately 40 magazines, journals, and newspapers are subscribed through the media center. These periodicals are excellent sources of current information that can be read for pleasure or for research.

CONDUCT IN THE MEDIA CENTER

- Exercise patience, diplomacy, and good judgment while in the media center. You will be surprised at the positive results of your actions.
- Respect the materials you use in the media center.
- You must present a pass if you are coming to the media center from a class other than study hall. Do not leave the media center until the media center director has signed your pass.
- If you are with a class researching topics in the media center, you must sit at the tables - not in the sofa area.
- Five minutes before the class ends, students should clean their work areas and return all materials as instructed.
- Students are to sit at their tables to wait on the bell.

CHECKING OUT BOOKS

All books - except reference - may be checked out for a two-week period.

- Reference books, because of cost and importance, may not be checked out of the media center.
- **OVERDUE BOOK FINES ARE: .25 CENTS PER SCHOOL DAY!**
- If you are absent the day a book is due, you must present an absentee slip with the book to the media center the day you return to school. If you do not follow this procedure, you will be charged the entire fine.
- If the media center is closed the day your book is due, return your book the following day
- Lost or damaged books must be paid for.
- Report cards are held until overdue books are returned and/or fines are paid.

PERMANENT RECORDS

Permanent school records, as required by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), shall be maintained for each student enrolled in the District until the student receives a high school diploma or its equivalent or is beyond the age of compulsory school attendance. A copy of the student's permanent record shall be provided to the receiving school district within ten (10) school days after the date a request from the receiving school district is received.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-901; DESE Rules Governing Student Permanent Records

PRIVACY OF STUDENTS' RECORDS/ DIRECTORY INFORMATION (see also Permission to Publish)

Except when a court order regarding a student has been presented to the district to the contrary, all students' education records are available for inspection and copying by the parent of his/her student who is under the age of eighteen (18). At the age of eighteen (18), the right to inspect and copy a student's records transfers to the student. A student's parent or the student, if over the age of 18, requesting to review the student's education records will be allowed to do so within no more than forty five (45) days¹ of the request. The district forwards education records, including disciplinary records, to schools that have requested them and in which the student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled so long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer.

The district shall receive written permission before releasing education records to any agency or individual not authorized by law to receive and/or view the education records without prior parental permission. The District shall maintain a record of requests by such agencies or individuals for access to, and each disclosure of, personally identifiable information (PII) from the education records of each student. Disclosure of education records is authorized by law to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A personal record kept by a school staff member is not considered an education record if it meets the following tests:

- it is in the sole possession of the individual who made it;
- it is used only as a personal memory aid; and
- information contained in it has never been revealed or made available to any other person, except the maker's temporary substitute.

For the purposes of this policy a school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel);

a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

For the purposes of this policy, a school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility, contracted duty, or duty of elected office.

In addition to releasing PII to school officials without permission, the District may disclose PII from the education records of students in foster care placement to the student's caseworker or to the caseworker's representative without getting prior consent of the parent (or the student if the student is over eighteen (18)). For the District to release the student's PII without getting permission:

- The student must be in foster care;
- The individual to whom the PII will be released must have legal access to the student's case plan; and
- The Arkansas Department of Human Services, or a sub-agency of the Department, must be legally responsible for the care and protection of the student.

The District discloses PII from an education record to appropriate parties, including parents, in connection with an emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals. The superintendent or designee shall determine who will have access to and the responsibility for disclosing information in emergency situations.

When deciding whether to release PII in a health or safety emergency, the District may take into account the totality of the circumstances pertaining to a threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals. If the District determines that there is an articulable and significant threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals, it may disclose information from education records to any person whose knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals.²

For purposes of this policy, the White Hall School District does not distinguish between a custodial and noncustodial parent, or a non-parent such as a person acting in loco parentis or a foster parent with respect to gaining access to a student's records. Unless a court order restricting such access has been presented to the district to the contrary, the fact of a person's status as parent or guardian, alone, enables that parent or guardian to review and copy his child's records.

If there exists a court order which directs that a parent not have access to a student or his/her records, the parent, guardian, person acting in loco parentis, or an agent of the Department of Human Services must present a file-marked copy of such order to the building principal and the superintendent. The school will make good-faith efforts to act in accordance with such court order, but the failure to do so does not impose legal liability upon the school. The actual responsibility for enforcement of such court orders rests with the parents or guardians, their attorneys and the court which issued the order.

A parent or guardian does not have the right to remove any material from a student's records, but such parent or guardian may challenge the accuracy of a record. The right to challenge the accuracy of a record does not include the right to dispute a grade, disciplinary rulings, disability placements, or other such determinations, which must be done only through the appropriate teacher and/or administrator, the decision of whom is final. A challenge to the accuracy of material contained in a student's file must be initiated with the building principal, with an appeal available to the Superintendent or his/her designee. The challenge shall clearly identify the part of the student's record the parent wants changed and specify why he/she believes it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school determines not to amend the record as requested, the school will notify the requesting parent or student of the decision and inform them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amending the record. The parent or eligible student will be provided information regarding the hearing procedure when notified of the right to a hearing.³

Unless the parent or guardian of a student (or student, if above the age of eighteen (18)) objects, "directory information" about a student may be made available to the public, military recruiters, post-secondary educational institutions, prospective employers of those students, as well as school publications such as annual yearbooks and graduation announcements.⁴ "Directory information" includes, but is not limited to, a student's name, address, telephone number, electronic mail address, photograph, date and place of birth, dates of attendance,⁵ his/her placement on the honor roll (or the receipt of other types of honors), as well as his/her participation in school clubs and extracurricular activities, among others. If the student participates in inherently public activities (for example, basketball, football, or other interscholastic activities), the publication of such information will be beyond the control of the District. "Directory information" also includes a student identification (ID) number, user ID, or other unique personal identifier used by a student for purposes of accessing or communicating in electronic systems and a student ID number or other unique personal identifier that is displayed on a student's ID badge, provided the ID cannot be used to gain access to education records except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user's identity, such as a personal identification number (PIN), password or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user.

A student's name and photograph will only be displayed on the district or school's web page(s) after receiving the written permission from the student's parent or student if over the age of 18.

The form for objecting to making directory information available is located in the back of the student handbook and must be completed and signed by the parent or age-eligible student and filed with the building principal's office no later than ten (10) school days after the beginning of each school year or the date the student is enrolled for school. Failure to file an objection by that time is considered a specific grant of permission. The district is required to continue to honor any signed-opt out form for any student no longer in attendance at the district.

The right to opt out of the disclosure of directory information under Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) does not prevent the District from disclosing or requiring a student to disclose the student's name, identifier, or institutional email address in a class in which the student is enrolled.⁶

Parents and students over the age of 18 who believe the district has failed to comply with the requirements for the lawful release of student records may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) at Student Privacy Policy Office: U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202

The District shall ensure that all contracts that disclose or make available student personally identifiable information to vendors, including school service contract providers, school service on-demand providers, and other third parties, including without limitation subcontractors of contract providers, include express provisions that safeguard the privacy and security of student personally identifiable information that meet the requirements under A.C.A. § 6-18-2601 et seq. The District shall maintain a list of the school service contract providers that the District contracts with for school services that include or make available student personally identifiable information. The list shall be updated at least once at the beginning of each semester and provided to parents upon request.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH

White Hall Schools submits media (articles, photos, videos, sound, etc.) for both internal and external publications and media including, but not limited to, District newsletters; local, state, and national newspapers, television stations, and magazines; official school or District social media pages; official school or District webpages; official school or District endorsed media and publications; annuals/yearbooks; radio and digital streaming (podcasts). The White Hall School District has free and unlimited rights and permission to use, distribute, and publish group and individual student work and achievements. A parent who does not wish to have his/her child's full name or photo published in the media by the White Hall Schools must submit the form for objecting to making directory information available to the principal's office no later than ten (10) school days after the beginning of each school year or the date the student is enrolled for school. Failure to file an objection by that time is considered a specific grant of permission to publish. The form, located in the student handbook, must be submitted annually. The form can also be obtained by contacting the White Hall School District Director of Communications.

PROGRESS REPORT TO PARENTS

Progress reports will be given to the students after 4 ½ weeks of the first and third quarterly grading periods. Each academic teacher keeps a record of all notices sent to parents. Notices of student progress may also be sent when a student shows a significant improvement in the level of performance. In addition, instructors may continue the practice of sending progress reports to the parents of all students at the 4 ½ week intervals of each quarter.

REMEDIATION REQUIREMENTS

Any student who does not score at the proficient level on the criterion-referenced assessments in reading, writing and mathematics shall continue to be provided with remedial or supplemental instructions until the expectations are met. Remedial instruction provided during his/her high school years may not be in lieu of English, Mathematics, Science, or Social Studies, or other core subjects required for graduation. ACT 35 of the 2nd Extraordinary Session of 2003 does not allow students to opt out of the supplemental/remediation program. *AR Code 6-15-404(h) (2) (B) (l) & 6-15-419-(2) (B)*

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be given to the students at the end of each quarter Any student who knowingly or purposely alters the officially recorded grades on a report card will be subject to disciplinary action.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Students will be allowed to request schedule changes during the first five (5) days of the fall semester.

- Students are to first discuss the possibility of dropping a class with the teacher of that class.
- If the teacher recommends that a change be made, the counselor will discuss with the student their academic record and achievement test results.
- If these records show that the student probably would not be successful in the class being discussed, a parent would be contacted.

- If the teacher, counselor, and parent all agree that a schedule change is in the best interest of the student, the student will contact the principal for final approval.
- It should be noted that requests to “change teachers” and to drop required subjects cannot be honored.

Schedule changes at the end of the first semester will be limited to the first five (5) days of the second semester. Schedule Changing Requests will be limited to:

- Changes necessary to meet graduation requirements (make up work).
- Situations where the student has made an “F.”
- Athletes will be allowed to change from one sport to another only with the consent of the head coaches involved.

SECTION 504 (REHABILITATION ACT of 1973)

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against persons with a disability in any program receiving federal financial assistance. Section 504 defines a person with a disability as anyone who:

- has mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities such as caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working;
- has a record of such impairment; or
- is regarded as having such impairment.

No discrimination against any person with a disability shall knowingly be permitted in any program or practice in the school district. Under *Section 504*, the school district has the responsibility to identify, evaluate, and if the student is determined to be eligible under *Section 504*, to afford access to appropriate educational services. Students may be eligible for services under the provisions of *Section 504* even though they do not require services pursuant to the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) P.L. 105-17*.

If any person believes that the White Hall School District or any of the District’s staff has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, he/she may bring forward a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance. The District 504 Coordinator may be contacted for information regarding grievances.

SEMESTER TEST EXEMPTION

Students in grades 6-12 will take a comprehensive final examination in each class after the fall and spring semester of each school year. The classroom teacher will administer exams. Semester tests will have a weighting factor of twenty (20%) percent of the semester grade.

Students MUST take each semester exam during the scheduled exam time. No exam will be given early. Students who perceive an unavoidable conflict with semester test scheduling may petition the principal for permission to take the semester test upon returning to school. Students taking the make-up test will receive an “incomplete” for the semester until the scores on the make-up test can be entered.

The “*Open Campus Policy*” is in effect *only* during semester tests. Students will be exempt from semester tests in the *fall and spring semesters*, if the following requirements are met.

- Six or fewer total absences, of any kind. This includes medical, excused and unexcused absences.
- The letter grade of A or B.
- Students will forfeit the privilege of test exemption if a disciplinary Suspension or assignment to In-School Suspension is issued in each semester.

EXCEPTIONS to the RULE: (1.) Approved school business leave, of any kind, does not count against the exemption policy. (2.) In addition, if any student’s IEP or Section 504 Plan conflicts with this policy, the requirements of the student’s IEP or Section 504 Plan takes precedence. Nothing in the above policy removes the possibility of school disciplinary action for truancy)

4.45—SMART CORE CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2025

All students are required to participate in the Smart Core curriculum unless their parents or guardians, or the students if they are eighteen (18) years of age or older, sign a Smart Core Waiver Form to not participate. While Smart Core is the default option, a Smart Core Information Sheet and a Smart Core Waiver Form will be sent home with students prior to their enrolling in seventh (7th) grade, or when a seventh (7th) through twelfth (12th) grade student enrolls in the district for the first time and there is not a signed waiver form in the student's permanent record. This policy is to be included in student handbooks for grades six (6) through twelve (12) and both students and parents must sign an acknowledgement they have received the policy. Those students not participating in the Smart Core curriculum will be required to fulfill the Core curriculum or the Alternate Pathway to Graduation when required by their IEP to be eligible for graduation. Counseling by trained personnel shall be available to students and their parents or legal guardians prior to the deadline for them to sign and return the waiver form.

While there are similarities between the two curriculums, following the Core curriculum may not qualify students for some scholarships and admission to certain colleges could be jeopardized. Students initially choosing the Core curriculum may subsequently change to the Smart Core curriculum providing they would be able to complete the required course of study by the end of their senior year. Students wishing to change their choice of curriculums must consult with their counselor to determine the feasibility of changing paths.

This policy, the Smart Core curriculum, and the courses necessary for graduation shall be reviewed by staff, students, and parents as part of the annual school district support plan development process to determine if changes need to be made to better serve the needs of the district's students. The superintendent, or his/her designee, shall select the composition of the review panel.

Sufficient information relating to Smart Core and the district's graduation requirements shall be communicated to parents and students to ensure their informed understanding of each; this shall be accomplished through holding an informational meeting for parents, legal guardians, or persons standing in loco parentis to students enrolled in grades six through twelve (6-12) with the school counselor and may be accomplished through any or all of the additional following means:

- Inclusion in the student handbook of the Smart Core curriculum and graduation requirements;
- Discussion of the Smart Core curriculum and graduation requirements at the school's annual public meeting, PTA meetings, or a meeting held specifically for the purpose of informing the public on this matter; and/or
- Distribution of a newsletter(s) to parents or guardians of the district's students.

Administrators, or their designees, shall train newly hired employees, required to be licensed as a condition of their employment, regarding this policy. The district's annual professional development shall include the training required by this paragraph.

To the best of its ability, the District shall follow the requirements covering the transfer of course credit and graduation set forth in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and the Arkansas Military Child School Transitions Act of 2021 for all students who meet the definition of "eligible child" in Policy 4.2—ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS including the waiving of specific courses that are required for graduation if similar coursework has been satisfactorily completed.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The number of units students must earn to be eligible for high school graduation is to be earned from the categories listed below. A minimum of twenty-two (22) units is required for graduation for a student participating in either the Smart Core or Core curriculum. There are some distinctions made between Smart Core units and Graduation units. Not all units earned toward graduation necessarily apply to Smart Core requirements. Career education courses that are determined by DESE to be eligible for use in the place of a listed course may be substituted for the course as designated by DESE.

All students must receive a passing score on the Arkansas Civics Exam in order to graduate.

Students shall be trained in quality psychomotor skill bases in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillators in order to graduate.

Personal and Family Finance

All students shall receive credit in a course covering the Personal and Family Finance Standards in order to graduate.

SMART CORE: Sixteen (16) units

English: four (4) units

9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th

Oral Communications: one-half (1/2) unit

Mathematics: four (4) units (all students under Smart Core must take a mathematics course in grade 11 or 12 and complete Algebra II.)

- 1) Algebra I or Algebra A & B* which may be taken in grades 7-8 or 8-9;
- 2) Geometry or Geometry A & B
* which may be taken in grades 8-9 or 9-10;* A two-year algebra equivalent or a two-year geometry equivalent may each be counted as two units of the four-unit requirement for the purpose of meeting the graduation requirement, but only serve as one unit each toward fulfilling the Smart Core requirement.
- 3) Algebra II; and
- 4) the fourth unit may be either:
 - a) A math unit approved by DESE beyond Algebra II; or
 - b) A computer science flex credit may be taken in the place of a fourth math credit.

Natural Science: three (3) units

- DESE approved biology – 1 credit;
- DESE approved physical science – 1 credit; and
- A third unit that is either:
 - An additional science credit approved by DESE; or
 - A computer science flex credit may be taken in the place of a third science credit.

Social Studies: three (3) units

- Civics - one-half (1/2) unit
- World History - one unit
- American History - one unit
- Other social studies – one-half (1/2) Unit

Physical Education: one-half (1/2) unit

Note: While one-half (1/2) unit is required for graduation, no more than one (1) unit may be applied toward fulfilling the necessary units to graduate.

Health and Safety: one-half (1/2) unit

Economics – one half (1/2) unit – dependent upon the licensure of the teacher teaching the course, this can count toward the required three (3) social studies credits or the six (6) required Career Focus elective credits.

Fine Arts: one-half (1/2) unit

CAREER FOCUS: - Six (6) units

All career focus unit requirements shall be established through guidance and counseling based on the student's contemplated work aspirations. Career focus courses shall conform to the curriculum policy of the district and reflect state curriculum frameworks through course sequencing and career course concentrations where appropriate.

A student who enlists in a branch of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard through the military delayed entry program, the National Guard Split Training Option, or other similar early entry program and completes basic training before graduating from high school shall receive two (2) units of the Career Focus graduation requirements.

A student who completes at least seventy-five (75) clock hours of documented community service in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) at any certified service agency or a part of a service-learning school program shall receive one (1) Career Focus credit.

CORE: Sixteen (16) units

English: four (4) units –
9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th

Oral Communications: one-half (1/2) unit

Mathematics: four (4) units

- Algebra or its equivalent* - 1 unit
- Geometry or its equivalent* - 1 unit

- All math units must build on the base of algebra and geometry knowledge and skills.(Comparable concurrent credit college courses may be substituted where applicable)
 - A computer science flex credit may be taken in the place of a math credit beyond Algebra I and Geometry
- * A two-year algebra equivalent or a two-year geometry equivalent may each be counted as two units of the four (4) unit requirement.

Science: three (3) units

- DESE approved biology – 1 credit;
- DESE approved physical science – 1 credit; and
- A third unit that is either:
 - An additional science credit approved by DESE; or
 - A computer science flex credit may be taken in the place of a third science credit.

Social Studies: three (3) units

- Civics one-half (1/2) unit
- World history, one (1) unit
- American History, one (1) unit
- Other social studies – one-half (1/2) unit

Physical Education: one-half (1/2) unit Note: While one-half (1/2) unit is required for graduation, no more than one (1) unit may be applied toward fulfilling the necessary units to graduate.

Health and Safety: one-half (1/2) unit

Economics – one half (1/2) unit – dependent upon the licensure of the teacher teaching the course, this can count toward the required three (3) social studies credits or the six (6) required Career Focus elective credits.

Fine Arts: one-half (1/2) unit

In addition to the above graduation requirements, the Class of 2027 and thereafter will be required to complete the following:

Computer Science

All students shall earn one (1) unit of credit in a computer science or computer science related career and technical education course in order to graduate.

Community Service

Except as otherwise provided by this policy, each student must receive seventy-five (75) clock hours of community service that is certified by the service agency or organization where the student volunteers. The community service must be in programs or activities, either in Arkansas or outside of Arkansas, that meet the requirements established by the State Board and the District Board of Directors and include preparation, action, and reflection components. A student who transfers into the District after ninth (9th) grade must receive at least the following documented clock hours of community service each year:

- o Fifteen (15) hours for students in grade nine (9);
- o Twenty (20) hours for students in grade ten (10);
- o Twenty (20) hours for students in grade eleven (11); and
- o Twenty (20) hours for students in grade twelve (12).

Students transferring into the District after grade nine (9) or students who are graduating early may receive a diploma provided that the minimum requirement for each year the student attends the District is met. The District Board of Directors may grant a waiver of the community service requirement for extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis, which may include without limitation:

- A major illness associated with a student or a family member of a student;
- Student homelessness or housing insecurity; and
- Notice to the public school district board of directors if the student is a major contributor to family income.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

In accordance with the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans With Disabilities Act, and Arkansas Statutes. The district shall provide a free appropriate public education and necessary related services to all children with disabilities who reside:

- Within the district boundaries; or
- Outside of the District boundaries but are enrolled in the District.

It is the intent of the district to ensure that students who are disabled within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated and provided with appropriate educational services. Students may be disabled within the meaning of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act even though they do not require services pursuant to the IDEA.

For students eligible for services under IDEA, the District shall follow procedures for identification, evaluation, placement, and delivery of services to children with disabilities provided in the state and federal statutes governing special education. Implementation of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) in accordance with the IDEA satisfies the district's obligation to provide a free and appropriate education under Section 504.

The Board directs the superintendent to ensure procedures are in place for the implementation of special education services and that programs are developed to conform to the requirements of state and federal legislation. The superintendent is responsible for appointing a district coordinator for overseeing district fulfillment of its responsibilities regarding students with disabilities. Among the coordinator's responsibilities shall be ensuring district enforcement of the due process rights of students with disabilities and their parents.

Legal References: 34 C.F.R. 300 et seq.; 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq. Americans with Disabilities Act; 29 U.S.C. § 794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504; 20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; P.L. 108-446 The 2004 Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Act A.C.A. § 6-41-102; A.C.A. § 6-41-103; A.C.A. §6-41-201 et seq.

STUDENT ACCELERATION

The Board believes that acceleration is an effective and research-based intervention for the academic growth of students who are ready for an advanced or faster-paced curriculum. Acceleration can allow a student to move through the traditional educational setting more rapidly, based on assessed readiness, capability, and motivation. At the same time, the Board understands that acceleration is not a replacement for gifted education services or programs.

Generally, acceleration can occur through one of two broad categories: content based and grade based. Grade based acceleration shortens the number of years a student would otherwise spend in K-12 education, while content based acceleration occurs within the normal K-12 time span. Either form of acceleration can be triggered by either a parent/guardian, student, or community member's request or by the referral of school personnel. In either case, the process of determining the appropriateness of the request shall be under the direction of the district/school Gifted and Talented Program Coordinator. The district/school Gifted and Talented Program Coordinator shall convene the Acceleration Placement Committee and communicate with the individuals necessary for the Acceleration Placement Committee to make an informed decision, which shall include the student's parents or guardians.³

While the needs of the student should dictate when acceleration decisions are considered, the Board believes the optimal time for referrals is in the spring, which gives adequate time for working through the determination process and for preparing those concerned for a smooth transition to the acceleration beginning in the following school-year.

The District's Gifted and Talented (GT) Program Coordinator¹ will create a written format to govern the referral and determination process, which shall be made available to any parent or staff member upon request.

The parents/guardians of any student whose request for acceleration has been denied may appeal the decision, in writing to the District's GT Coordinator¹. The District's GT Coordinator¹ and the Acceleration Placement Committee will again thoroughly review the case study that was completed on the student. Upon completion of the review, the Committee will either request additional new testing be conducted to help the Committee make its determination or it will uphold the initial decision. The Committee's decision may not be further appealed.

The DESE Rules require that the acceleration placement committee be made up of at least five (5) professional educators (including administrators, teachers, and/or counselors) and chaired by a gifted education specialist. Suggestions for individuals to be included on the committee include, but are not limited to:

- Building Principal;
- Counselor;
- Teachers (This may include both the student's current teacher(s) as well as teacher(s) that the student would have if the acceleration is granted.)

The student's parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control, or person standing in loco parentis must be provided an opportunity to provide input into the possible acceleration of their student; however, the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control, or person standing in loco parentis of the student does not have a vote in the determination on whether the acceleration request will be granted as only the acceleration placement committee may make that determination.

Legal Reference: DESE Gifted and Talented Rules

STUDENT PROMOTION AND RETENTION & STUDENT SUCCESS PLAN (SSP)

A disservice is done to students through social promotion and is prohibited by state law. The District shall, at a minimum, evaluate each student annually to help each student who is not performing at grade level. Parents or guardians shall be kept informed concerning the progress of their student(s). Notice of a student's possible retention or required retaking of a course shall be included with the student's grades sent home to each parent/guardian or the student if 18 or older. Parent-teacher conferences are encouraged and may be held as necessary to improve a student's academic success.

At least once each semester, the parents and teacher(s) of a student in kindergarten through eighth (8th) grade shall be notified in writing of the student's independent grade-level-equivalency in reading.

Any grades, course credits, and/or promotions received by a student while enrolled in the Division of Youth Services system of education shall be considered transferable in the same manner as those grades, course credits, and promotions from other accredited Arkansas public educational entities.

Promotion or retention of students, or their required retaking of a course shall be primarily based on the following criteria. If there is doubt concerning the promotion or retention of a student or his/her required retaking of a course, a conference shall be held before a final decision is made that includes the following individuals:

- The building principal or designee;
- The student's teacher(s);
- School counselor;
- A 504/special education representative (if applicable); and
- The student's parents, legal guardians, persons having lawful control of the student, or persons standing in loco parentis.

The conference shall be held at a time and place that best accommodates those participating in the conference. The school shall document participation or non-participation in required conferences. If the conference attendees fail to agree concerning the student's placement or receipt of course credit, the final decision shall rest with the principal or the principal's designee.

Each student shall have a student success plan (SSP) developed by school personnel in collaboration with the student's parents and the student that is reviewed and updated annually. A student's SSP shall use multiple academic measures to personalize learning in order for students to achieve their grade-level expectations and individual growth. The SSP will identify if the student is in need of additional support or acceleration. Academic measures to be used in creating and updating a student's SSP shall include, but are not limited to:

- Statewide student assessment results;
- Subject grades;
- Student work samples; and
- Local assessment scores.

By the end of grade eight (8), the student's SSP shall:

- Guide the student along pathways to graduation;
- Address accelerated learning opportunities;
- Address academic deficits and interventions; and
- Include college and career planning components.

Based on a student's score on the college and career assessment:

- The student's SSP will be updated in order to assist the student with college and career readiness skills, course selection in high school, and improved academic achievement; and
- Provide a basis for counseling concerning postsecondary preparatory programs.

An SSP shall be created:

1. By no later than the end of the school year for a student in grade eight (8) or below² who enrolls in the District during the school year; or
2. As soon as reasonably possible for a student in grade nine (9) or above who enrolls in the District at the beginning or during the school year.

A student's individualized education program (IEP) may act in the place of the student's SSP if the IEP addresses academic deficits and interventions for the student's failure to meet standards-based academic goals at an expected rate or level and includes a transition plan that addresses college and career planning components. Promotion or retention of students with an IEP shall be based on their successful attainment of the goals set forth in their IEP.

Students who either refuse to sit for a Statewide assessment or attempt to boycott a Statewide assessment by failing to put forth a good faith effort on the assessment as determined by the assessment administrator/proctor, or whose parents do not send their student to school on the dates the assessments are originally administered or scheduled as make-up days shall not be permitted to participate in any non-curriculum related extracurricular activity, including school dances, prom, homecoming, senior events, and may be prevented from walking or participating in graduation exercises. The student shall remain ineligible to participate until the student takes the same or a following Statewide assessment, as applicable. The Superintendent or designee may waive this paragraph's provisions when the student's failure was due to exceptional or extraordinary circumstances. Students falling under the provisions of this paragraph shall be permitted to attend curriculum related field trips occurring during the school day.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-15-2001, A.C.A. § 6-15-2005, A.C.A. § 6-15-2006, A.C.A. § 6-15-2907,
A.C.A. § 6-15-2911, A.C.A. § 9-28-205
DESE Rules Governing the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act
Murphy v. State of Ark., 852 F.2d 1039 (8th Cir. 1988)

STUDENTS SCHOOL RECORDS AND EDUCATIONAL RECORDS (COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 93-380)

As a parent or a student over 18 years of age, you have the right to inspect your educational records. You have the right for a hearing should you choose to challenge the contents of such records to ensure that the records are not inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of students, and to provide an opportunity for the correction or deletion of such inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate data contained therein and to insert into such records a written explanation by the parents respecting the contents of such records.

The principal on each campus has a copy of the district's policy on student records which you may examine. You have the right to file a complaint with the Federal Office of Education concerning alleged failures of the district to comply with the requirement of Public Law 93-380. We maintain two types of records: (1) those of academic progress and (2) health records. The principal is the person in charge of the records on each campus.

STUDENTS WITH AN INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

To be considered eligible to participate in competitive interscholastic activities, students with disabilities must pass at least four (4) courses per semester as required by their individual education program (IEP).

SUMMER SCHOOL AND CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Advance permission is required from the principal or the guidance counselors before credit may be earned in summer school or correspondence courses. Summer school and correspondence courses are designed primarily for makeup work. Summer school and correspondence courses may not be used to take required courses to avoid teachers on the WHITE HALL HIGH SCHOOL Campus or to graduate early. A credit of 1.00 is all that can be earned each year.

Ninth grade (9th), Tenth (10th) and Eleventh (11th) grade students who fail English may take summer school or will automatically be enrolled in make-up English for the next school year. A student may enroll in two (2) English courses providing one is to correct a deficiency.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are free and will be issued by the school. Damaged, lost, or stolen books must be paid for by the student who was issued the books. If books are not returned or paid, the student schedule and or grades will be held until the book is returned or fine paid.

ATTENDANCE

ABSENCES

If any student's Individual Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan conflicts with this policy, the requirements of the student's IEP or 504 Plan take precedence.

Education is more than the grades students receive in their courses. Important as that is, students' regular attendance at school is essential to their social and cultural development and helps prepare them to accept responsibilities they will face as an adult. Interactions with other students and participation in the instruction within the classroom enrich the learning environment and promote a continuity of instruction which results in higher student achievement.

Virtual Course Attendance

Attendance in virtual learning is determined by the student's participation in required virtual meetings and time spent completing assignments. The teacher of record monitors the student's progression toward mastery of standards and credit attainment for the course. A virtual learning student will be marked present if the student demonstrates engagement in learning. Proof of engagement includes logging into the district learning platform and submitting assignments according to the specified due dates. Adjustments will be made to meet an individual student's needs based on IEP, 504, or other program plans. Special attendance considerations are made for students in kindergarten through sixth grade working at an accelerated pace. A student who may need additional time due to extenuating circumstances should coordinate attendance options with the assigned administrator.

Excused Absences

Excused absences are those where the student was on official school business or when the absence was due to one of the following reasons and the student brings a written statement to the principal or designee upon his/her return to school from the parent or legal guardian stating such reason. A written statement presented for an absence having occurred more than five (5) school days prior to its presentation will **not** be accepted.:

1. The student's illness or when attendance could jeopardize the health of other students. A maximum of six (6) such days are allowed per semester unless the condition(s) causing such absences is of a chronic or recurring nature, is medically documented, and approved by the principal.
2. Death or serious illness in their immediate family;
3. Observance of recognized holidays observed by the student's faith;
4. Attendance at an appointment with a government agency;
5. Attendance at a medical appointment;
6. Exceptional circumstances with prior approval of the principal;
7. Participation in an FFA, FHA, or 4-H sanctioned activity;
8. Participation in the election poll workers program for high school students.
9. Absences granted to allow a student to visit his/her parent or legal guardian who is a member of the military and been called to active duty, is on leave from active duty, or has returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat support posting. The number of additional excused absences shall be at the discretion of the superintendent or designee.
10. Absences granted, at the Superintendent's discretion, to seventeen (17) year-old students who join the Arkansas National Guard while in eleventh grade to complete basic combat training between grades eleven (11) and (12).
11. Absences for students excluded from school by the Arkansas Department of Health during a disease outbreak because the student has an immunization waiver or whose immunizations are not up to date.

Students who serve as pages for a member of the General Assembly shall be considered on instructional assignment and shall not be considered absent from school for the day the student is serving as a page.

Unexcused Absences

Absences not defined above or not having an accompanying note from the parent, or legal guardian; person having lawful control of the student; or person standing in loco parentis, presented in the timeline required by this policy, shall be considered as unexcused absences. Students with 9 unexcused absences in a course in a semester may not receive credit for that course. At the discretion of the principal after consultation with persons having knowledge of the circumstances of the unexcused absences, the student may be denied promotion or graduation. Excessive absences shall not be a reason for expulsion or dismissal of a student.

When a student has 4 unexcused absences, his/her parents, legal guardians, persons with lawful control of the student, or persons standing in loco parentis shall be notified. Notification shall be by telephone by the end of the school day in which such absence occurred or by regular mail with a return address sent no later than the following school day.

Whenever a student exceeds 8 unexcused absences in a semester, the District shall notify the prosecuting authority and the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or persons standing in loco parentis shall be subject to a civil penalty as prescribed by law.

It is the Arkansas General Assembly's intention that students having excessive absences be given assistance in obtaining credit for their courses. Therefore, at any time prior to when a student exceeds the number of unexcused absences permitted by this policy, the student, or his/her parent, legal guardian, person with lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis may petition the school or district's administration for special arrangements to address the student's unexcused absences. If formal arrangements are granted, they shall be formalized into a written agreement which will include the conditions of the agreement and the consequences for failing to fulfill the agreement's requirements. The agreement shall be signed by the student, the student's parent legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student; or person standing in loco parentis, and the school or district administrator or designee.

Students who attend in-school suspension shall not be counted absent for those days.

Days missed due to out-of-school suspension or expulsion shall be unexcused absences.

The District shall notify the Department of Finance and Administration whenever a student fourteen (14) years of age or older is no longer in school. The Department of Finance and Administration is required to suspend the former student's operator's license unless he/she meets certain requirements specified in the statute.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-4-302; A.C.A. § 6-18-107; A.C.A. § 6-18-209; A.C.A. § 6-18-220; A.C.A. § 6-18-222; A.C.A. § 6-18-229; A.C.A. § 6-18-231; A.C.A. § 6-18-507(g); A.C.A. § 6-18-702; A.C.A. § 7-4-116; A.C.A. § 9-28-113(f); A.C.A. § 27-16-701; Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing Distance and Digital Learning

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 9–12

Students in grades nine through twelve (9-12) are required to schedule and attend at least 360 minutes of regularly scheduled class time daily. Part of this requirement may be met by students taking post-secondary courses. Eligible students' enrollment and attendance at a post-secondary institution shall count toward the required weekly time of school attendance. Each credit hour shall count as three (3) hours of attendance time. This means a three (3) hour course shall count as nine (9) hours of the weekly required time of attendance.

Course Enrollment Outside of District

Enrollment and attendance in vocational-educational training courses, college courses, school work programs, and other department-sanctioned educational programs may be used to satisfy the student attendance requirement even if the programs are not located at the public schools. Attendance in such alternative programs must be pre-approved by the school's administration. The district shall strive to assign students who have been dropped from a course of study or removed from a school work program job during the semester into another placement or course of study. In the instances where a subsequent placement is unable to be made, the district may grant a waiver for the student for the duration of the semester in which the placement is unable to be made.

In rare instances, students may be granted waivers from the mandatory attendance requirement if they would experience proven financial hardships if required to attend a full day of school. For this policy, proven financial hardships is defined as harm or suffering caused by a student's inability to obtain or provide basic life necessities of food, clothing, and shelter for the student or the student's family. The superintendent shall have the authority to grant such a waiver, on a case-by-case basis, only when convinced the student meets the definition of proven financial hardships.

In any instance where a provision of a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) conflicts with a portion(s) of this policy, the IEP shall prevail. **Legal References:** A.C.A. § 6-18-210, 211 Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Mandatory Attendance Requirements for Students in Grades Nine through Twelve.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURE

Parents or guardians who wish to check out any student from school for the day or part of the day should make this request in person in the Principal's office. Students will be called for only at the end of class periods except for emergency reasons. Students who check out and miss more than 15 minutes of any class period will be counted absent that class period.

The parent/guardian must present picture identification and have their name verified in the computer before the student can leave with them. Anyone other than a parent/legal guardian must be on the student's approved contact list in the school computer system to check out a student.

Parents wishing to check out students after 3:20 P.M. must notify the office in advance and will have to pick up their child at the afternoon carline area. Otherwise, the student will remain in class until the bell rings to end school for the day.

A student will not be allowed to check out of school unless contact is made with a parent or guardian in person. Notes **will not** be accepted for **checking out** of school. Phone Calls will not be taken for sign out.

- Only in an emergency, such as sickness, will a student be allowed to use a school telephone to call parents to come and sign them out of school. The school nurse will verify extent of student illness.
- When being dismissed during the school day for a school activity, students must remain in class until the designated dismissal time.
- Students checked out **during class** will be counted absent regardless of time spent in class.
- Students will be **readmitted** to school **one time** per day after checking out. If a student signs in late and is checked out later in the day, the student will not be allowed to sign back in without a medical note.
- Students and Vo-tech students are not allowed to return to campus without signing in at the attendance office.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Every parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the child, or person standing in loco parentis of any child age five (5) through seventeen (17) years on or before August 1 of that year who resides, as defined by policy (4.1—RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS), within the District shall enroll and send the child to a District school with the following exceptions: . _

- The child is enrolled in private or parochial school.
- The child is being home-schooled and the conditions of policy (4.6—HOME SCHOOLING) have been met.
- The child will not be age six (6) on or before August 1 of that school year and the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the child, or person standing in loco parentis of the child elects not to have him/her attend kindergarten. A kindergarten waiver form prescribed by regulation of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education must be signed and on file with the District administrative office.
- The child has received a high school diploma or its equivalent as determined by the State Board of Education.
- The child is age sixteen (16) or above and is enrolled in a post-secondary vocational-technical institution, a community college, or a two-year or four-year institution of higher education.

The child is age sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) and has met the requirements to enroll in an adult education program as defined by A.C.A. § 6-18-201 (b)

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

To enroll in a school in the District, the child must be a resident of the District as defined in District policy (4.1—RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS), meet the criteria outlined in policy 4.40—HOMELESS STUDENTS or in policy 4.52—STUDENTS WHO ARE FOSTER CHILDREN, be accepted as a transfer student under the provisions of policy 4.4, or participate under a school choice option and submit the required paperwork as required by the choice option under Policy 4.5.

Students may enter kindergarten if they will attain the age of five (5) on or before August 1 of the year in which they are seeking initial enrollment. Any student who has been enrolled in a state-accredited or state-approved kindergarten program in another state for at least sixty (60) days, who will become five (5) years old during the year in which he/she is enrolled in kindergarten and meets the basic residency requirement for school attendance may be enrolled in kindergarten upon written request to the District. Any student who was enrolled in a state-accredited or state-approved kindergarten program in another state or in a kindergarten program equivalent in another country, becomes a resident of this state as a direct result of active military orders or a court-ordered change of custody, will become five (5) years of age during the year in which he or she is enrolled in kindergarten, and meets the basic residency requirement for school attendance may be enrolled in kindergarten upon a written request to the District.

Any child who will be six (6) years of age on or before October 1 of the school year of enrollment and who has not completed a state-accredited kindergarten program shall be evaluated by the district and may be placed in the first grade if the results of the evaluation justify placement in the first grade and the child's parent or legal guardian agrees with placement in the first grade; otherwise the child shall be placed in kindergarten.

Any child may enter first grade in a District school if the child will attain the age of six (6) years during the school year in which the child is seeking enrollment and the child has successfully completed a kindergarten program in a public school in Arkansas. Any child who has been enrolled in the first grade in a state-accredited or state-approved elementary school in another state for a period of at least sixty (60) days, who will become age six (6) years during the school year in which he/she is enrolled in grade one (1), and who meets the basic residency requirements for school attendance may be enrolled in the first grade.

Students who move into the District from an accredited school shall be assigned to the same grade as they were attending in their previous school (mid-year transfers) or as they would have been assigned in their previous school. Private school students shall be evaluated by the District to determine their appropriate grade placement. Home school students enrolling or re-enrolling as a public-school student shall be placed in accordance with policy 4.6—HOME SCHOOLING.

The district shall make no attempt to ascertain the immigration status, legal or illegal, of any student or his/her parent or legal guardian presenting for enrollment.

Prior to the child's admission to a District school:

- The parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis shall furnish the child's social security number, or if they request, the district will assign the child a nine (9) digit number designated by the Division of Elementary and Secondary education.
- The parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis shall provide the district with one (1) of the following documents indicating the child's age:
 - A birth certificate;
 - A statement by the local registrar or a county recorder certifying the child's date of birth;
 - An attested baptismal certificate;
 - A passport;
 - An affidavit of the date and place of birth by the child's parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis;
 - United States military identification; or
 - Previous school records.
- The parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis shall indicate on school registration forms whether the child has been expelled from school in any other school district or is a party to an expulsion proceeding. Any person who has been expelled from any other school district shall receive a hearing before the Board at the time the student is seeking enrollment in the District. The Board reserves the right to not allow the enrollment of such students until the time of the person's expulsion has expired following the hearing before the Board.
- In accordance with Policy 4.57—IMMUNIZATIONS, the child shall be age appropriately immunized or have an exemption issued by the Arkansas Department of Health.

Uniformed Services Member's Children

For the purposes of this policy:

“Activated reserve components” means members of the reserve component of the uniformed services who have received a notice of intent to deploy or mobilize under Title 10 of the United States Code, Title 32 of the United States Code, or state mobilization to active duty.

“Active duty” means full-time duty status in the active, uniformed services of the United States, including without limitation members of The National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders under 10 U.S.C. §§ 1209, 1210, and 1211.

“Deployment” means a period extending from six (6) months before a member of the uniformed services'; departure from their home station on military orders through six (6) months after return to his or her home station.

“Eligible child” means the children of:

- Active duty members of the uniformed services;
- Members of the active and activated reserve components of the uniformed services;
- Members or veterans of the uniformed services who are severely injured and medically discharged or retired for a period of one (1) year after medical discharge or retirement; and
- Members of the uniformed services who die on active duty or because of injuries sustained on active duty for a period of one (1) year after death.

“Uniformed services” means the United States Army, United States Navy, United States Air Force, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps, the United States Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Services, and the state and federal reserve components of each of these bodies.

“Veteran” means an individual who served in the uniformed services and who was discharged or released from the uniformed services under conditions other than dishonorable.

The superintendent shall designate an individual as the District's military education coordinator, who shall serve as the primary point of contact for an eligible child and for the eligible child's parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the eligible child, or person standing in loco parentis. The individual the superintendent designates as the District's military education coordinator shall have specialized knowledge regarding the educational needs of children of military families and the obstacles that children of military families face in obtaining an education.

An eligible child as defined in this policy shall:

- Be allowed to continue his/her enrollment at the grade level commensurate with his/her grade level he/she was in at the time of transition from his/her previous school, regardless of age;
- Be eligible for enrollment in the next highest-grade level, regardless of age if the student has satisfactorily completed the prerequisite grade level in his/her previous school;
- Enter the District's school on the validated level from his/her previous accredited school when transferring into the District after the start of the school year;
- Be enrolled in courses and programs the same as or like the ones the student was enrolled in his/her previous school to the extent that space is available. This does not prohibit the District from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement and continued enrollment of the student in the courses/and/or programs;
- Be provided services comparable to those the student with disabilities received in his/her previous school based on his/her previous Individualized Education Program (IEP). This does not preclude the District school from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement of the student;
- Make reasonable accommodations and modifications to address the needs of an incoming student with disabilities, subject to an existing 504 or Title II Plan, necessary to provide the student with equal access to education. This does not preclude the District school from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement of the student;
- Be enrolled by an individual who has been given the special power of attorney for the student's guardianship. The individual shall have the power to take all other actions requiring parental participation and/or consent;
- Be eligible to continue attending District schools if he/she has been placed under the legal guardianship of a non-custodial parent living outside the district by a custodial parent on active military duty.

If official copies of an eligible child's education records are not available at the time the eligible child is transferring, then the District shall:

- Pre-register and place an eligible child based on the eligible child's unofficial education records pending receipt of the eligible child's official records; and
- Request the eligible child's official education records from the sending district.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-4-302; A.C.A. § 6-4-309; A.C.A. § 6-15-504; A.C.A. § 6-18-107; A.C.A. § 6-18-201 ©; A.C.A. § 6-18-207; A.C.A. § 6-18-208; A.C.A. § 6-18-510; A.C.A. § 6-18-702; A.C.A. § 9-28-113; Plyler v Doe 457 US 202,221 (1982)

NOTE: Residential address means the physical location where the student's parents, legal guardians, persons having legal, lawful control of the student under order of a court, or persons standing in loco parentis reside. A student may use the residential address of a legal guardian, person having legal, lawful control of the student under order of a court, or person standing in loco parentis only if the student resides at the same residential address and if the guardianship or other legal authority is not granted solely for educational needs or school attendance purposes.

FINS PETITION (Family in Need of Services)

Students that have not complied with mandatory attendance laws or have repeatedly violated school rules shall be subject to the filing of a FINS (Family in Need of Services) Petition through the juvenile court system. The filing of the motion can be initiated by the school administration and/or the parents of the student.

OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL CHOICE

Transfers into or Within the District

For the purposes of this section of the policy, a “lack of capacity” is defined as when the receiving school has reached the maximum student-to-teacher ratio allowed under federal or state law, the DESE Rules for the Standards for Accreditation, or other applicable rules. There is a lack of capacity if, as of the date of the application for Opportunity School Choice, ninety-five percent (95%) or more of the seats at the grade level at the nonresident school are filled.

Unless there is a lack of capacity at the District’s school or the transfer conflicts with the provisions of a federal desegregation order applicable to the District, a student may transfer from the student’s assigned school to another school in the District 10 or from the student’s resident district into the District if:

- Either:
 - The student’s resident district has been classified by the state board as in need of Level 5 — intensive support; or
 - The student’s assigned school has a rating of “F”; and
- By May 1 of the year before the student intends to transfer, the student’s parent, guardian, or the student if the student is over eighteen (18) years of age has applied of the student’s request to transfer to the:
 - DESE;
 - Sending school district; and
 - Receiving school district.
- A student is not required to meet the May 1 application deadline if the student has a parent or guardian who is an active-duty member of the military and who has been transferred to and resides on a military base. The student may transfer at any time if the student’s application:
 - Is filed with the nonresident school district within fifteen (15) days of the parent's or guardian's arrival on the military base;
 - Includes the parent's or guardian's military transfer orders; and
 - Includes the parent's or guardian's proof of residency on the military base.

Within thirty (30) days from receipt of an application from a student seeking admission under this section of the policy, the Superintendent shall notify in writing the parent or guardian, or the student if the student is over eighteen (18) years of age, whether the Opportunity School Choice application has been accepted or rejected. The notification shall be sent via First-Class Mail to the address on the application.

If the application is accepted, the notification letter shall state the deadline by which the student must enroll in the receiving school or the transfer will be null and void.

If the District rejects the application, the District shall state in the notification letter the specific reasons for the rejection. A parent or guardian, or the student if the student is over eighteen (18) years of age, may appeal the District’s decision to deny the application to the State Board of Education. The appeal must be in writing to the State Board of Education via certified mail, return receipt requested, no later than ten (10) calendar days, excluding weekends and legal holidays, after the notice of rejection was received from the District.

A student’s transfer under Opportunity School choice is effective at the beginning of the next school year and the student’s enrollment is irrevocable for the duration of the school year and is renewable until the student completes high school or is beyond the legal age of enrollment. This provision for continuing eligibility under Opportunity School Choice does not negate the student's right to apply for transfer to a district other than the student's assigned school or resident district under the Standard School Choice provisions of this policy.

The District may but is not limited to obligated to provide transportation to and from the transferring district.

Transfers out of, or within, the District

If a District school receives a rating of “F” or the District has been classified by the State Board as in need of Level 5 Intensive Support, the District shall timely notify parents, guardians, or students, if over eighteen (18) years of age, as soon as practicable after the school or district designation is made of all options available under Opportunity School Choice. The District shall offer the parent or guardian, or the student if the student is over eighteen (18) years of age, an opportunity to submit an application to enroll the student in a school district that has not been classified by the State Board as in need of Level 5 Intensive Support or in a public school that does not have a rating of “F”.

Additionally, the District shall request public service announcements to be made over the broadcast media and in the print media at such times and in such a manner as to inform parents or guardians of students in adjoining districts of the availability of the program, the application deadline, and the requirements and procedure for nonresident students to participate in the program.

Unsafe School Choice Program

Any student that becomes the victim of a violent criminal offense while in or on the grounds of a District school or who is attending a school classified by DESE as a persistently dangerous public school shall be allowed to attend a safe public school within the District.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-1-106; A.C.A. § 6-13-113; A.C.A. § 6-15-2915; A.C.A. § 6-18-227; A.C.A. § 6-18-233; A.C.A. § 6-18-320; A.C.A. § 6-18-510; A.C.A. § 6-18-1901 et seq.; A.C.A. § 6-21-812; DESE Rules Governing Public-School Choice

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

Definitions

“In loco parentis” means relating to the responsibility to undertake the care and control of another person in the absence of:

- Supervision by the person's parent or legal guardian; and
- Formal legal approval.

“Reside” means to be physically present and to maintain a permanent place of abode for an average of no fewer than four (4) calendar days and nights per week for a primary purpose other than school attendance.

“Resident” means a student whose parents, legal guardians, persons having lawful control of the student, or persons standing in loco parentis reside in the school district.

“Residential address” means the physical location where the student’s parents, legal guardians, persons having lawful control of the student, or persons standing in loco parentis reside. A student may use the residential address of a parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis only if the student resides at the same residential address and if the guardianship or other legal authority is not granted solely for educational needs or school attendance purposes.

The schools of the District shall be open and free through the completion of the secondary program to all persons between the ages of five (5) and twenty one (21) years whose parents, legal guardians, persons having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis reside within the District and to all persons between those ages who have been legally transferred to the District for educational purposes.

Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older may establish a residence separate and apart from his or her parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or a person standing in loco parentis for school attendance purposes.

In order for a person under the age of eighteen (18) years to establish a residence for the purpose of attending the District’s schools separate and apart from his or her parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or a person standing in loco parentis, the student is required to reside in the District for a primary purpose other than that of school attendance. However, a student previously enrolled in the district who is placed under the legal guardianship of a noncustodial parent living outside the district by a custodial parent on active military duty may continue to attend district schools. A foster child who was previously enrolled in a District school and who has had a change in placement to a residence outside the District, may continue to remain enrolled in his/her current school unless the presiding court rules otherwise.

Under instances prescribed in A.C.A. § 6-18-203, a child or ward of an employee of the district or of the education coop to which the district belongs may enroll in the district even though the employee and his/her child or ward reside outside the district.

Children whose parent or legal guardian relocates within the state due to a mobilization, deployment, or available military housing while on active duty in or serving in the reserve component of a branch of the United States Armed Forces or National Guard may continue attending school in the school district the children were attending prior to the relocation or attend school in the school district where the children have relocated. A child may complete all remaining school years at the enrolled school district regardless of mobilization, deployment, or military status of the parent or guardian.

SCHOOL CHOICE

Standard School Choice

Exemption

The District is under an enforceable desegregation court order/court-approved desegregation plan 1 that explicitly limits the transfer of students between school districts and has submitted the appropriate documentation to the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). 2 As a result of the desegregation order/desegregation plan 1, the District is exempt from the provisions of the Public-School Choice Act of 2015 (Standard School Choice) and the Arkansas Opportunity Public School Choice Act (Opportunity School Choice). The District shall notify the superintendents of each of its geographically contiguous school districts of its exemption. 3 The exemption prohibits the District from accepting any school choice applications from students wishing to transfer into or out of the District through standard School Choice or Opportunity School Choice.

Definition

“Sibling” means each of two (2) or more children having a parent in common by blood, adoption, marriage, or foster care.

Transfers into the District

Capacity Determination and Public Pronouncement

The Board of Directors will adopt a resolution containing the capacity standards for the District. The resolution will contain the acceptance determination criteria identified by academic program, class, grade level, and individual school. The school is not obligated to add any teachers, other staff, or classrooms to accommodate choice applications. The District may only deny a Standard School Choice application if the District has a lack of capacity by the District having reached ninety percent (90%) of the maximum student population in a program, class, grade level, or school building authorized by the Standards or other State/Federal law. 5

The District shall advertise in appropriate broadcast media and either print media or on the Internet to inform students and parents in adjoining districts of the range of possible openings available under the School Choice program. The public pronouncements shall state the application deadline; the requirements and procedures for participation in the program; and include contact information for the primary point of contact at the District for school choice questions. Such pronouncements shall be made in the spring, but in no case later than March 1.

Application Process

The student’s parent shall submit a school choice application on a form approved by ADE to this District along with a copy to the student’s resident district. Except for students who have a parent or guardian who is an active-duty member of the military and who has been transferred to and resides on a military base, the transfer application must be postmarked, or hand delivered on or before May 1 of the year preceding the fall semester the applicant would begin school in the District. The District shall date, and time stamp all applications the District receives as both the resident and nonresident district as they are received in the District’s central office. Except for applications from students who have a parent or guardian who is an active-duty member of the military and who has been transferred to and resides on a military base, applications postmarked, or hand delivered on or after May 2 will not be accepted. Statutorily, preference is required to be given to siblings of students who are already enrolled in the District. Therefore, siblings whose applications fit the capacity standards approved by the Board of Directors may be approved ahead of an otherwise qualified non- sibling applicant who submitted an earlier application as identified by the application’s date and time stamp.

Students who have a parent or guardian who is an active-duty member of the military and who has been transferred to and resides on a military base may apply and transfer at any time if the student’s application:

- Is filed with the nonresident school district within fifteen (15) days of the parent’s or guardian’s arrival on the military base;
- Includes the parent’s or guardian’s military transfer orders; and
- Includes the parent’s or guardian’s proof of residency on the military base.

The approval of any application for a choice transfer into the District is potentially limited by the applicant's resident district’s statutory limitation of losing no more than three percent (3%) of its past year's student enrollment due to Standard School Choice. As such, any District approval of a choice application prior to July 1 is provisional pending a determination that the resident district’s three percent (3%) cap has not been reached. The superintendent shall contact a student’s resident district to determine if the resident district’s three percent (3%) cap has been met.

The Superintendent will consider all properly submitted applications for School Choice. By July 1, the Superintendent shall notify the parent and the student’s resident district, in writing, of the decision to accept or reject the application.

Accepted Applications

Applications which fit within the District's stated capacity standards shall be provisionally accepted, in writing, with the notification letter stating a reasonable timeline by which the student shall enroll in the District by taking the steps detailed in the letter, including submission of all required documents. If the student fails to enroll within the stated timeline, or if all necessary steps to complete the enrollment are not taken, or examination of the documentation indicates the applicant does not meet the District's stated capacity standards, the acceptance shall be null and void.

A student, whose application has been accepted and who has enrolled in the District, is eligible to continue enrollment until completing his/her secondary education. Continued enrollment is conditioned upon the student meeting applicable statutory and District policy requirements. Any student who has been accepted under choice and who fails to initially enroll under the timelines and provisions provided in this policy; chooses to return to his/her resident district; or enrolls in a home school or private school voids the transfer and must reapply if, in the future, the student seeks another school choice transfer. A subsequent transfer application will be subject to the capacity standards applicable to the year in which the application is considered by the District.

A present or future sibling of a student who continues enrollment in this District may enroll in the District by submitting a Standard School Choice application. Applications of siblings of presently enrolled choice students are subject to the provisions of this policy including the capacity standards applicable to the year in which the sibling's application is considered by the District. A sibling who enrolls in the District through Standard School Choice is eligible to remain in the District until completing his/her secondary education.

Students whose applications have been accepted and who have enrolled in the district shall not be discriminated against based on gender, national origin, race, ethnicity, religion, or disability.

Rejected Applications

The District may reject an application for a transfer into the District under Standard School Choice due to a lack of capacity. However, the decision to accept or reject an application may not be based on the student's previous academic achievement, athletic or other extracurricular ability, English proficiency level, or previous disciplinary proceedings other than a current expulsion.

An application may be provisionally rejected if it is for an opening that was included in the District's capacity resolution but was provisionally filled by an earlier applicant. If the provisionally approved applicant subsequently does not enroll in the District, the provisionally rejected applicant could be provisionally approved and would have to meet the acceptance requirements to be eligible to enroll in the District.

An application may be provisionally rejected if the student's application was beyond the student's resident district's three percent (3%) cap. The student's resident district is responsible for notifying this District that it is no longer at its three percent (3%) cap. If a student's application was provisionally rejected due to the student's resident district having reached its three percent (3%) cap and the student's resident district notifies this District that it has dropped below its three percent (3%) cap prior to July 1, then the provisional rejection may be changed to a provisional acceptance and the student would have to meet the acceptance requirements to be eligible to enroll in the District.

Rejection of applications shall be in writing and shall state the reason(s) for the rejection. A student whose application was rejected may request a hearing before the State Board of Education to reconsider the application. The request for a hearing must be submitted in writing to the State Board within ten (10) days of receiving the rejection letter from the District.

Transfers Out of the District

All Standard School Choice applications shall be granted unless the approval would cause the District to have a net enrollment loss (students transferring out minus those transferring in) of more than three percent (3%) of the average daily membership on October 1 of the immediately preceding year. By December 15 of each year, DESE shall determine and notify the District of the net number of allowable choice transfers. Students are not counted for determining the three percent (3%) cap if the student transfers:

- Through Opportunity School Choice due to the school receiving a rating of "F" or a district classified as in need of Level 5 Intensive Support under A.C.A. § 6-18-227;
- Due to the district's identification of Facilities Distress under A.C.A. § 6-21-812; or
- Through the Foster Child School Choice under A.C.A. § 6-18-233.

If, prior to July 1, the District receives enough copies of requests from other districts for its students to transfer to other districts to trigger the three percent (3%) cap, it shall notify each district the District received Standard School Choice applications from that it has tentatively reached the limitation cap. The District will use confirmations of approved choice applications from receiving

districts to make a final determination of which applications it received that exceeded the limitation cap and notify each district that was the recipient of an application to that effect. The District shall immediately notify all receiving districts if it should drop back below its three percent (3%) cap prior to July 1.

When the last successful application requesting to transfer out of the District before the District's three percent (3%) cap was triggered belonged to an individual who was a member of a group of siblings who applied to transfer out of the District, the District shall allow all members of the individual's sibling group to transfer out of the District even though these applications are beyond the District's transfer cap.

Facilities Distress School Choice Applications

There are a few exceptions from the provisions of the rest of this policy that govern choice transfers triggered by facilities distress. Any student attending a school district that has been identified as being in facilities distress may transfer under the provisions of this policy, but with the following four (4) differences:

- The receiving district cannot be in facilities distress;
- The transfer is only available for the duration of the time the student's resident district remains in facilities distress;
- The student is not required to meet the May 1 application deadline; and
- The student's resident district is responsible for the cost of transporting the student to this District's school.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL/RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

A student will be required to withdraw from school if that student's family and/or legal guardian moves outside the school district attendance zone.

Students must reside within the boundaries of the White Hall School District to attend any school in the district. Exception to this requirement is a student enrolling in the district within the parameters of the "School Choice" Law. Any person who knowingly gives a false residential address for purposes of public-school enrollment is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500). *A.C.A. 6-18-202*.

NOTE: Behavior Not Covered. The School District reserves the right to discipline student behavior that is not conducive to good order and discipline in the schools, even though such behavior is not specified in the written rules of this handbook. Students shall make restitution of any property stolen by them and shall be subject to other disciplinary measures. (*A.C.A. 6-18-502*)

DISCIPLINE

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

The White Hall School District Board of Education has a responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the District's students and employees. To help maintain a safe environment conducive to high student achievement, the Board establishes policies necessary to regulate student behavior to promote an orderly school environment that is respectful of the rights of others and ensures the uniform enforcement of student discipline. Students are responsible for their conduct that occurs:

- At any time on the school grounds
- Off school grounds at a school sponsored function, activity, or event
- Going to and from school or a school activity

The District's administrators may also take disciplinary action against a student for off-campus conduct occurring at any time that would have a detrimental impact on school discipline, the educational environment, or the welfare of the students and/or staff. A student who has committed a criminal act while off campus and whose presence on campus could cause a substantial disruption to school or endanger the welfare of other students or staff is subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Such acts could include but are not limited to: a felony or an act that would be considered a felony if committed by an adult, an assault or battery, drug law violations, or sexual misconduct of a serious nature. Any disciplinary action pursued by the District shall be in accordance with the student's appropriate due process rights.

The District's personnel policy shall annually review the District's student discipline policies, including State and District student discipline data, and may recommend changes in the policies to the White Hall School District School Board. The Board has the responsibility of determining whether to approve any recommended changes to student discipline policies.

The District's student discipline policies shall be distributed to each student during the first week of school each year and to new students upon their enrollment. Each student's parent, or legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis shall sign and return to the school an acknowledgement form documenting that they have received the policies.

The District shall develop and provide programs, measures, or alternative means and methods for continued student engagement and educational access during periods of suspension or expulsion.

The superintendent is authorized to modify the penalties set forth in the District's student discipline policies on a case-by-case basis.

It is required by law that the principal or the person in charge report to the police any incidents the person has personal knowledge of or has received information leading to a reasonable belief that a person has committed or threatened to commit an act of violence or any crime involving a deadly weapon on school property or while under school supervision. If the person making the report is not the Superintendent, that person shall also inform the Superintendent of the incident. Additionally, the principal shall inform any school employee or other person who initially reported the incident that a report has been made to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the Board of Directors of any such report made to law enforcement.

The superintendent shall make a report annually to the Board of Directors on student discipline data, which shall include, without limitation: the number of incidents of bullying reported and the actions taken regarding the reported incidents of bullying.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-502; A.C.A. § 6-17-113

Student Discipline for Virtual Learners

Virtual Learning Students shall adhere to all student handbook policies. Students are accountable for obeying all handbook policies while participating in both synchronous and blended learning. Students are expected to follow the guidelines established by the virtual program when participating in virtual sessions and online discussions.

ABNORMAL OR IRRATIONAL BEHAVIOR

Any student whose actions are abnormal, or irrational shall be temporarily suspended from class or from school by the principal.

CRIMINAL ACTS

The commission of or participation in criminal acts in school buildings, on school property or at school-sponsored events by students is prohibited by school regulation. Disciplinary action will be taken by school authorities against students involved in criminal acts regardless of whether criminal charges result.

If the District makes a report to any law enforcement agency concerning student misconduct or if access to a student is granted to a law enforcement agency due to a court order, the principal or the principal's designee shall make a good faith effort to contact the student's parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control by court order, or person acting in loco parentis on student

enrollment forms. The principal or the principal's designee shall not attempt to make such contact if presented documentation by the investigator that notification is prohibited because a parent, custodian, or person standing in loco parentis is named as an alleged offender of the suspected child maltreatment. This exception applies only to interview requests made by a law enforcement officer, an investigator of the Crimes Against Children Division of the Department of Arkansas State Police, or an investigator or employee of the Department of Human Services.

The following activities are among those defined as criminal under the laws of the State of Arkansas. However, criminal activities considered under this regulation are not limited to this list.

ARSON -THE INTENTIONAL SETTING OF FIRE.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY-THREAT OR PHYSICAL HARM TO A PERSON.

BURGLARY AND LARCEN -STEALING OF SCHOOL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY.

POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES-EXPLOSIVES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OR AT SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENTS.

EXTORTION, BLACKMAIL OR COERCION-OBTAINING MONEY OR PROPERTY BY VIOLENCE OR THREAT OF VIOLENCE OR FORCING SOMEONE TO DO SOMETHING AGAINST THEIR WILL BY FORCE OR THREAT OF FORCE.

POSSESSION OF FIREARMS-FIREARMS ARE PROHIBITED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OR AT SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENTS.

LARCENY-THEFT.

MALICIOUS MISCHIEF-WILLFUL DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

ROBBERY-TAKING PROPERTY FROM AN INDIVIDUAL BY FORCE OR THREAT OF FORCE.

SALE, OR POSSESSION, OR USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS.

DISTURBING THE PEACE

- By violent, abusive, obscene or profane language addressed to a teacher, student, any other school district employee.
- By threatening to fight, or challenging to fight, or fighting a teacher or student.
- Using abusive, violent, obscene or profane language whether addressed to a specific party or to the public generally.

USE OF PROFANE, VIOLENT, VULGAR OR INSULTING LANGUAGE

The use of profane, violent, vulgar or insulting language toward any person in his presence or hearing, which language in its common acceptance is calculated to arouse to anger the person to whom it is directed will result in disciplinary action.

COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCES

If a student and/or the parent of a student involved in a disciplinary ruling wish to contest a disciplinary ruling, they must state their complaint in writing to the school principal asking that the ruling be changed and observe the following procedures:

- **Level One** – The resolution of a grievance through free and informal communications as close as possible to the point of origin is encouraged. A student with a grievance may first take it to his immediate teacher or principal. Both shall be consulted prior to further resolution procedures.
- **Level Two** – In the event the aggrieved person is not satisfied with the disposition of his grievance at level one, he may file the grievance in writing with the superintendent or his designee. Within ten (10) days from receipt of the grievance, he shall request a conference with the aggrieved or render a written decision as to the resolution.
- **Level Three** – In the event the aggrieved person is not satisfied with the disposition of his grievance at level two, he may request the superintendent or his designee to schedule a hearing before the board of education at its next regular meeting.

The aggrieved person may select a representative to accompany him/her at each level, may ask such representative to set the facts down in a written form, and may request a written decision at levels outlined above.

The grievance procedure must be initiated at the level at which the grievance occurred, and students and school officials must observe all requirements specified above.

For the discussion and consideration of a grievance, any student or group of students should request a meeting time and place which will not interfere with regular schedule classes or school related activities. The faculty and administration shall make an honest effort to resolve student grievances as quickly as possible and at the most immediate level of supervision.

DUE PROCESS

Students have the responsibility to know and obey school rules, to express grievances in a polite and hospitable manner, and to give parents correct information concerning misconduct. Principals and teachers have the responsibility to follow board established procedures in disciplinary actions against students. Principals are responsible for notifying and conferring with parents and students in cases involving suspension and expulsion recommendations. Parents have the responsibility to call principals for conference when needed, and to arrange with proper school authorities for desired student hearings.

Students are entitled to due process when the disciplinary procedure involves suspension or expulsions. The due process rights of students and parents are as follows:

- Prior to any suspension, the school principal or a designee shall advise the students in question of the misconduct of which he/she is accused, as well as the basis for such accusations.
- The student shall be given an opportunity at that time to explain his/her version of the facts to the school principal or a designee.
- Written notice of suspension and the reason(s) for the suspension shall be given to the parent(s) of the student.
- At the end of each year, all disciplinary statements are removed from Student files. If student is cleared of misconduct, the documentation will be removed from the files.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT

Students and staff require a safe and orderly learning environment that is conducive to high student achievement. Certain student behaviors are unacceptable in such an environment and are hereby prohibited by the Board. Prohibited behaviors include, but shall not be limited to the following:

- Disrespect for school employees and failing to comply with their reasonable directions or otherwise demonstrating insubordination;
- Disruptive behavior that interferes with orderly school operations;
- Willfully and intentionally assaulting or threatening to assault or physically abusing any student or school employee;
- Possession of any weapon that can reasonably be considered capable of causing bodily harm to another individual;
- Possession or use of tobacco in any form on any property owned or leased by any public school;
- Willfully or intentionally damaging, destroying, or stealing school property;
- Possession of any paging device, beeper, or similar electronic communication devices on the school campus during normal school hours unless specifically exempted by the administration for health or other compelling reasons;
- Possession, selling, distributing, or being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, any illegal drug, unauthorized inhalants, or the inappropriate use or sharing of prescription or over the counter drugs, or other intoxicants, or anything represented to be a drug;
- Having, diverting, transferring, applying to others (such as needles or lancets), or in any way misusing medication or any medical supplies in their possession;
- Inappropriate public displays of affection;
- Cheating, copying, or claiming another person's work to be his/her own;
- Gambling;
- Inappropriate student dress;
- Use of vulgar, profane, or obscene language or gestures;
- Truancy;
- Excessive tardiness;
- Engaging in behavior designed to taunt, degrade, or ridicule another person based on race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability;
- Possess, view, distribute or electronically transmit sexually explicit or vulgar images or representations, whether electronically, on a data storage device, or in hard copy form;
- Hazing, or aiding in the hazing of another student;
- Gangs or gang-related activities, including belonging to secret societies of any kind, are forbidden on school property. Gang insignias, clothing, "throwing signs" or other gestures associated with gangs are prohibited;
- Sex-Based harassment;
- Bullying;
- Operating a vehicle on school grounds while using a wireless communication device;
- Theft of another individual's personal property; and
- Sexual misconduct which includes any consensual sexual activity on school property.

The Board directs each school in the District to develop implementation regulations for prohibited student conduct consistent with applicable Board policy, State and Federal laws, and judicial decisions.

Any violation of the listed above will incur disciplinary action.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-5-201; A.C.A. § 6-15-1005; A.C.A. § 6-18-222; A.C.A. § 6-18-502; A.C.A. § 6-18-506; A.C.A. § 6-18-514; A.C.A. § 6-18-707; A.C.A. § 6-21-609; A.C.A. § 27-51-1602; A.C.A. § 27-51-1603; A.C.A. § 27-51-1609

BULLYING/CYBER-BULLYING

Respect for the dignity of others is a cornerstone of civil society. Bullying creates an atmosphere of fear and intimidation, robs a person of his/her dignity, detracts from the safe environment necessary to promote student learning, and will not be tolerated by the Board of Directors. Students who bully another person shall be held accountable for their actions whether they occur on school equipment or property; off school property at a school sponsored or approved function, activity, or event; going to or from school or a school activity in a school vehicle or school bus; or at designated school bus stops.

A school principal or his or her designee who receives a credible report or complaint of bullying shall promptly investigate the complaint or report and make a record of the investigation and any action taken because of the investigation.

DEFINITIONS/BULLYING

Attribute means an actual or perceived personal characteristic including without limitation race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, socioeconomic status, academic status, disability, gender, gender identity, physical appearance, health condition, or sexual orientation;

Bullying means the intentional harassment, intimidation, humiliation, ridicule, defamation, or threat or incitement of violence by a student against another student or public-school employee by a written, verbal, electronic, or physical act that may address an attribute of the other student, public school employee, or person with whom the other student or public-school employee is associated and that causes or creates actual or reasonably foreseeable:

- Physical harm to a public-school employee or student or damage to the public-school employee's or student's property;
- Substantial interference with a student's education or with a public-school employee's role in education;
- A hostile educational environment for one (1) or more students or public-school employees due to the severity, persistence, or pervasiveness of the act; or
- Substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school or educational environment;
- Examples of "Bullying" include, but are not limited to, a pattern of behavior involving one or more of the following:
 - Cyberbullying;
 - Sarcastic comments "compliments" about another student's personal appearance or actual or perceived attributes,
 - Pointed questions intended to embarrass or humiliate,
 - Mocking, taunting or belittling,
 - Non-verbal threats and/or intimidation such as "fronting" or "chesting" a person,
 - Demeaning humor relating to a student's actual or perceived attributes,
 - Blackmail, extortion, demands for protection money or other involuntary donations or loans,
 - Blocking access to school property or facilities,
 - Deliberate physical contact or injury to person or property,
 - Stealing or hiding books or belongings,
 - Threats of harm to student(s), possessions, or others,
 - Sexual harassment, as governed by policy 4.27, is also a form of bullying, and/or
 - Teasing or name-calling related to sexual characteristics or the belief or perception that an individual is not conforming to expected gender roles or conduct or is homosexual, regardless of whether the student self-identifies as homosexual or transgender (Examples: "Slut", "You are so gay.", "Fag", "Queer").

Cyberbullying means any form of communication by electronic act that is sent with the purpose to:

- Harass, intimidate, humiliate, ridicule, defame, or threaten a student, school employee, or person with whom the other student or school employee is associated; or
- Incite violence towards a student, school employee, or person with whom the other student or school employee is associated.

Cyberbullying of School Employees includes, but is not limited to:

- Building a fake profile or website of the employee;
- Posting or encouraging others to post on the Internet private, personal, or sexual information pertaining to a school employee;
- Posting an original or edited image of the school employee on the Internet;
- Accessing, altering, or erasing any computer network, computer data program, or computer software, including breaking into a password-protected account or stealing or otherwise accessing passwords of a school employee;
- Making repeated, continuing, or sustained electronic communications, including electronic mail or transmission, to a school employee;
- Making, or causing to be made, and disseminating an unauthorized copy of data pertaining to a school employee in any form, including without limitation the printed or electronic form of computer data, computer programs, or computer software residing in, communicated by, or produced by a computer or computer network;
- Signing up a school employee for a pornographic Internet site; or
- Without authorization of the school employee, signing up a school employee for electronic mailing lists or to receive junk electronic messages and instant messages.

Cyberbullying is prohibited whether the cyberbullying originated on school property or with school equipment, if the cyberbullying results in the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school or educational environment or is directed specifically at students or school personnel and maliciously intended for disrupting school and has a high likelihood of succeeding in that purpose.

Harassment means a pattern of unwelcome verbal or physical conduct relating to another person's constitutionally or statutorily protected status that causes, or reasonably should be expected to cause, substantial interference with the other's performance in the school environment; and

Substantial disruption means without limitation that any one or more of the following occur because of the bullying:

- Necessary cessation of instruction or educational activities;
- Inability of students or educational staff to focus on learning or function as an educational unit because of a hostile environment;
- Severe or repetitive disciplinary measures are needed in the classroom or during educational activities; or
- Exhibition of other behaviors by students or educational staff that substantially interfere with the learning environment.

Respect for the dignity of others is a cornerstone of civil society. Bullying creates an atmosphere of fear and intimidation, robs a person of his/her dignity, detracts from the safe environment necessary to promote student learning, and will not be tolerated by the Board of Directors. Students who bully another person shall be held accountable for their actions whether they occur on school equipment or property; off school property at a school sponsored or approved function, activity, or event; going to or from school or a school activity in a school vehicle or school bus; or at designated school bus stops.

Students are encouraged to report behavior they consider to be bullying, including a single action which if allowed to continue would constitute bullying, to their teacher or the building principal. The report may be made anonymously. Teachers and other school employees who have witnessed, or are reliably informed that, a student has been a victim of behavior they consider to be bullying, including a single action which if allowed to continue would constitute bullying, shall report the incident(s) to the building principal, or designee, as soon as possible. Parents or legal guardians may submit written reports of incidents they feel constitute bullying, or if allowed to continue would constitute bullying, to the building principal, or designee.

The person or persons reporting behavior they consider to be bullying shall not be subject to retaliation or reprisal in any form.

A building principal, or designee, who receives a credible report or complaint of bullying shall:

- As soon as reasonably practicable, but by no later than the end of the school day following the receipt of the credible report of bullying:
 - Report to a parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of a student, or person standing in loco parentis of a student that their student is the victim in a credible report of bullying; and
 - Prepare a written report of the alleged incident of bullying;
- Promptly investigate the credible report or complaint of bullying, which shall be completed by no later than the fifth (5th) school day following the completion of the written report.
- Notify within five (5) days following the completion of the investigation the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of a student, or person standing in loco parentis of a student who was the alleged victim in a credible report of bullying whether the investigation found the credible report or complaint of bullying to be true and the availability of counseling and other intervention services.
- Notify within five (5) days following the completion of the investigation the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful

control of the student, or person acting in loco parentis of the student who is alleged to have been the perpetrator of the incident of bullying:

- That a credible report or complaint of bullying against their student exists;
- Whether the investigation found the credible report or complaint of bullying to be true;
- Whether action was taken against their student upon the conclusion of the investigation of the alleged incident of bullying; and
- Information regarding the reporting of another alleged incident of bullying, including potential consequences of continued incidents of bullying;
- Make a written record of the investigation, which shall include:
 - A detailed description of the alleged incident of bullying, including without limitation a detailed summary of the statements from all material witnesses to the alleged incident of bullying;
 - Any action taken because of the investigation; and
- Discuss, as appropriate, the availability of counseling and other intervention services with students involved in the incident of bullying.

Students found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. In determining the appropriate disciplinary action, consideration may be given to other violations of the student handbook which may have simultaneously occurred. In addition to any disciplinary actions, the District shall take appropriate steps to remedy the effects resulting from bullying.

Notice of what constitutes bullying, the District's prohibition against bullying, and the consequences for students who bully shall be conspicuously posted in every classroom, cafeteria, restroom, gymnasium, auditorium, and school bus. Parents, legal guardians, person having lawful control of a student, persons standing in loco parentis, students, school volunteers, and employees shall be given copies of the notice annually.

The superintendent shall make a report annually to the Board of Directors on student discipline data, which shall include, without limitation, the number of incidents of bullying reported and the actions taken regarding the reported incidents of bullying.

Copies of this policy shall be available upon request.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 5-71-217; A.C.A. § 6-18-514

Electronic act means without limitation a communication or image transmitted by means of an electronic device, including without limitation a telephone, wireless phone or other wireless communications device, computer, or pager that results in the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school or educational environment.

Electronic acts of bullying are prohibited whether the electronic act originated on school property or with school equipment, if the electronic act is directed specifically at students or school personnel and maliciously intended for disrupting school, and has a high likelihood of succeeding in that purpose;

BUS CONDUCT

- School buses are operated by the White Hall School District as an accommodation to students and parents. Riding a bus is a privilege that must not be abused by daily bus riders or those riding a bus for a field trip.
- Students will load/unload buses in an orderly manner. Students may not enter any unattended bus parked on campus during the school day.
- Once a student boards the bus in the morning and only at that time does the student become the responsibility of the school district. Responsibility shall end when the student is discharged at the regular bus stop at the close of the school day.
- Since the bus is an extension of the classroom, students are required to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior. When the student does not conduct himself/herself properly on a bus, the bus driver shall report such instances to the attention of the Assistant Principal. The Assistant Principal shall inform the parents of the misconduct and require their cooperation in controlling the student's behavior. The Assistant Principal shall also discipline students as deemed appropriate.
- A student who becomes a serious disciplinary problem on the school bus may have their transportation privileges suspended or terminated. Parents of the children involved shall be responsible for transporting their children to and from school.
- Students will not be permitted to ride a bus other than their assigned bus without written approval of the principal.
- Students must remain seated while the school bus is moving. (*A.C.A. 6-19-119*).
- The district policy for students whose inappropriate behavior results in a bus discipline report will be as follows.

District policy for a student’s inappropriate behavior resulting in a bus disciplinary report is as follows:

NUMBER OF REPORTS

- First Incident (Minor)
- First Incident (Major)
- Second Incident
- Third Incident
- Fourth Incident
- Fifth Incident
- Sixth Incident

ACTIONS

- Warning by Administrator
- Disciplinary action: (Removal from bus by Administrator)
- Removal from the bus (3 days)
- Removal from the bus (5 days)
- Removal from the bus (10 days)
- Removal from the bus (20 days)
- Removal from bus for the remainder of the school year.

*Suspension, loss of bus riding privileges, or other disciplinary sanctions may be imposed when students violate the regulations outlined in this handbook. **NOTE: Unauthorized entry of a school bus.** Unauthorized entry of a school bus is a violation of state law. Only eligible students, persons employed by the district and school activity volunteers are allowed entry to a school bus. This is a Class B misdemeanor. A.C.A. 5 39-214.*

CONDUCT TO AND FROM SCHOOL AND TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY

The District’s Student Code of conduct applies to students while traveling to and from school or to and from a school activity to the same extent as if the students were on school grounds. Appropriate disciplinary actions may be taken against commuting students who violate the District’s Student Code of Conduct.

The preceding paragraph also applies to student conduct while on school buses. Students shall be instructed in safe riding practices. The driver of a school bus shall not operate the school bus until every passenger is seated. In addition to other disciplinary measures provided for violations of the District’s Student Code of Conduct, the student’s bus transportation privileges may be suspended or terminated for violations of the Student Code of Conduct related to bus behavior.

Students are eligible to receive district bus transportation if they meet the following requirements. The transportation to and from school of students who have lost their bus transportation privileges is the responsibility of the student’s parent or guardian.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 5-60-122; A.C.A. § 6-19-119 (b); Ark. Division of Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing Maintenance and Operations of Ark. Public School Buses and Physical Examinations of School Bus Drivers 4.0

CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students are responsible for conducting themselves in a manner that respects the rights of others. Possession and use of any electronic device, whether district or student owned, that interferes with a positive, orderly classroom environment does not respect the rights of others and is expressly forbidden.

To protect the security of statewide assessments, no electronic device, as defined in this policy, shall be accessible by a student at any time during assessment administration unless specifically permitted by a student’s individualized education program (IEP) or individual health plan; this means that when a student is taking an AESAA assessment, the student shall not have his/her electronic device in his/her possession. Any student violating this provision shall be subject to this policy’s disciplinary provisions.

As used in this policy, “electronic devices” means anything that can be used to transmit or capture images, sound, or data.

Misuse of electronic devices includes, but is not limited to:

- Cell phone that is turned on and visible. Cell phone NOT be visible during school hours.
- Cell phones/electronic devices may not be used in the classrooms, halls, cafeteria, or restrooms at any time.
- Permitting any audible sound to come from the device.
- Engaging in academic dishonesty, including cheating, intentionally plagiarizing, wrongfully giving or receiving help during an academic examination, or wrongfully obtaining test copies or scores;

- Using the device to record audio or video or to take photographs in areas where a general expectation of personal privacy exists, including but not limited to locker rooms and bathrooms.
- Creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing an indecent visual depiction of oneself or another person.
- Videoing, taking pictures, recording sound, or any data of students, school personnel, and school grounds and facilities.
- Smart watches will not be allowed during any standardized test.
- Personal headphones or earbuds may be used during a class in which the teacher has approved the use of said device.

Use of an electronic device is permitted to the extent it is approved in a student's IEP or it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals.

A parent shall obtain approval from the student's building principal before operating a student-tracking safety device at school or at a school-sponsored event if the device has recording or listen-in capability. The District requires the device's recording and listen-in technology to be disabled while the device is on the campus or at the school-sponsored event because of student privacy concerns. The District prohibits unauthorized audio or visual recordings or transmission of audio or images of other students. The student's parent shall agree in writing to the requirement for the device's recording and listening-in technology to be disabled and that the District may prohibit future use of the device on campus or at a school-sponsored activity if it is determined that the device's recording or listening-in capabilities were used in violation of this policy before the student safety tracking device may be on campus or at a school-sponsored event.

Before 8:25 AM and after 3:35 PM, possession of electronic devices is permitted on the school campus. The use of such devices at school sponsored functions outside of the regular school day is permitted to the extent and within the limitations allowed by the events or activity the students is attending. Cell phone privileges may be revoked by the Principal at any time.

The student and/or the student's parents or guardians expressly assume any risk associated with students owning or possessing electronic devices. Students misusing electronic devices shall have them confiscated and discipline action will be taken for students violating this policy. Students have no right of privacy as to the content contained on any electronic devices that have been confiscated. A search of a confiscated device shall meet the reasonable individualized suspicion requirements of Policy 4.32—SEARCH, SEIZURE, AND INTERROGATIONS. The confiscated device will be held for parent/guardian pick-up with the following disciplinary actions(s) taken:

- 1st offense – A written warning. Device must be picked up by a parent.
- 2nd offense – 5 days of Detention Hall
- 3rd offense - 3 days of In-School Suspension
- Successive offenses – 3 days Suspension

However, consequences change if either of the following actions occur:

- There are any videos, pictures, or voice recordings **taken** during school hours (7:30 AM-4:05 PM)
- There are any videos, pictures or voice recordings **shared** of students or teachers, which were taken during school hours.
 - 1st offense -- 3 days in-school suspension
 - 2nd and successive offenses -- 3 days suspension

If there are any videos or pictures **posted** anytime on social media of a teacher without their consent or a student and used in a bullying or malicious manner, each office will be considered bullying and result in suspension.

- 1st offense -- 1 day suspension
- 2nd offense -- 3 days suspension
- 3rd offense -- 5 days suspension
- 4th offense -- 7 days suspension

Students who use a school-issued cell phones and/or computers for non-school purposes, except as permitted by the district's Internet/computer use policy, shall be subject to discipline, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

Possession of a cell phone that is turned on during the instructional day, even though it may not belong to the student who is in possession, is still considered a violation of the district's cell phone policy by the student in possession of the phone. Some cell phones beep, even when they are turned off. If a student has ownership of this type of cell phone, the administration recommends that the cell phone be left at home, because disciplinary action will be taken by the administration if the cell phone causes a distraction during instructional time even if the cell phone is in the off position.

Students are allowed to use school owned telephones on the campus except the one located at the receptionist's desk by the principal's office. Students are allowed to use their cell phones only in the office during school hours with the permission of office personnel. Failure to get permission will result in disciplinary actions for cell phone violations.

****Principal/Assistant Principal reserve the right to revoke all cell phone privileges.**

CLOSED CAMPUS POLICY

White Hall High School has a closed campus. No student, after having arrived on the campus, will be permitted to leave at any time during the school day without securing permission of the school principal. The principal will give permission to go home for lunch only if a student presents a letter from a physician stating that student must have a special lunch that cannot be provided at the school cafeteria or cannot be brought to school. Students will be supervised by school personnel from 7:50 AM - 4:00 PM. Students may be disciplined if on campus after 4:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE POLICY VIOLATION

Leaving campus without permission from the principal or being absent from school without parent's consent is truancy. In accordance with the closed campus policy, once a student arrives on campus (walk, bicycle, bus, car, etc.), he/she cannot leave the campus until 3:30 P.M. or until their bus leaves after the school day. Any student who needs to check out cannot do so without securing permission from the office. Any student who violates this rule will be considered truant and disciplinary action will be as follows:

- 1st Offense - Five (5) days In-School Suspension
- 2nd Offense - Ten (10) days In-School Suspension
- 3rd and Successive Offense - Fifteen (15) day In-School Suspension

Students waiting on a bus or other transportation at the end of the school day must remain in designated pick up area. Leaving the area or the campus and then returning to obtain a ride home is in violation of the closed campus policy. Students will be considered truant and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

CUTTING CLASS/OUT OF ASSIGNED AREA

Any student who misses part or all a class or is away from their assigned area for any length of time without permission from school personnel will be considered as cutting class. The following disciplinary action will be taken:

- 1st Offense - Five (5) days Detention Hall
- 2nd Offense - Three (3) days In-School Suspension
- 3rd and Successive Offense: Five (5) days In-School Suspension

Out of assigned areas includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Not in assigned class
- Not in approved areas at lunch
- Not reporting to required campus assemblies
- Not reporting to assigned RTI class
- More than one student in a bathroom stall

LEAVING CLASS

Students may not leave class for any reason except illness or a similar emergency. Unauthorized Departure from Class: Students sent from a class must be accompanied by a written pass signed by the teacher. Students who leave class without the teacher's permission will be assigned detention. Students may not leave class for any reason except illness or other emergency. Restroom usage should be restricted to time between classes unless more frequent times are recommended by a medical doctor in writing.

Band, choir, P.E./athletics, and JROTC students may not depart from their meeting locations until the bell, signifying end of period, has rung.

COMPLAINTS, PROBLEM SOLVING AND APPEAL PROCEDURE

A good communication link between the school and the home is necessary if students are to receive the maximum benefit from the educational opportunities available to them in the schools of White Hall School District. Good communication results from open, frequent, and objective dialogue among students, teachers, parents, and school administrators.

Most school problems are the result of poor communication among the parties involved. Proper communication, therefore, usually solves most, if not all, problems that are related to the school. To ensure problems are discussed and solved as quickly and as possible, the following procedure is to be employed in the White Hall School District.

If a parent becomes concerned about a problem at the classroom level, the parent should make an appointment with the teacher and thoroughly discuss the matter. Most problems are solved at this level. Should the problem not be solved through discussions between the teacher and parent, or if the problem is not related to classroom activities, the parent should contact the principal for further attempts to find a workable solution.

If a parent is not satisfied with solutions offered at the building level, the parent may appeal to the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent may uphold, overturn, or modify decisions made by other District administrators. Only the School Board may hear an appeal of a decision by the Superintendent while an official meeting of the Board is being held.

COMPUTER/NETWORK USE POLICY

The White Hall School District recognizes the need for the use of computer technology to enhance the educational goals of the School District. With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be of educational value in the context of the school setting. White Hall Public Schools has taken available precautions to restrict access to controversial materials with filtering software.

Abusive conduct when using the computer or network is prohibited. Abusive conduct can be, but is not limited to, the use of abusive, obscene, threatening or objectionable language, accessing information or material described as inappropriate or lacking educational value for a school setting and the intentional rough treatment of the equipment.

Cyber-bullying is strictly forbidden, and perpetrators will be disciplined according to district policy, state, and federal law.

Use of the district's computers and access to the network is a privilege that may be revoked. Users are subject to all appropriate disciplinary measures found in the district policies should these guidelines be violated. Any situation not covered or addressed by this policy statement will be left entirely at the discretion of the teacher and/or administrator.

All contact with and use of the internet and district computers shall be used in a responsible, ethical, and lawful manner. Users are expected to follow routine standards of polite conduct and responsible behavior in their use of computers. *The District expects all faculty, students, and staff to use district computers and the network for the intended purposes of education, research, and administration.*

All users of the White Hall School District's equipment must sign the "district computer and network use agreement" stating they understand the policy and guidelines contained in the rules and procedures regarding computer use. Network login accounts will not be assigned to a user until the *use agreement* is signed. When in doubt about whether an activity is appropriate, students should consult with their teachers.

Inevitably, with the violation of the guidelines set forth in the rules and procedures that may constitute a criminal offense, district administrators and the technology department will cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies in investigating any violations.

Use of the district's computers and access to the network is a privilege! It is the responsibility of each network user to recognize his/her accountability in having access to unlimited services, internet sites, network systems, people, and to act appropriately to normal behavior standards when using the network. All users are expected to observe the Acceptable Use Policy of other networks as well as this policy. Access will be revoked for violation of any of the administrative rules and procedures given. Users are subject to disciplinary measures should these guidelines be violated.

USER'S INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

Internet users are advised that access to the network may include the potential for access to materials inappropriate for children and minors. Even though filters are in place, they are an imperfect means of blocking access to inappropriate material. If a user unintentionally visits an offensive or harmful site, the user should bring this to the attention of the supervising teacher who should report it to the building principal. Every user must take responsibility for their use of the computer network and internet and stay away from inappropriate sites. Should a user find other users are visiting offensive or harmful sites, it should be brought to the attention of their teacher or supervisor.

STUDENT'S PERSONAL SAFETY

In using the computer network and Internet, students should not reveal personal information such as home address, telephone number, real last name or other information that could identify the location of the user or the identity of the student. Do not arrange a face-to-face meeting with anyone you "meet" on the computer network or Internet without your parent's permission, no matter the age.

HACKING, SPAMMING, AND OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

It is a violation of district policy to use the district's computer network or Internet to gain unauthorized access to other computers, computer systems, and or to attempt to gain unauthorized access. Any use which violates state or federal law relating to trespass, copyright, trade secrets, the distribution of obscene or pornographic materials, or which violates any other applicable law or municipal ordinance, is strictly prohibited.

FILTERING AND MONITORING BY THE STATE AND DISTRICT

The White Hall School District in collaboration with the State of Arkansas Department of Information Systems (DIS) will utilize filtering software or other technologies to prevent students from accessing materials/sites that are obscene, contain child pornography, or could be harmful to minors. The District will also monitor the online activities of students, to ensure that students are not accessing inappropriate material. Monitoring through technical means will only be used in special circumstances if it is necessary to track documented violations.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW POLICY

Use of the computer network and internet for education, research, and administration is a privilege, not a right. A user, who violates the Computer Use Policy, shall have, at a minimum, access to the computer network and Internet terminated. The district may refuse to reinstate access for the remainder of the student's school tenure. A user violates the Policy if he or she permits another to use his or her account or password to access the computer network and internet, including users whose access has been denied or terminated. The district may also take other disciplinary action in such circumstances.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR

- Users are expected to behave in a moral, legal, and ethical fashion.
- Abusive conduct when using the computer or network is prohibited. Abusive conduct can be, but is not limited to:
 - Placing of unlawful information on the system.
 - Using abusive, obscene, threatening, or objectionable language.
 - Sending messages resulting in the loss of recipient's work or computer system.
 - Sending of "chain letters," or "broadcast" messages to lists or individuals.
 - Use of the system to intimidate or create an atmosphere of harassment.
- Interference with or disruption of the network users, services, or equipment is prohibited. Disruptions could include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Distribution of unsolicited advertising.
 - Transmission of computer worms or viruses.
 - Unauthorized access to any other machine with network connections.
 - Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state laws or regulations is prohibited and may constitute a criminal offense.
 - Accessing another individual's electronic mail is prohibited except when an investigation requires the monitoring of systems by authorized technology staff.
 - Attempts to gain unauthorized access to systems are prohibited.
 - The use of another individual's access codes/passwords is prohibited.

All computers from which students can access electronic information resources will be in supervised areas. District staff **shall** monitor student computer use, helping or taking corrective action when necessary.

Network use must be consistent with the goals and standards of the district, school, and specific curriculum. Networked computers may be used as a laboratory for research and experimentation in computer communications and curriculum development where such use does not interfere with normal operations.

Faculty, students, and staff are individually responsible for the proper use of their accounts, including proper password protection and appropriate use of network resources. Users are expected to protect their accounts from being used by anyone else. An individual shall use only the account assigned to them. Teachers will not provide access to a student through a teacher account. To ensure security and prevent unauthorized access to account privileges, users **must log off** the network any time they cannot monitor the use of their machine.

Technology Acceptable Use Agreement

The White Hall School District agrees to allow the student identified above to use the district's technology to access the Internet under the following terms and conditions:

Conditional Privilege: The Student's use of the district's access to the Internet is a privilege conditioned on the Student's abiding to this agreement. No student may use the district's access to the Internet unless the Student and his/her parent or guardian have read and signed this agreement.

Acceptable Use: The Student agrees that he/she will use the District's Internet access for educational purposes only. In using the Internet, the Student agrees to obey all federal and state laws and regulations. The Student also agrees to abide by any Internet use rules instituted at the Student's school or class, whether those rules are written or oral.

“Misuse of The District’s Access to The Internet” Includes, But Is Not Limited To, The Following;

- using the Internet for other than educational purposes;
- gaining intentional access or maintaining access to materials which are “harmful to minors” as defined by Arkansas law;
- using the Internet for any illegal activity, including computer hacking and copyright or intellectual property law violations;
- making unauthorized copies of computer software;
- accessing “chat lines” unless authorized by the instructor for a class activity directly supervised by a staff member;
- using abusive, profane language in private messages on the system to harass, insult or verbally attack others;
- posting anonymous messages on the system;
- using encryption software;
- wasteful use of limited resources provided by the school including paper;
- causing congestion of the network through lengthy downloads of files;
- vandalizing data of another user;
- obtaining or sending information designed to make destructive devices ie. guns, weapons, bombs, explosives, or fireworks;
- gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to resources or files;
- identifying oneself with another person's name or password or using an account or password of another user without proper authorization;
- invading the privacy of individuals;
- divulging personally identifying information about himself/herself or anyone else either on the Internet or in an email. (Personally, identifying information includes full names, address, and phone number.)
- using the network for financial or commercial gain without district permission;
- theft or vandalism of data, equipment, or intellectual property;
- attempting to gain access or gaining access to student records, grades, or files;
- introducing a virus to, or otherwise improperly tampering with the system;
- degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance;
- creating a web page or associating a web page with the school or school district without proper authorization;
- providing access to the District's Internet Access to unauthorized individuals;
- failing to obey school or classroom Internet use rules; or
- taking part in any activity related to Internet use which creates a clear and present danger of the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the district or any of its schools.
- installing or downloading software on district computers without prior approval of technology director or his/her designee.

Liability for debts: Students and their cosigners shall be liable for all costs (debts) incurred through the student's use of the computers or the Internet including penalties for copyright violations.

No Expectation of Privacy: The Student and parent/guardian signing below agree that if the Student uses the Internet through the District's access, that the Student waives any right to privacy the Student may have for such use. The Student and the parent/guardian agree that the district may monitor the Student's use of the District's Internet Access and may also examine all system activities the Student participates in, including but not limited to email, voice, and video transmissions, to ensure proper use of the system. The District may share such transmissions with the Student's parents/guardians.

IPad Usage Rules:

- Do Not change the background
- Do Not rearrange the icons in any way
- If you **MUST** take a picture, make sure it is DELETED when returned to media specialist
- You will be assigned an iPad to use. During this time, you are solely responsible for that iPad and its contents. Anything changed, inappropriate, or broken will be linked back to you and payment or consequences will apply.
- All computer usage rules stated in the computer usage forms and this handbook apply.

No Guarantees: The District will make good faith efforts to protect children from improper or harmful matter which may be on the Internet. At the same time, in signing this agreement, the parent and Student recognize that the District makes no guarantees about preventing improper access to such materials on the part of the Student.

Penalties for Improper Use: If the Student violates this agreement and misuses the Internet, the Student shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

DISRUPTION OF SCHOOL

No student shall use violence, force, noise, coercion, threat, intimidation, fear, passive resistance, or any other conduct, intentionally cause the disruption of any lawful mission, process, or function of the school, or engage in any such conduct for causing disruption or obstruction of any lawful mission, process, or function. Nor shall any student encourage any other student to engage in such activities.

Disorderly activities by any student or group of students that adversely affect the school's orderly educational environment shall not be tolerated at any time on school grounds. Teachers may remove from class and send to the principal or principal's designee office a student whose behavior is so unruly, disruptive, or abusive that it seriously interferes with the teacher's ability to teach the students, the class, or with the ability of the student's classmates to learn. Students who refuse to leave the classroom voluntarily will be escorted from the classroom by the school administration. **Legal Reference:** *A.C.A. § 6-18-511*

DRESS CODE

Students must dress in accordance with community standards and expectations. Dress that is determined to be inappropriate, disruptive, or distracting to the educational process will result in disciplinary action. We do not desire to occupy our time as clothing police and request the help of parents and guardians to ensure that students dress appropriately for a public high school that is focused on preparing them for success beyond the 12th grade. For the policy wording of "Inappropriate, disruptive, or distracting", the administration offers this guidance:

- No head coverings of any kind on campus. (Hoods, Hats, Beanies, Toboggans, etc.)
- All shirts must have sleeves covering the shoulders.
- No sunglasses while indoors.
- Shorts should be AT LEAST mid-thigh. Skirts and dresses should come to just above the knee.
- No clothing or face coverings displaying illegal drugs, tobacco, alcohol, gang symbols (such as bandanas, hats, etc., or suggestive, vulgar or profane language.)
- No body piercings that distract from the learning process.
- No pants with holes, tears, rips, or frays above mid-thigh.
- If wearing leggings or yoga pants, the shirt must be mid-thigh length.
- No trench coats or outerwear that could be considered a trench coat.
- No sagging.
- Any extreme clothing, cosmetics, jewelry, non-prescription glasses, or other appearances will not be acceptable. This includes dangling keys, chains, dog collars, large belt buckles, or spiked jewelry
- Students should not wear clothing that reveals the midriff.
- No blankets, pillows, or stuffed animals
- No pajamas or house shoes

Jewelry may not be worn in athletics or physical education classes because of safety concerns. This includes necklaces, earrings, watches, rings, etc. Shoes with wheels/skates are not allowed on elementary, middle, and high school campuses.

Repeated violation of the dress code will result in more severe disciplinary action. Building administrators will determine whether the student's appearance/clothing is appropriate and will take disciplinary action as needed.

STUDENTS IN VIOLATION OF THE DRESS CODE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND CLASS UNTIL THE CLOTHING IS CHANGED. STUDENTS WHO ARE UNABLE TO RECEIVE A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, WILL GO TO ISS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL DAY. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE DRESS CODE OF WHITE HALL SCHOOLS WILL RESULT IN OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

Disciplinary action for dress code violation will be as follows:

1st offense – Call Home/warning (Student must correct before returning to class)

2nd and successive offense – 3 days Detention Hall

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

An orderly and safe school environment that is conducive to promoting student achievement requires a student population free from the deleterious effects of alcohol and drugs. Their use is illegal, disruptive to the educational environment, and diminishes the capacity of students to learn and function properly in our schools.

Therefore, no student in the White Hall School District shall possess, attempt to possess, consume, use, distribute, sell, buy, attempt to sell, attempt to buy, give to any person, or be under the influence of any substance as defined in this policy, or what the student represents or believes to be any substance as defined in this policy. This policy applies to any student who: is on or about school property; in attendance at school or any school sponsored activity; has left the school campus for any reason and returns to the campus; or is on route to or from school or any school sponsored activity. If a student or their possessions have a strong presence or smell, similar to marijuana, parents will be notified to bring their student a change of clothes. Further disciplinary actions may occur.

Prohibited substances shall include, but are not limited to: alcohol, or any alcoholic beverage; inhalants or any ingestible matter that alter a student's ability to act, think, or respond; LSD, or any other hallucinogen; marijuana, cocaine, heroin, or any other narcotic drug; PCP; amphetamines; steroids; "designer drugs"; look-alike drugs; or any controlled substance.

The sale, distribution, or attempted sale or distribution of over-the-counter (OTC) medications, dietary supplement or other perceived health remedy not regulated by the US Food and Drug Administration, or prescription drugs is prohibited. The possession or use of OTC medications, dietary supplement or other perceived health remedy not regulated by the US Food and Drug Administration, or prescription drugs is prohibited except as permitted under Policy 4.35—STUDENT MEDICATIONS.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-18-502

DRUG CONTROL POLICY STATEMENT

Alcohol and Drug Use – Students

Possession of Or Under the Influence:

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Students having possession of, or under the influence of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances (illegal drugs), marijuana, or other materials expressly prohibited by federal, state, or local law on school property, at a school activity, at the home school, or the visited school shall be suspended or recommended for expulsion. Furthermore, the students may be prosecuted by legal authorities.

- 10-day suspension - probation (First Offense).
- Recommendation for expulsion (Second Offense).

A student who is determined to be involved in the sale of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances (illegal drugs), marijuana, or other materials expressly prohibited by federal, state, or local law on school property, at school functions, at the home school, or at the visited school shall be recommended for expulsion.

Arkansas Code 5-64-401 states that a student who sells or attempts to sell or purchase illegal drugs (or any substance he claims to be a controlled substance) or alcohol, shall be reported to legal authorities. Sentences for sale of controlled substances within 1,000 feet of public or private schools shall be enhanced by two (2) years and a fine of no less than \$1,000. (*A.C.A. 5-64-401*)

DRUG DOG: Students of the district should be aware that school officials have access to a registered drug dog. The dog is a gentle dog that has been trained to locate alcohol, marijuana, and other illegal drugs in lockers, automobiles, and on persons. Periodic, unannounced visits to the school and school activities will be made by the dog and handled to prevent possession and use of alcohol and drugs on the campuses. Students are responsible for the contents of their lockers and automobiles. Should contraband be located, the responsible student will be subject to school district policies and local, state and federal laws. The White Hall School Board desires to go on record as soliciting the assistance of the narcotics squad to come on campus or employ other methods as deemed necessary to aid in the curtailment of use/or sale of drugs or alcoholic beverages.

FIGHTING

Fighting by students at White Hall High School will not be tolerated. Students involved in fights on school property are subject to immediate suspension and disorderly conduct charges may be filed with the White Hall Police Department. It takes two people to fight. Ask a teacher, counselor, school resource officer or one of the principals for assistance in solving your problems. Students who choose to participate in a fight, regardless of who starts it, will have to accept the consequences of their actions. The discipline for fighting is as follows:

- 1st Offense - Five (5) day suspension
- 2nd Offense - Ten (10) day suspension and recommendation for expulsion

FIREWORKS

A student shall not possess, handle or store firecrackers, smoke bombs, cherry bombs, incendiary devices or any kind of fireworks that reasonably could be a danger to himself/herself or to other students, that could cause damage to school property or that could be disruptive to the learning environment of the school. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

GAMBLING OR WAGERING

Students who play a game for money or property or who play a game to bet on an uncertain outcome will be disciplined. If money is confiscated, it will not be returned. Flipping coins, throwing dice, playing games on the computer are just a few examples. *Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. See Appendix - Arkansas State Laws.*

GANGS AND GANG ACTIVITY

The Board is committed to ensuring a safe school environment conducive to promoting a learning environment where students and staff can excel. An orderly environment cannot exist where unlawful acts occur causing fear, intimidation, or physical harm to students or school staff. Gangs and their activities create such an atmosphere and shall not be allowed on school grounds or at school functions.

The following actions are prohibited by students on school property or at school functions:

- Wearing or possessing any clothing, bandanas, jewelry, symbol, or other sign associated with membership in, or representative of, any gang;
- Engaging in any verbal or nonverbal act such as throwing signs, gestures, or handshakes representative of membership in any gang;
- Recruiting, soliciting, or encouraging any person through duress or intimidation to become or remain a member of any gang; and/or
- Extorting payment from any individual in return for protection from harm from any gang.

Students found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

Students arrested for gang related activities occurring off school grounds shall be subject to the same disciplinary actions as if they had occurred on school grounds.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 5-74-201 et seq.; A.C.A. § 6-15-1005(b)(2)

Students found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. *See Appendix – Arkansas State Laws - Disorderly Conduct*

I.D. BADGES

Students at WHHS are required to wear a Student I.D. Badge. The Student I.D. Badge should be presented in the lunch line to purchase lunch and in the media center to check-out books. Students are provided one free I.D. Badge, cover, and lanyard at the beginning of each school year. Additional I.D. Badges may be purchased in the media center for a cost of \$10. Students are expected to wear their I.D. Badge on the lanyard around their neck or on a clip at shoulder height. Students unable to do so, will be issued a written warning and given the opportunity to obtain a new I.D. Badge within one school day of the written warning. Repeated failure to obtain and carry a student I.D. Badge while on campus will result in disciplinary action ranging from detention hall to In-School-Suspension. ID's must be visible always during the school day. Students can only buy an I.D. Badge before school in the Media Center.

INTERNET SAFETY AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE USE POLICY

Definition

For the purposes of this policy, “electronic device” means anything that can be used to transmit or capture images, sound, or data.

The District makes electronic device(s) and/or electronic device Internet access available to students, to permit students to perform research and to allow students to learn how to use electronic device technology. Use of district electronic devices is for educational and/or instructional purposes only. Student use of electronic device(s) shall only be as directed or assigned by staff or teachers; students are advised that they enjoy no expectation of privacy in any aspect of their electronic device use, including email, and that monitoring of student electronic device use is continuous.

No student will be granted Internet access until and unless an Internet and electronic device -use agreement, signed by both the student and the parent or legal guardian (if the student is under the age of eighteen [18] is on file. The current version of the Internet and Electronic Device use agreement is incorporated by reference into board policy and is considered part of the student handbook.

Technology Protection Measures

The District is dedicated to protecting students from materials on the Internet or world wide web that are inappropriate, obscene, or otherwise harmful to minors; therefore, it is the policy of the District to protect each electronic device with Internet filtering software that is designed to prevent students from accessing such materials. For purposes of this policy, “harmful to minors” means any picture, image, graphic image file, or other visual depiction that:

- taken and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion;
- depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
- taken, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors.

Internet Use and Safety

The District is dedicated to ensuring that students can use the Internet in a safe and responsible manner. The District uses technology protection measures to aid in student safety and shall also educate students on appropriate online behavior and

Internet use including, but not limited to:

- Interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms;
- Cyberbullying awareness; and
- Cyberbullying response.

Misuse of Internet

The opportunity to use the District's technology to access the Internet is a privilege and not a right. Students who misuse electronic devices or Internet access in any way will face disciplinary action, as specified in the student handbook and/or Internet safety and electronic device use agreement. Misuse of the Internet includes:

- The disabling or bypassing of security procedures, compromising, attempting to compromise, or defeating the district's technology network security or Internet filtering software;
- The altering of data without authorization;
- Disclosing, using, or disseminating passwords, whether the passwords are the student's own or those of another student/faculty/community member, to other students;
- Divulging personally identifying information about himself/herself or anyone else either on the Internet or in an email unless it is a necessary and integral part of the student's academic endeavor. Personally, identifying information includes full names, addresses, and phone numbers.
- Using electronic devices for any illegal activity, including electronic device hacking and copyright or intellectual property law violations;
- Using electronic devices to access or create sexually explicit or pornographic text or graphics;
- Using electronic devices to violate any other policy or is contrary to the Internet safety and electronic device use agreement.

Legal References: Children's Internet Protection Act; PL 106-554; FCC Final Rules 11-125 August 11, 2011; 20 USC 6777; 47 USC 254(h)(1); 47 CFR 54.520; 47 CFR 520(c)(4); A.C.A. § 6-21-107; A.C.A. § 6-21-111

LASER POINTERS

Students shall not possess any hand-held laser pointer while in school; on or about school property, before or after school; in attendance at school or any school-sponsored activity; on route to or from school or any school-sponsored activity; off the school grounds at any school bus stop or at any school-sponsored activity or event. School personnel shall seize any laser pointer from the student possessing it and the student may reclaim it at the close of the school year, or when the student is no longer enrolled in the District. **Legal References:** A.C.A. § 6-18-512

SCHOOL PERSONNEL HARASSMENT (For an Act to Be Entitled)

An act to amend Arkansas Code 6-17-106(a) to make it unlawful for any person to use profane, violent, vulgar, abusive or insulting language toward any public-school Employee during his or her duties; and for other purposes.

- It is unlawful, during regular school hours, and in a place where a public-school employee is required to be during his or her duties, for any person to address a public-school employee using language which, in its common acceptance, is calculated to:
 - Cause a breach of the peace;
 - Materially and substantially interfere with the operation of the school, or
 - Arouse the person to whom it is addressed to anger, to the extent likely to cause imminent retaliation.
- A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be liable for a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500)

SCHOOL RULES FOR ALL FOOTBALL / ATHLETIC / EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

RULES REGARDING ATTENDANCE/BEHAVIOR WHEN ATTENDING BALL GAMES AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Students in grades K – 12 must stay in the bleachers once the game/activity begins. Students in grades K – 12 cannot go anywhere on the field, running track, grassy area, or paved areas inside the stadium once the game begins.
- Students cannot loiter around the concession stand or under/around bleachers. Students will be asked to go to the bleachers and remain there until the game/activity is over.
- Students cannot loiter outside the stadium in the parking lot. You will be asked to pay admission and attend the game/activity or leave school property.
- No footballs, skateboards, or other like objects will be allowed to be brought into the stadium or location of activity.
- Anyone leaving the stadium/activity will not be allowed to re-enter unless they pay the appropriate admission fee.

- Students must be picked up 15 minutes after the event is over.
- The following is a AAA rule that must be followed! Face paint, derogatory signs, and noise makers are prohibited at any ball games/activities. All persons in attendance also must wear proper attire including shirts!
- At the request of the White Hall Police Department hats must be worn forward and sagging pants will not be tolerated.

Students who do not follow the rules will be asked to leave the stadium/activity and will not be allowed to attend any future football games/activity. Students are always expected to follow the instructions of the adults. Failure to do so will result in that student being dismissed from the game/activity and disciplinary action will be taken.

SEARCH, SEIZURE, AND INTERROGATIONS

The District respects the rights of its students against arbitrary intrusion of their person and property. At the same time, it is the responsibility of school officials to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all students enrolled in the District to promote an environment conducive to student learning. The Superintendent, principals, and their designees have the right to inspect and search school property and equipment. They may also search students and their personal property in which the student has a reasonable expectation of privacy, when there is reasonable and individualized suspicion to believe such student or property contains illegal items or other items in violation of Board policy or dangerous to the school community. School authorities may seize evidence found in the search and disciplinary action may be taken. Evidence found which appears to be in violation of the law shall be reported to the appropriate authority.

School property shall include, but not be limited to, lockers, desks, and parking lots, as well as personal effects left there by students. When possible, prior notice will be given, and the student will be allowed to be present along with an adult witness; however, searches may be done at any time with or without notice or the student's consent. A personal search must not be excessively intrusive considering the age and sex of the student and the nature of the infraction.

The Superintendent, principals, and their designees may request the assistance of law enforcement officials to help conduct searches. Such searches may include the use of specially trained dogs. School authorities may use metal detectors during a search.

A school official of the same sex shall conduct personal searches with an adult witness of the same sex present.

State Law requires that Department of Human Services employees, local law enforcement, or agents of the Crimes Against Children Division of the Division of Arkansas State Police, may interview students without a court order for investigating suspected child abuse. In instances where the interviewers deem it necessary, they may exercise a "72-hour hold" without first obtaining a court order. Other questioning of students by non-school personnel shall be granted only with a court order directing such questioning, with permission of the parents of a student (or the student if above eighteen [18] years of age), or in response to a subpoena or arrest warrant.

If the District makes a report to any law enforcement agency concerning student misconduct or if access to a student is granted to a law enforcement agency due to a court order, the principal or the principal's designee shall make a good faith effort to contact the student's parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis. The principal or the principal's designee shall not attempt to make such contact if presented documentation by the investigator that notification is prohibited because a parent, guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis is named as an alleged offender of the suspected child maltreatment. This exception applies only to interview requests made by a law enforcement officer, an investigator of the Crimes Against Children Division of the Division of Arkansas State Police, or an investigator or employee of the Department of Human Services.

In instances other than those related to cases of suspected child abuse, principals must release a student to either a police officer who presents a subpoena for the student, or a warrant for arrest, or to an agent of state social services or an agent of a court with jurisdiction over a child with a court order signed by a judge. Upon release of the student, the principal or designee shall give the student's parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis notice that the student has been taken into custody by law enforcement personnel or a state's social services agency. If the principal or designee is unable to reach the parent, he or she shall make a reasonable, good faith effort to get a message to the parent to call the principal or designee and leave both a day and an after-hours telephone number.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-513; A.C.A. § 9-13-104; A.C.A. § 12-18-609, 610, 613; A.C.A. § 12-18-1001, 1005

SELLING MERCHANDISE

Students cannot sell or take orders for any items or fundraisers not approved by the principal. Students selling any item on campus without approval of the principal will have all merchandise, money, and order forms confiscated and disciplinary action may be taken.

SEX BASED HARASSMENT

The White Hall School District is committed to providing an academic environment that treats all students with respect and dignity. Student achievement is best attained in an atmosphere of equal educational opportunity that is free of discrimination. Sexual harassment is a form of discrimination that undermines the integrity of the educational environment and will not be tolerated.

The District believes the best policy to create an educational environment free from sexual harassment is prevention; therefore, the District shall provide informational materials and training to students, parents/legal guardians/other responsible adults, and employees on sexual harassment. The informational materials and training on sexual harassment shall be age appropriate and, when necessary, provided in a language other than English or in an accessible format. The informational materials and training shall include, but are not limited to: the nature of sexual harassment; the District's written grievance procedures for complaints of sexual harassment;1 that the district does not tolerate sexual harassment; that students can report inappropriate behavior of a sexual nature without fear of adverse consequences; the redress that is available to the victim of sexual harassment;2 and the potential discipline for perpetrating sexual harassment.

“Sexual harassment” means conduct that is:

- Of a sexual nature, including, but not limited to:
 - Sexual advances;
 - Requests for sexual favors;
 - Sexual violence; or
 - Other personally offensive verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature;
- Unwelcome; and
- Denies or limits a student's ability to participate in or benefit from any of the District's educational programs or activities through any or all the following methods:
 - Submission to the conduct is made, either explicitly or implicitly, a term or condition of an individual's education;
 - Submission to, or rejection of, such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for academic decisions affecting that individual; and/or
 - Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's academic performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive academic environment.

The terms “intimidating,” “hostile,” and “offensive” include conduct of a sexual nature that has the effect of humiliation or embarrassment and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it limits the student's ability to participate in, or benefit from, an educational program or activity.

Within the educational environment, sexual harassment is prohibited between any of the following: students; employees and students; and non-employees and students.

Actionable sexual harassment is generally established when an individual is exposed to a pattern of objectionable behaviors or when a single, serious act is committed. What is, or is not, sexual harassment will depend upon all the surrounding circumstances and may occur regardless of the sex of the individuals involved. Depending upon such circumstances, examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- Making sexual propositions or pressuring for sexual activities;
- Unwelcome touching;
- Writing graffiti of a sexual nature;
- Displaying or distributing sexually explicit drawings, pictures, or written materials;
- Performing sexual gestures or touching oneself sexually in front of others;
- Telling sexual or crude jokes;
- Spreading rumors related to a person's alleged sexual activities;
- Discussions of sexual experiences;
- Rating other students as to sexual activity or performance;
- Circulating or showing emails or Websites of a sexual nature;
- Intimidation by words, actions, insults, or name calling; and
- Teasing or name-calling related to sexual characteristics or the belief or perception that an individual is not conforming to expected gender roles or conduct or is homosexual, regardless of whether the student self-identifies as homosexual or transgender.

Students who believe they have been subjected to sexual harassment, or the parent/legal guardian/other responsible adult of a student who believes their student has been subjected to sexual harassment, are encouraged to file a complaint by contacting a counselor, teacher, Title IX coordinator, or administrator who will help on the complaint process. Under no circumstances shall a student be required to first report allegations of sexual harassment to a school contact person if that person is the individual who is accused of the harassment.

Complaints will be treated in a confidential manner to the extent possible. Limited disclosure may be provided to: individuals who are responsible for handling the District's investigation to the extent necessary to complete a thorough investigation; the extent necessary to submit a report to the child maltreatment hotline; the Professional Licensure Standards Board for alleging sexual harassment by an employee towards a student; or the extent necessary to provide the individual accused in the complaint due process during the investigation and disciplinary processes. Individuals who file a complaint have the right to request that the individual accused of sexual harassment not be informed of the name of the accuser; however, individuals should be aware that making such a request may substantially limit the District's ability to investigate the complaint and may make it impossible for the District to discipline the accused.

Students, or the parents/legal guardians/ other responsible adult of a student, who file a complaint of sexual harassment shall not be subjected to retaliation or reprisal in any form, including threats, intimidation, coercion, or discrimination. The District shall take steps to prevent retaliation and shall take immediate action if any form of retaliation occurs regardless of whether the retaliatory acts are by District officials, students, or third parties.

Following the completion of an investigation of a complaint, the District will inform the parents/legal guardian/other responsible adult of the student, or the student if over the age of eighteen (18), who filed the complaint:

- The final determination of the investigation;
- Remedies the District will make available to the student; and
- The sanctions, if any, imposed on the alleged harasser relevant to the student.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any student to be subjected to, or to subject another person to, sexual harassment. Following an investigation, any student who is found by the evidence to more likely than not have engaged in sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action up to, and including, expulsion.

Students who knowingly fabricate allegations of sexual harassment shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

Individuals, who withhold information, purposely provide inaccurate facts, or otherwise hinder an investigation of sexual harassment shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

The U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights requires that there are separate written grievance procedures in addition to the written policy. The grievance procedures should include the following:

- A statement of the school's jurisdiction over Title IX complaints;
- Adequate definitions of sexual harassment (which includes sexual violence) and an explanation as to when such conduct creates a hostile environment;
- Notice of where complaints may be filed;
- Reporting policies and protocols, including provisions for confidential reporting;
- Identification of the employee or employees responsible for evaluating requests for confidentiality;
- Provisions for adequate, reliable, and impartial investigation of complaints, including the opportunity for both the complainant and alleged perpetrator to present witnesses and evidence;
- Designated and reasonably prompt time frames for the major stages of the complaint process;
- Written notice to the complainant and alleged perpetrator of the outcome of the complaint;
- Notice that Title IX prohibits retaliation;
- Notice of a student's right to file a criminal complaint and a Title IX complaint simultaneously;
- Notice of available interim measures that may be taken to protect the student in the educational setting;
- The evidentiary standard that must be used (preponderance of the evidence) (i.e., more likely than not that sexual harassment occurred) in resolving a complaint;
- Notice of potential remedies for students;

- Notice of potential sanctions against perpetrators;
- Sources of counseling, advocacy, and support; and
- Assurance that the school will take steps to prevent recurrence of any sexual harassment and remedy discriminatory effects on the complainant and others, if appropriate.

Depending on the specific nature of the problem, remedies for the complainant might include, but are not limited to:

- Providing an escort to ensure that the complainant can move safely between classes and activities;
- Ensuring that the complainant and alleged perpetrator do not attend the same classes;
- Moving the complainant or alleged perpetrator to another school within the district;
- Providing counseling services (which must be free of charge to the student);
- Providing medical services;
- Providing academic support services, such as tutoring
- Arranging for the complainant to retake a course or withdraw from a class without penalty, including ensuring that any changes do not adversely affect the complainant’s academic record; and
- Reviewing any disciplinary actions taken against the complainant to see if there is a causal connection between the harassment and the misconduct that may have resulted in the complainant being disciplined.

Factors to be considered when a complainant requests no investigation, or no disciplinary action be taken include:

- Circumstances that suggest there is an increased risk of the alleged perpetrator committing additional acts of sexual harassment or other violence, which include:
 - Whether there have been other sexual harassment complaints about the same alleged perpetrator;
 - Whether the alleged perpetrator has a history of arrests or records from a prior school indicating a history of violence;
 - Whether the alleged perpetrator threatened further sexual harassment or other violence against the student or others; and
 - Whether the sexual harassment was committed by multiple perpetrators;
- Whether the student’s report reveals a pattern of perpetration, such as illicit use of drugs or alcohol, at a given location or by a group that suggests there is an increased risk of future acts of sexual harassment under similar circumstances;
- Whether the sexual harassment was perpetrated with a weapon;
- The age of the student subjected to the sexual harassment; and
- Whether the school possesses other means to obtain relevant evidence, such as through security cameras, eye witness accounts, or physical evidence.

Legal References: *Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 USC 1681, et seq. 34 CFR part 106A.C.A. § 6-15-1005 (b) (1*

STATE LAWS

A list of state laws is found in the Appendix, which is representative of those that directly relate to the conduct of individuals on or about school district property. The list is not inclusive. Students may be suspended or expelled, and criminal charges filed against those individuals for violation of these laws or other school regulations. School authorities shall take disciplinary action against students involved in criminal acts regardless of if criminal charges result.

STUDENT ASSAULT OR BATTERY

A student shall not threaten, physically abuse, or attempt to physically abuse, or behave in such a way as to be perceived to threaten bodily harm to any other person (student, school employee, or school visitor). Any gestures; vulgar, abusive, or insulting language; taunting, threatening, harassing, or intimidating remarks by a student toward another person that threatens their well-being is strictly forbidden. This includes, but is not limited to, fighting, racial, ethnic, religious, or sexual slurs.

Furthermore, it is unlawful, during regular school hours, and in a place where a public-school employee is required to be during his or her duties, for any person to address a public-school employee using language which, in its common acceptance, is calculated to:

- Cause a breach of the peace;
- Materially and substantially interfere with the operation of the school; or
- Arouse the person to whom it is addressed to anger, to the extent likely to cause imminent retaliation.

Students guilty of such an offense may be subject to legal proceedings in addition to any student disciplinary measures.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-17-106 (a)

STUDENT PARKING LOT

Before students drive/park on campus a parking permit must be obtained. To obtain a parking permit you must present a valid Arkansas driver's license, vehicle registration, proof of insurance and a valid schedule of classes.

No obscene, rude, or suggestive stickers, decals, or paint chalk to be displayed on the vehicle or parking spot.

Students driving vehicles to school must park in the designated parking lot and space. Students must use the entrances and exits in the student parking lot as designated by signs. Parking violations can result in a suspension of parking privileges.

Students arriving at school must park their vehicle, and then go into the building. Students are not allowed to linger or remain on the parking lot.

- No student will be permitted to sit in a vehicle or be present on the parking lot between classes and any other time during the school day.
- Permission must be obtained from the principal before a student returns to the parking lot.
- Once a student has left campus and does not intend to check back in, he/she may not be on campus until 3:36 p.m.
- If a student drives on campus to participate in extracurricular activities or attend class, the student must purchase a parking decal and park in their designated space.

TARDIES

Students have five (5) minutes to change classes. A student who is not in their assigned seat when the tardy bell begins to ring will be marked tardy. Students tardy more than fifteen (15) minutes will be counted absent. The Attendance Office will keep a record of each student's tardies. For emergencies, students may be excused from each class twice per semester to go to the restroom. A tardy will be counted after the second pass to the restroom. To protect instructional time from interruption, tardies will also be assigned to students who sign in late to school for any reason. Our class times are posted in this handbook and on our website. We encourage parents and community to become familiar with their students' schedule and work with us to protect the instructional day from interruption.

- Disciplinary action for tardies will be as follows:
 - 5 tardies = 5 days detention
 - 10 tardies = 3 days of ISS
 - 15 tardies = 5 days of ISS

Students will receive (5) five of ISS for each (5) tardies over fifteen tardies.

TERRORISTIC THREAT

The Board recognizes the danger that terroristic threats and acts by students present to the safety and welfare of district students, staff, and community. The Board acknowledges the need for an immediate and effective response to a situation involving such a threat or act.

- Terroristic threat--a threat to commit any crime of violence with the intent to terrorize, or to cause evacuation of a building, place, or assembly, or facility of public transportation, or otherwise to cause serious public inconvenience or in reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience.
- Terroristic act--an offense against property or involving danger to another person.

The Board prohibits any district student from communicating terroristic threats or committing terrorist acts directed against any student, employee, Board member, community member, or school building.

Staff members and students shall be responsible for informing the building principal regarding any information or knowledge relevant to a possible or actual terroristic threat or act.

When an administrator has conducted an investigation and has evidence that a student has made a terroristic threat or committed a terroristic act, the following guidelines shall be applied:

- The building principal shall immediately suspend the student.
- The building principal shall promptly report the incident to the Superintendent.
- Based on further investigation, the superintendent and/or his/her designee shall report the student to law enforcement officials.
- The superintendent shall recommend expulsion of the student to the Board. If a student is expelled for making terroristic threats or committing terroristic acts, the Board may require, prior to readmission, that the student does not pose a risk or harm to others.

THEFT

Students shall not take the property of another person or entity or be in possession of property that does not belong to them. If a student steals or is in possession of property belonging to another person or entity, they will be subject to disciplinary actions.

VANDALISM - BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The Board of Education shall encourage students, teachers, and every citizen of the community to cooperate in reporting any incidents of vandalism to property belonging to the Board and the names of the person or persons believed to be responsible. Each employee of the school district shall report to the superintendent and/or principal every incident of vandalism known to them, and, if known, the names of those responsible.

The superintendent shall be authorized to sign a criminal complaint and to press charges against perpetrators of vandalism against school property, and shall further be authorized to delegate, as he sees fit, authority to sign such complaints and to press charges. Every effort shall be made to recover damages from adult vandals or from the parents of juvenile vandals to cover the theft of equipment or the destruction of school property. This shall apply not only to damage because of breaking and entering at nights or during holidays, but also to damage done to school property by pupils during the school day, over and above normal wear and tear.

School districts can recover damages in an amount not more than \$5,000 from the parents of any minor under the age of 18, living with parents, who shall maliciously or willfully destroy property belonging to a school district. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action.

USE OF TOBACCO, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS, AND RELATED PRODUCTS

The District adheres to the fundamental elements of a *Comprehensive Tobacco Policy* to include the following:

- Prohibits against tobacco/nicotine/smokeless tobacco use by anyone:
 - on school property;
 - in school vehicles;
 - at school events on campus;
 - at school-sponsored events off campus.
- Prohibits against:
 - students exhibiting tobacco-related gear or paraphernalia
 - tobacco industry sponsorship, marketing or giveaways
- Procedures for implementing or enforcing the policy:
 - Students: Offer smoking prevention and cessation curriculum
 - Faculty/staff: Include information about tobacco cessation programs available within the community and/or Arkansas Tobacco Quitline (1-800-QUIT-NOW)
- Disciplinary action for tobacco/tobacco products/smokeless tobacco violation will be as follows:
 - 1st offense = 3 days ISS (may result in a citation)
 - 2nd offense = 3 days suspension (may result in a citation)
 - 3rd offense = 5 days suspension (may result in a citation)

Students are not to smoke, have in possession, or use any type of tobacco on the school campus at any time during the school day. The school day is from the time you arrive on the campus until you leave the campus in the afternoon. This policy applies while riding on any school bus, at ballgames and all extracurricular activities. Possession of lighters or matches can also lead to disciplinary action. See *Appendix – Arkansas State Laws – Smoking (A.C.A. 6-21-609)*

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

Definitions

“Firearm” means any device designed, made, or adapted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or any device readily convertible to that use.

“Possession” means having a weapon on the student’s body or in an area under the student’s control.

“Weapon” means any:

- Firearm;
- Knife;
- Razor;
- Ice pick;
- Dirk;
- Box cutter;
- Nun chucks;
- Pepper spray, mace, or other noxious spray;
- Explosive;
- AirSoft Gun
- Taser or another instrument that uses electrical current to cause neuromuscular incapacitation;
- or
- Any other instrument or substance capable of causing bodily harm.

No student, except for Military personnel (such as ROTC cadets) acting during their official duties or as otherwise expressly permitted by this policy, shall possess a weapon, display what appears to be a weapon, or threaten to use a weapon before or after school while:

- In a school building;
- On or about school property;
- At any school sponsored activity or event;
- On route to or from school or any school sponsored activity; or
- Off the school grounds at any school bus stop.

If a student discovers prior to any questioning or search by any school personnel that he/she has accidentally brought a weapon, other than a firearm, to school on his/her person, in a book bag/purse, or in his/her vehicle on school grounds, and the student informs the principal or a staff person immediately, the student will not be considered to be in possession of a weapon unless it is a firearm. The weapon shall be confiscated and held in the office until the student's parent/legal guardian shall pick up the weapon from the school's office. Repeated offenses are unacceptable and shall be grounds for disciplinary action against the student as otherwise provided for in this policy.

Except as permitted in this policy, students found to be in possession on the school campus of a firearm shall be recommended for expulsion for a period of one (1) year. The superintendent shall have the discretion to modify such expulsion recommendation for a student on a case-by-case basis.

Parents or legal guardians of students expelled under this policy shall be given a copy of the current laws regarding the possibility of parental responsibility for allowing a child to possess a firearm on school property. Parents or legal guardians shall sign a statement acknowledging that they have read and understand said laws prior to readmitting the student. Parents or legal guardians of a student enrolling from another school after the expiration of an expulsion period for a firearm policy violation shall also be given a copy of the current laws regarding the possibility of parental responsibility for allowing a child to possess a firearm on school property. The parents or legal guardians shall sign a statement acknowledging that they have read and understand said laws prior to the student being enrolled in school.

The mandatory expulsion requirement for possession of a firearm does not apply to a firearm brought to school for participating in activities approved and authorized by the district that include the use of firearms. Such activities may include ROTC programs, hunting safety or military education, or before or after-school hunting or rifle clubs. Firearms brought to school for such purposes shall be brought to the school employee designated to receive such firearms. The designated employee shall store the firearms in a secure location until they are removed for use in the approved activity.

The district shall report any student who brings a firearm to school to the criminal justice system or juvenile delinquency system by notifying local law enforcement.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 5-4-201; A.C.A. § 5-4-401; A.C.A. § 5-27-210; A.C.A. § 5-73-119(b)(e)(8)(9) (10); A.C.A. § 5-73-133; A.C.A. § 6-18-502; A.C.A. § 6-18-507; A.C.A. § 6-21-608; 20 USC § 7961

Note: Students will be suspended immediately, reported to legal authorities and recommended for expulsion for a period of not less than one (1) year. WARNING!! Illegal possession or use of prohibited weapons on school property or upon a school bus by a student shall result in suspension of driver's license (*A.C.A. 5-73-128*)

“ACT 259 OF 1975 - STATE OF ARKANSAS”

An Act to make it unlawful to conceal any Gun, Illegal Drug, or other contraband in any school-owned desk, locker, or other school-owned property; To allow school officials to search school-owned property without the necessity of obtaining a search warrant; And for other purpose.

WHITE HALL HIGH SCHOOL POLICIES **STUDENT RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND LIMITATIONS**

The school is a community and the rules and regulations of a school are the laws of that community. All those enjoying the rights of citizenship in the school community must also accept the responsibilities of citizenship. A basic responsibility of those who enjoy the rights of citizenship is to respect the laws of the community.

Students have the right of citizenship as delineated in the United States Constitution and its amendments; and these rights may not be abridged, obstructed or in other ways altered except in accordance with due process of law.

The principal is authorized to suspend students for cause up to ten (10) days. The Board of Education has the authority to expel students for cause for periods longer than ten (10) days.

The following rules, regulations and procedures are designed to protect all members of the educational community in the exercise of their rights and duties.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY

Students are entitled to express in writing their personal opinions. The distribution of hand written, duplicated, or printed material on school premises must be with the prior consent of the principal and may not interfere with or disrupt the educational process. Written expressions which are distributed must be signed by the authors. A student who desires to distribute written material on

school premises must present such material to the principal in the form in which it is to be distributed at least 48 hours prior to planned distribution with a written statement setting forth the purpose of distribution. The principal shall within 24 hours thereafter either accept or reject said material for distribution in writing and, if rejected, shall state the reasons for such rejection in writing. If the student is aggrieved over such rejection, they shall have the right to appeal such rejection to the Superintendent by presenting to the Superintendent a copy of such written material proposed to be distributed together with a copy of the written statement of the principal rejecting same. The Superintendent shall, within 28 hours, either approve or reject such material for distribution. If the student is dissatisfied with the decision of the Superintendent, they shall have the right to present such material to the School Board for review of the action of the principal and Superintendent at the next regular meeting of the School Board.

Students who edit, publish, or distribute handwritten, printed or duplicated matter among their fellow students within the school must assume responsibility for the content of such publications. Students who author such material should be aware that they are subject to lawsuits for libelous or slanderous materials which are published and distributed.

Libelous and obscene matter is prohibited in all publications.

Unauthorized commercial solicitation will not be allowed on school property at any time

PERSONAL SEARCH

A search of a student's person should be limited to a situation in which the administration has a reasonable belief that the student is concealing evidence of an illegal act, contraband, or has violated a school rule. Dangerous items (such as firearms, weapons, knives), controlled substances as defined by Act 590 of 1971, as amended, and other items which may be used to disrupt substantially the educational process will be removed from the student's possession and will be reported and transmitted to the proper authorities.

- An adult witness will be present when a personal search is conducted.
- Students should be asked for their consent prior to a personal search. A search warrant should be obtained if a student objects to a personal search unless there is reasonable cause to believe that a dangerous weapon such as a gun or knife is being concealed.
- A pat down search of a student's person should be done by a school official of the same sex and with an adult witness present.

DISCIPLINE FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Handicapped students who engage in misbehavior are subject to normal school disciplinary rules and procedures so long as such treatment does not abridge the right to free appropriate public education. The individualized education plan (IEP) team should consider whether discipline procedures should be adopted for that student and included in the IEP.

Handicapped students may be excluded from school only in emergencies and only for the duration of the emergency. After an emergency suspension, an immediate meeting of the students IEP team will be held with a view toward minimizing the harm resulting from the exclusion

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

Teachers at WHHS are encouraged to address minor classroom infractions within the classroom. Most commonly, a student who has violated a school or classroom rule is written up on a disciplinary referral form and sent to the office.

Administration uses the Student Discipline Chart as a *guide for the disciplinary actions* to be taken for student misconduct. Administrators may take any level of disciplinary action (minimum to maximum) prescribed in this guide for any given offense. Other considerations given when assigning disciplinary action for student misconduct are:

- Teacher Commentary and Description of Student Behavior as indicated on the Disciplinary Referral
- Number of Disciplinary Infractions the student has accumulated as recorded by the APSCN database.
- Number of previous verbal warnings the student has received from administration.
- The students' own account of his/her conduct described in the Disciplinary Referral

Disciplinary Action taken by the administration is documented on the Disciplinary Referral. A copy is held in the office and entered into the APSCN database. A copy is also given to the student for parent signature and required to be returned. Those signed disciplinary forms are kept in the student's file for the duration of the school year.

If a parent wishes to schedule a conference with the classroom teacher concerning any disciplinary referral that their child received, that conference may substitute for the student's first detention hall assignment if approved by administrator.

DETENTION HALL

Detention hall is an alternative to the disciplinary sanction of in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension for such infractions as tardiness, failure to dress out in physical education, or, improper conduct, etc. Detention Hall is held in the mornings before school at 7:30 A.M.

- Personal illness, doctor appointment or court appointment are the only excuse for not attending Detention Hall.
- Absences must be verified by doctor or court official. Any absence must be made up.
- If a student fails to report to Detention Hall twice, In School Suspension will be assigned.
- Students reporting to Detention Hall later than 7:35 a. m. will be counted senior high absent.
- Transportation to or from Detention Hall is the parent's responsibility.
- A student who accumulates more than 15 days in Detention Hall will be suspended from school.
- Students who talk, pass notes or cause any disturbances in Detention Hall will have extra time added or may be suspended.
- No sleeping.
- Assigned textbooks should always be open.
- Students who leave the Detention Hall to get study materials or to go to the bathroom will be counted as being tardy.
- An extra day will be added for each day the Detention Hall form (signed by parent) is not returned to the Detention Hall supervisor.
- Students cannot leave campus after Detention Hall is dismissed.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Saturday school is an alternative for students and parents in lieu of detention. Sessions will be *held once a month* during the school year. Sessions will begin at 8:30 and end at 11:30. Students will be given Saturday

School for (but not limited to) the following offenses:

Detention rules:

- Excessive tardiness
- Uncooperative/disruptive behavior
- Detention Hall offenses
- Truancy

Saturday School will NOT be an option for the following offenses:

- Drug, alcohol or tobacco use/possession
- Fighting
- Possession of weapons
- Assault
- Terroristic threats or bullying

Rules for Saturday School

Failure to comply with rules of Saturday School may result in further disciplinary actions.

- Report by 8:30 AM.
- Students will be dropped off at the circle drive.
- Students who drive will park in their assigned spot.
- Students must be picked up promptly by 11:30
- Dress code applies
- No cell phones
- No headphones or earpieces for music
- Students not on time or not reporting will receive further disciplinary actions
- If unable to attend due to illness or other reasons, prior arrangements must be made with administration.

Lunch Detention

Lunch Detention will be for infractions such as, but not limited to:

- Tardies
- No IDs
- Dress Code Violations.

If you are on the noon detention list, your lunch will be delivered to the classroom. A tardy bell will ring, and you will not be allowed to enter the room after the bell has rung.

Detention Hall Rules:

- Personal illness, doctor appointment, or court appointments are the only excuses for not attending lunch detention.
- Absences must be verified by a doctor or court official. Any absence must be made up.
- If a student fails to report to detention hall twice, In-School Suspension will be assigned.
- Students who talk, pass notes, or cause disturbances in Detention Hall will have extra time added or may be suspended.
- Students are not allowed to sleep.
- Students must bring work to complete.
- Students who leave detention hall to get study materials or to go to the bathroom will be counted tardy.
- An extra day will be added for each day the detention hall form (signed by a parent) is not returned to the detention hall supervisor.
- Students cannot leave campus after detention hall is dismissed unless they are in the Internship Program.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS)

- All procedures for maintaining correct student behavior that have been in practice will remain in effect. Students who misbehave in ISS will be suspended from school under the normal due process procedures. Days in ISS must be served before returning to regular classes.
- Procedures for assignment to ISS will be the same that exist for suspension. Due process will be given each student, including the right to a hearing. Parents will be notified in writing by the administration with reason for referral made clear.
- Students assigned to ISS will be given the opportunity to complete assignments and tests given while present in ISS. Full credit will be given for the work completed in ISS. The ISS Supervisor will coordinate this work with the students and teachers. (A regular class teacher will not be expected to assign make up work, give make up credit for tests or help the student catch up after returning to the regular class.)
- Students must attend ISS all day to receive credit for the day.
- Any student who is under suspension may not practice, perform, attend or otherwise take part in any activity, with any school-sponsored organization, either academic or extracurricular, for as long as suspension is in effect, this includes dances, ball games, etc. When scholastic or extracurricular events are scheduled for a Saturday, a student who is suspended on the previous Friday is ineligible to attend.
- Any student who has been in ISS or suspended will not be exempt from semester test(s).
- In the event of a school closing, i.e., holidays, inclement weather, etc., suspended day(s) will not count during this time; however, the suspended day(s) will carry forward when school is back in session.

SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL

Students who are not present at school cannot benefit from the educational opportunities the school environment affords. Administrators, therefore, shall strive to find ways to keep students in school as participants in the educational process. There are instances, however, when the needs of the other students or the interests of the orderly learning environment require the removal of a student from school. The Board authorizes school principals or their designees to suspend students for disciplinary reasons for a period not to exceed ten (10) school days, including the day upon which the suspension is imposed. The suspension may be in school or out of school. Students are responsible for their conduct that occurs:

- At any time on the school grounds;
- Off school grounds at a school-sponsored function, activity, or event; and
- Going to and from school or a school activity.

A student may be suspended for behavior including, but not limited to, that:

- Is in violation of school policies, rules, or regulations;
- Substantially interferes with the safe and orderly educational environment;
- School administrators believe will result in the substantial interference with the safe and orderly educational environment; and/or
- Is insubordinate, incorrigible, violent, or involves moral turpitude.

Out-of-school suspension (OSS) shall not be used to discipline a student in kindergarten through fifth (5th) grade unless the student's behavior:

- Poses a physical risk to himself or herself or to others;
- Causes a serious disruption that cannot be addressed through other means; or
- Is the act of bringing a firearm on school campus?

OSS shall not be used to discipline a student for skipping class, excessive absences, or other forms of truancy.

The school principal or designee shall proceed as follows in deciding whether to suspend a student:

- The student shall be given written notice or advised orally of the charges against him/her;
- If the student denies the charges, he/she shall be explained the evidence against him/her and be allowed to present his/her version of the facts; and
- If the principal finds the student guilty of the misconduct, he/she may be suspended.

When possible, notice of the suspension, its duration, and any stipulations for the student's re-admittance to class will be given to the parent(s), legal guardian(s), person(s) with lawful control of the student, person(s) standing in loco parentis, or to the student if age eighteen (18) or older prior to the suspension. Such notice shall be handed to the parent(s), legal guardian(s), person(s) having lawful control of the student, person(s) standing in loco parentis, or to the student if age eighteen (18) or older or mailed to the last address reflected in the records of the school district.

Generally, notice and hearing should precede the student's removal from school, but if prior notice and hearing are not feasible, as where the student's presence endangers persons or property or threatens disruption of the academic process, thus justifying immediate removal from school, the necessary notice and hearing should follow as soon as practicable.

It is the responsibility of a student's parents, legal guardians, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis to provide current contact information to the district, which the school shall use to immediately notify the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of a student, or person standing in loco parentis upon the suspension of a student.

The notification shall be by one of the following means, listed in order of priority:

- A primary call number;
- The contact may be by voice, voice mail, or text message.
- An email address;
- A regular first-class letter to the last known mailing address.

The district shall keep a log of contacts attempted and made to the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis.

The District shall establish programs, measures, or alternative means and methods to continue student engagement and access to education during a student's period of OSS.

During the period of their suspension, students serving OSS are not permitted on campus except to attend a student/parent/administrator conference or when necessary as part of the District's engagement or access to education program.

During the period of their suspension, students serving in-school suspension shall not attend or participate in any school-sponsored activities during the imposed suspension.

Suspensions initiated by the principal or his/her designee may be appealed to the Superintendent, but not to the Board.

Suspensions initiated by the Superintendent may be appealed to the Board.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-507; Goss v Lopez, 419 U.S. 565 (1975)

- When a student is suspended for any reason, parents will be notified in writing as soon as possible.
- Parents are requested to come to school to pick up the suspended student. At administrators' discretion, a student who is suspended from school may be allowed to finish the school day and begin the suspension the next day.
- The student will be readmitted only after a conference between the parent and assistant principal.
- Any student who is under suspension may not practice, perform, attend or otherwise take part in any activity, with any school-sponsored organization, either academic or extracurricular, for as long as suspension is in effect, this includes dances, ball games, etc. When scholastic or extracurricular events are scheduled for a Saturday, a student who is suspended on the previous Friday is ineligible to attend.
- Any student who has been in ISS or suspended will not be exempt from semester test(s).
- In the event of a school closing, i.e., holidays, inclement weather, etc., suspended day(s) will not count during this time; however, the suspended day(s) will carry forward when school is back in session.
- Days of Suspension do not count against a student's attendance record.
- STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE "ZEROES" ON ALL WORK ASSIGNED DURING THE SUSPENSION. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Any conduct that tends to be disruptive of the educational program will be grounds for suspension. Principals may, at their own discretion, assign detention hall in lieu of suspension. Some of the specific grounds for suspension are:

- fighting
- destruction of school property - students will also pay damage
- violation of driving or parking regulations
- defiant and hostile acts
- insubordination
- act involving moral turpitude
- disrespect for authority
- cutting class
- leaving school grounds at any time without permission
- tardies

Excessive violators of school rules will be suspended. Students receiving four major disciplinary reports during a school year will be subject to a suspension.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

Section 1. For this ACT.

- “School official” means any public-school employee receiving compensation for services from any public-school system in the State of Arkansas;
- “School-owned property” means any property located among premises owed in part, by the State or any desk, locker, file, or other tangible property assigned to for use or on loan to any student, or other person using said property for their own use;
- “School premises” shall mean any locale upon which is situated any school building.
- “Supervisor” shall mean any person who is employed as administrator or supervisor of any public school.

Section 2.

- It shall be unlawful for any other person using school-owned property to conceal any gun, drug, or any other contraband in any desk, locker, or other school-owned property in this State.
- Any school official employed in a supervisory capacity of students or other persons on school premises shall, upon receipt of information that drugs, or other contraband is concealed in school-owned property, without the necessity of obtaining a search warrant from local authorities. In the event such contraband is discovered, it shall be seized and held by the supervisor of the school premises until appropriate action, as described below, is taken.
- Whenever a school official discovers any gun, illegal drugs or other contraband in any school-owned property assigned to the use of an identifiable student or any other identifiable person, appropriate action of discipline, expulsion, discharge, or prosecution shall be within the discretion of the supervisor of the premises. If prosecution by local authorities is pursued, the supervisor shall release said contraband to the local prosecuting authorities to be used as evidence in court. Any evidence obtained using the procedure as defined in this Act shall be legally admissible in any court in this State.

Section 3.

All laws and parts of law in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

EXPULSION

The Board of Education may expel a student for a period longer than ten (10) school days for violation of the District’s written discipline policies. The Superintendent may make a recommendation of expulsion to the Board of Education for student conduct:

- Deemed to be of such gravity that suspension would be inappropriate;
- Where the student’s continued attendance at school would disrupt the orderly learning environment; or
- Would pose an unreasonable danger to the welfare of other students or staff.

Expulsion shall not be used to discipline a student in kindergarten through fifth (5th) grade unless the student’s behavior:

- Poses a physical risk to himself or herself or to others;
- Causes a serious disruption that cannot be addressed through other means; or
- Is the act of bringing a firearm on school campus.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall give written notice to the parents, legal guardians, persons having lawful control of the student, or persons standing in loco parentis (mailed to the address reflected on the District’s records) that he/she will recommend to the Board of Education that the student be expelled for the specified length of time and state the reasons for the recommendation to expel. The notice shall give the date, hour, and place where the Board of Education will consider and dispose of the recommendation.

The hearing shall be conducted not later than ten (10) school days 1 following the date of the notice, except that representatives of the Board and student may agree in writing to a date not conforming to this limitation.

The President of the Board, Board attorney, or other designated Board member shall preside at the hearing. The student may choose to be represented by legal counsel. Both the district administration and School Board also may be represented by legal counsel. The hearing shall be conducted in open session of the Board unless the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, person standing in loco parentis, or student if age eighteen (18) or older, requests that the hearing be conducted in executive session. Any action taken by the Board shall be in open session.

During the hearing, the Superintendent, or designee, or representative will present evidence, including the calling of witnesses, who gave rise to the recommendation of expulsion. The student, or his/her representative, may then present evidence include, statements from persons with personal knowledge of the events or circumstances relevant to the charges against the student.

Formal cross-examination will not be permitted; however, any member of the Board, the Superintendent, or designee, the student, or his/her representative may question anyone making a statement and/or the student. The presiding officer shall decide questions concerning the appropriateness or relevance of any questions asked during the hearing.

Except as permitted by policy 4.22, the Superintendent shall recommend the expulsion of any student for a period of one (1) year for possession of any firearm prohibited on school campus by law. The Superintendent shall, however, have the discretion to modify the expulsion recommendation for a student on a case-by-case basis. Parents, or legal guardians, persons having lawful control of a student, or persons standing in loco parentis of a student enrolling from another school after the expiration of an expulsion period for a weapons policy violation shall be given a copy of the current laws regarding the possibility of parental responsibility for allowing a child to possess a weapon on school property. 2 The parents, legal guardians, persons having lawful control of the student, or persons standing in loco parentis shall sign a statement acknowledging that they have read and understand said laws prior to the student being enrolled in school.

The Superintendent and the Board of Education shall complete the expulsion process of any student that was initiated because the student possessed a firearm or other prohibited weapon on school property regardless of the enrollment status of the student.

The District shall establish programs, measures, or alternative means and methods to continue student engagement and access to education during a student's period of expulsion. The District's program shall include offering an expelled student an opportunity for enrollment in digital learning courses or other alternative educational courses that result in the receipt of academic credit that is at least equal to credit the expelled student may have received from the District if the student had not been expelled.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-15-1406; A.C.A. § 6-18-502; A.C.A. § 6-18-507

GROUP HEARINGS FOR EXPULSION

When two or more students are charged with violating the same rule and have acted in concert and the facts are basically the same for all such students, a single hearing may be conducted for them if the president of the Board believes the following conditions exist:

- A single hearing will not result in confusion.
- No student will have their interest substantially prejudiced by group hearing.

If during the hearing the president finds that a student's interest will be substantially prejudiced by the group hearing, a separate hearing may be ordered for that student.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

WHITE HALL SCHOOL DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES INFORMATION

MEDICATION POLICY

The only medications students may self-administer are asthma inhalers and epi-pens. All other medications prescription and non-prescription must come through the nurse. ALL appropriate paperwork must be complete for students to be given medications. ***Students Are Not to Transport Medications of Any Kind, All Medications Must Be Brought by A Parent/Guardian and Picked Up by A Parent/Guardian.***

Students who have written permission from their parent or guardian and a licensed health care practitioner to self-administer either a rescue inhaler or auto-injectable epinephrine, or both and who have a current consent form on file shall be allowed to carry and self-administer such medication while in school, at an on-site school sponsored activity, while traveling to or from school, or at an off-site school sponsored activity. Students are prohibited from sharing, transferring, or in any way diverting his/her medications to any other person. The fact that a student with a completed consent form on file can carry a rescue inhaler or auto-injectable epinephrine, or both does not require him/her to have such on his/her person. The parent or guardian of a student who qualifies under this policy to self-carry a rescue inhaler or auto-injectable epinephrine, or both on his/her person shall provide the school with the appropriate medication which shall be immediately available to the student in an emergency.

STUDENT MEDICATIONS

Prior to the administration of any medication, including any dietary supplement or other perceived health remedy not regulated by the US Food and Drug Administration, to any student under the age of eighteen (18), written parental consent is required. The consent form shall include authorization to administer the medication and relieve the Board and its employees of civil liability for damages or injuries resulting from the administration of medication to students in accordance with this policy. All signed medication consent forms are to be maintained by the school nurse.

Unless authorized to self-administer, students are not allowed to carry any medications, including over-the-counter (OTC) medications or any dietary supplement or other perceived health remedy not regulated by the US Food and Drug Administration, while at school. The parent or legal guardian shall bring the student's medication to the school nurse. The student may bring the medication if accompanied by a written authorization from the parent or legal guardian. When medications are brought to the school nurse, the nurse shall document, in the presence of the parent, the quantity of the medication(s). If the medications are brought by a student, the school nurse shall ask another school employee to verify, in the presence of the student the quantity of the medication(s). Each person present shall sign a form verifying the quantity of the medication(s).

Medications, including those for self-medication, must be in the original container and be properly labeled with the student's name, the ordering provider's name, the name of the medication, the dosage, frequency, and instructions for the administration of the medication (including times). Additional information accompanying the medication shall state the purpose for the medication, its possible side effects, and any other pertinent instructions (such as special storage requirements) or warnings. Schedule II medications that are permitted by this policy to be brought to school shall be stored in a double locked cabinet.

Students with an *Individualized Health Plan* (IHP) may be given over-the-counter medications to the extent giving such medications are included in the student's IHP.

Schedule II Medications

The only Schedule II medications that shall be allowed to be brought to the school are methylphenidate (e.g. Ritalin or closely related medications as determined by the school nurse), dextroamphetamine (Dexedrine), and amphetamine sulfate (e.g. Adderall or closely related medications as determined by the school nurse). For the student's safety, no student will be allowed to attend school if the student is currently taking any other Schedule II medication than permitted by this policy. Students who are taking Schedule II medications which are not allowed to be brought to school shall be eligible for homebound instruction if provided for in their IEP or 504 plans.

The district's supervising registered nurse shall be responsible for creating both on campus and off campus procedures for administering medications.

Emergency Administration of Rescue Medications

The school nurse or other school employees designated by the school nurse as a care provider who have been trained and certified by a licensed physician may administer an epinephrine auto-injector or albuterol inhaler in emergency situations to students who have an *Individualized Health Plan (IHP)* developed under Section 504. The parent of a student who has an authorizing IHP, or the student if over the age of eighteen (18), shall annually complete and sign a written consent form provided by the student's school nurse authorizing the nurse or other school employee certified to administer auto-injector epinephrine or albuterol inhaler to the student when the employee believes the student is having a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction or asthma attack.

Students with an order from and a licensed health care provider to self-administer auto-injectable epinephrine or albuterol inhaler and who have written permission from their parent or guardian shall provide the school nurse with an epinephrine auto-injector or albuterol inhaler. These medications will be used in the event the school nurse, or other school employee certified to administer them, in good faith professionally believes the student is having a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction or asthma attack and the student is either not self-carrying his/her epinephrine auto-injector/albuterol inhaler or the nurse is unable to locate it.

The school nurse for each District school shall keep epinephrine auto-injectors and albuterol inhalers on hand that are suitable for the students the school serves. The school nurse or other school employee designated by the school nurse as a care provider who has been trained and certified by a licensed physician may administer auto-injector epinephrine or albuterol inhaler to those students who the school nurse, or other school employee certified to administer auto-injector epinephrine or albuterol inhaler, in good faith professionally believes is having a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction or asthma attack.

Students may be administered Glucagon, insulin, or hydrocortisone separately or together in emergency situations by the school nurse or, in the absence of the school nurse, a trained volunteer school employee designated as a care provider, provided the student has an IHP that provides for the administration of Glucagon, insulin, hydrocortisone in emergency situations and a current, valid consent form on file from their parent or guardian.

The school nurse for each District school shall keep anti-opioid injectors on hand. The school nurse, other school employee, volunteer, or student may administer anti-opioid in accordance with the District's procedures to a student who the school nurse, or other observer, in good faith believes is having an opioid overdose.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS PROCEDURES

Whenever possible, the White Hall School District requests that parents administer medication to their child at home before or after school. White Hall Schools recognize some medications are best given at Noon or another time during the school day to optimally enhance the student's educational experience.

- 1) All medication should be delivered to the school office by the student's parent/guardian in the original pharmacy-labeled or manufacturer's container. (Most pharmacists will provide an extra labeled prescription bottle for school use if asked). A medication release form will also be filled out at the time the medicine is brought to school.
- 2) Students are not allowed to have medication in their possession on school property or buses, unless the student has a medical diagnosis that requires the student to carry rescue or maintenance medications at all times. For a student to carry these medications, a self-medication form must be on file in the health office.
- 3) School staff will administer UP TO 6 DOSES per semester of pain reliever or other non-prescription medication with **PARENTAL PERMISSION** (Student Health Information sheet found in the Student Handbook). White Hall Schools will have a supply of acetaminophen (Tylenol) regular strength (See Tylenol Policy). A parent will be required to supply any other nonprescription medication to the health office in the original container for their child. **NO ZIPPER BAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The decision to administer medication under these conditions will be at the discretion of the school nurse. In the absence of a Health Services staff member each building administrator will make the decision if nonprescription medications will be dispensed. Students will not be administered medication more than the dosage stated on the bottle's directions. No more than one dose of medicine will be given during the school day without a **DOCTOR'S ORDER**.
- 4) A **DOCTOR'S ORDER** is **REQUIRED** for prescription medication or nonprescription medication after the first 6 doses and a *Medication Release Form* must be completed before medication can be given to a student.
- 5) In the absence of the school nurse, or if the student is away on a field trip, school staff trained by the nurse and delegated by the nurse or principal may administer medication if all appropriate paperwork is in place. However, medication not ordered by a physician and is nonprescription will be administered at the discretion of the building administrator.
- 6) Homeopathic substances or vitamins will not be given at school without a licensed doctor order and a completed Medication Release Form. Students are not allowed to self-administer these items at school.
- 7) **ALL MEDICATIONS MUST BE PICKED UP BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN.** The school shall not keep outdated medications or any medications past the end of the school year. Parents shall be notified ten (10) days in advance of the school's intention to dispose of any medication. Medications not picked up by the parents or legal guardians within the ten (10) day period shall be disposed of by the school nurse in accordance with current law and regulations.

Legal References:

Ark. State Board of Nursing: School Nurse Roles and Responsibilities, Arkansas Department of Education and Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules Governing the Administration of Glucagon to Arkansas Public School Students Suffering from Type I Diabetes, *A.C.A. § 6-18-707, A.C.A. § 6-18-1005(a)(6), A.C.A. § 17-87-103 (11)*

***If a situation arises where this policy cannot be met, a parent/guardian may come to school to administer medication to their child in the school office.*

BENADRYL POLICY

White Hall Schools will only use Benadryl in the case of an allergic reaction. We will not administer Benadryl for cold and congestion symptoms, unless ordered by a physician. Due to the nature of Benadryl and the most common side effect causing drowsiness, parents will be notified before the Benadryl is to be given and the student will need to be picked up from school.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND PARASITES

Students with communicable diseases or with human host parasites that are transmittable in a school environment shall demonstrate respect for other students by not attending school while they can transmit their condition to others. Students whom the school nurse determines are unwell or unfit for school attendance or who are believed to have a communicable disease or condition will be required to be picked up by their parent or guardian. Specific examples include but are not limited to: Varicella (chicken pox), measles, scabies, conjunctivitis (Pink Eye), impetigo/MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus), streptococcal and staphylococcal infections, ringworm, mononucleosis, Hepatitis A, B, or C, mumps, vomiting, diarrhea, and fever (100.0F when taken orally). A student who has been sent home by the school nurse will be subsequently readmitted, at the discretion of the school nurse, when the student is no longer a transmission risk. In some instances, a letter from a health care provider may be required prior to the student being readmitted to the school.

To help control the possible spread of communicable diseases, school personnel shall follow the District's exposure control plan when dealing with any blood borne, foodborne, and airborne pathogens exposures. Standard precautions shall be followed relating to the handling, disposal, and cleanup of blood and other potentially infectious materials such as all body fluids, secretions and excretions (except sweat).

In accordance with 4.57—IMMUNIZATIONS, the District shall maintain a copy of each student's immunization record and a list of individuals with exemptions from immunization which shall be education records as defined in policy 4.13. That policy provides that an education record may be disclosed to appropriate parties about an emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals.

A student enrolled in the District who has an immunization exemption may be removed from school at the discretion of the Arkansas Department of Health during an outbreak of the disease for which the student is not vaccinated. The student may not return to school until the outbreak has been resolved and the Arkansas Department of Health approves the student's return to school.

The parents or legal guardians of students found to have live human host parasites that are transmittable in a school environment will be asked to pick their child up immediately. The parents or legal guardians will be given information concerning the eradication and control of human host parasites. A student may be readmitted after the school nurse or designee has determined the student no longer has live human host parasites that are transmittable in a school environment.

Each school may conduct screenings of students for human host parasites that are transmittable in a school environment as needed. The screenings shall be conducted in a manner that respects the privacy and confidentiality of each student. *A.C.A. § 6-18-702; Arkansas State Board of Health Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization Requirements; Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Kindergarten through 12th Grade Immunization Requirements*

CONTAGIOUS ILLNESS POLICY

It is our goal in Health Services to keep students healthy, in class, and learning. However, there are times when a student is sick or potentially contagious to other students and staff. When these times are observed parents/guardians will be contacted to pick up their child.

Parents/Guardians will be notified with the following conditions:

- *Temperature of 100 or higher;
- *Vomiting;
- *Diarrhea (if it interferes with classes);
- *Infections of the eyes;
- *Any open draining wound that has not been medically treated.

In the event of a Viral Epidemic/Pandemic type situation, the White Hall School District will defer to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and the Arkansas Department of Health for recommendation and implementation. Parents or legal guardians will be notified of potential risk to students and what precautions to take.

FEVER POLICY

Any student running a temperature of 100 degrees or greater will be sent home. Tylenol will be given with prior written permission by parents (Student Health Information Sheet in the Student Handbook).

Students should stay home until they are fever free for **24** hours without taking medication to reduce temperature.

Should your student get sent home the remainder of the day will be an excused absence, however, any day after that will either be a parent call-in excused day (if any are available), a medical excused day with a note from a doctor, or an unexcused day (if no parent call-in days are left).

HEAD LICE (Pediculosis)

The fact that head lice are transmitted from one person to another necessitates that students infested with lice be excluded from school until full treatment has been completed. Effective control of head lice in the public schools is essential; therefore, the following procedure will be followed in the identification and treatment of students with lice:

1. Identification of infestation will be made by the school nurse, principal or other trained school personnel.
2. Parents will be required to come to school immediately and pick-up student for treatment. Information regarding treatment of student and home environment will be given to parent or legal guardian at that time.
3. Student must be lice and nit free upon return to school along with proof of treatment (receipt of purchase or product label) must be given to school personnel.
4. Students with 20% to 30% viable nits left in hair after shampooing are considered to still have lice and therefore will be excluded from school until nits are removed from hair.
5. Proof of secondary treatment will be given to school personnel seven (7) to ten (10) days after initial treatment.

Because pediculosis has varying effects on eggs or nits, the student must have all nits removed from hair. The benefit of nit removal is as follows:

1. Prevents self-re-infestation or transmission to others during the five (5) to seven (7) days prior to second treatment.
2. It eliminates diagnostic confusion and documents treatment for school nurse.
3. Reduces the need of pediculosis thereby permitting use of less toxic products.
4. Encourages parents to check children's hair often, which is the best form of prevention and control.
5. Environmental spraying of schools is to be avoided to the maximum extent possible. These sprays are of questionable benefit and can be toxic in the vaporous state; therefore, they are potentially harmful.

HEALTH CARE PLANS

All students identified with a chronic medical condition will require a student health care plan be initiated on them. Parents will be contacted to set up a Health Conference with the District RN. At the meeting health information will be reviewed and paperwork will be updated as needed.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

School nurses are on duty during school hours. They are available to students who become ill or injured during school hours and will contact a parent/guardian when the situation warrants. Feel free to contact them with any questions or comments regarding the health and safety of your child. Because most of your child's waking hours are spent at school it is important that we have their health information on file as well as emergency contact names and phone numbers. Please update these with the school office when necessary.

ILLNESS/ACCIDENT

If a student becomes too ill to remain in class and/or could be contagious to other students, the principal or designee will attempt to notify the student's parent or legal guardian. The student will remain in the school's health room or a place where he/she can be supervised until the end of the school day or until the parent/legal guardian can check the student out of school. Students who are eighteen (18) years of age or older are legal adults, and as such have the right to check themselves out of school.

If a student becomes seriously ill or is injured while at school and the parent/legal guardian cannot be contacted, the failure to make

such contact shall not unreasonably delay the school's expeditious transport of the student to an appropriate medical care facility.

The school assumes no responsibility for treatment of the student. When available, current, and applicable, the student's emergency contact numbers and medical information will be utilized. Parents are strongly encouraged to keep this information up to date.

Students with minor injuries occurring at school will be treated and returned to class. First aid treatments and preparations used are in accordance with Red Cross First Aid as recommended by the Arkansas State Board of Education, School Health Services Program.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Definitions

"In process" means the student has received at least one dose of the required immunizations and is waiting the minimum time interval to receive the additional dose(s).

"Serologic testing" refers to a medical procedure used to determine an individual's immunity to Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella.

General Requirements

Unless otherwise provided by law or this policy, no student shall be admitted attending classes in the District who has not been age appropriately immunized against:

- Poliomyelitis;
- Diphtheria;
- Tetanus;
- Pertussis;
- Red (rubeola) measles;
- Rubella;
- Mumps;
- Hepatitis A;
- Hepatitis B;
- Meningococcal disease;
- Varicella (chickenpox); and
- Any other immunization required by the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH).

The District administration has the responsibility to evaluate the immunization status of District students. The District shall maintain a list of all students who are not fully age appropriately immunized or who have an exemption provided by ADH to the immunization requirements based on medical, religious, or philosophical grounds. Students who are not fully age appropriately immunized when seeking admittance shall be referred to a medical authority for consultation.

The only types of proof of immunization the District will accept are immunization records provided by a:

- A. Licensed physician;
- B. Health department;
- C. Military service; or
- D. Official record from another educational institution in Arkansas.

The proof of immunization must include the vaccine type and dates of vaccine administration. Documents stating "up-to-date", "complete", "adequate", and the like will not be accepted as proof of immunization. No self or parental history of varicella disease will be accepted. Valid proof of immunization and of immunity based on serological testing shall be entered into the student's record.

To continue attending classes in the District, the student must have submitted:

- 1) Proof of immunization showing the student to be fully age appropriately vaccinated;
- 2) Written documentation by a public health nurse or private physician of proof the student is in process of being age appropriately immunized, this includes a schedule of the student's next immunization;
- 3) A copy of a letter from ADH indicating immunity based on serologic testing; and/or
- 4) A copy of the letter from ADH exempting the student from the immunization requirements for the current school year, or a copy of the application for an exemption for the current school year if the exemption letter has not yet arrived.

Students whose immunization records or serology results are lost or unavailable are required to receive all age appropriate vaccinations or submit number 4 above.

Temporary Admittance

While students who are not fully age appropriately immunized or have not yet submitted an immunization, waiver may be enrolled to attend school, such students shall be allowed to attend school on a temporary basis only. Students admitted on a temporary basis may be admitted for a maximum of thirty (30) days (or until October 1st of the current school year for the tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, and meningococcal vaccinations required at ages eleven (11) and sixteen (16) respectively if October 1st is later in the current school year than the thirty (30) days following the student's admittance). No student shall be withdrawn and readmitted to extend the thirty (30) day period. Students may be allowed to continue attending beyond the thirty (30) day period if the student submits a copy of either number 2 or number 4 above.

Students who are in process shall be required to adhere to the submitted schedule. Failure of the student to submit written documentation from a public health nurse or private physician demonstrating the student received the vaccinations set forth in the schedule may lead to the revocation of the student's temporary admittance; such students shall be excluded from school until the documentation is provided.

The District will not accept copies of applications requesting an exemption for the current school year that is older than two (2) weeks based on the date on the application. Students who submit a copy of an application to receive an exemption from the immunization requirements for the current year to gain temporary admittance have thirty (30) days from the admission date to submit either a letter from ADH granting the exemption or documentation demonstrating the student is in process and a copy of the immunization schedule. Failure to submit the necessary documentation by the close of the thirty (30) days will result in the student being excluded until the documentation is submitted.

Exclusion from School

In the event of an outbreak, students who are not fully age appropriately immunized, are in process, or are exempt from the immunization requirements may be required to be excluded from school to protect the student. ADH shall determine if it is necessary for students to be excluded in the event of an outbreak. Students may be excluded for twenty-one (21) days or longer depending on the outbreak. No student excluded due to an outbreak shall be allowed to return to school until the District receives approval from ADH.

Students who are excluded from school are not eligible to receive homebound instruction unless the excluded student had a pre-existing IEP or 504 Plan and the IEP/504 team determines homebound instruction to be in the best interest of the student. To the extent possible, the student's teacher(s) shall place in the principal's office a copy of the student's assignments:

- for the remainder of the week by the end of the initial school day of the student's exclusion; and
- by the end of each school's calendar week for the upcoming week until the student returns to school.

It is the responsibility of the student or the student's parent/legal guardian to make sure that the student's assignments are collected. Students excluded from school shall have five (5) school days from the day the student returns to school to submit any homework and to make up any examinations. State mandated assessments are not included in "examinations" and the District has no control over administering state mandated make-up assessments outside of the state's schedule. Students shall receive a grade of zero for any assignment or examination not completed or submitted on time. *Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-702, ADE Rules Governing Kindergarten through 12th Grade Immunization Requirements in Arkansas Public Schools, ADH Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Immunization Requirements*

Annually by December 1, the District shall create, maintain, and post to the District's website a report that includes the following for each disease requiring an immunization under this policy: The number of students in the District that were granted an exemption by the Department of Health from an immunization; The percentage of students in the District that were granted an exemption by the Department of Health from an immunization; and The percentage of a population that must receive an immunization for herd immunity to exist. *Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-702 DESE Rules Governing Kindergarten Through 12th Grade Immunization Requirements in Arkansas Public Schools ADH Rules Pertaining to Immunization Requirements*

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The Arkansas State Board of Health revised and clarified the immunization requirements under Ark. Code Ann. §§ 20-7-109, 6-18-702, 6-60-501-504, and 20-78-206. The updated requirements for entrance into Kindergarten and grades 1st thru 12th are as follows:

- 4 doses of **DTP/DT/Td/DTaP/Tdap**, with 1 dose on or after the 4th birthday. **ALL STUDENTS K-12th**
- 3 doses of **Polio** vaccine, with 1 dose on or after the 4th birthday. **ALL STUDENTS K-12th**
- 2 doses of **MMR** (measles, mumps, rubella), with 1st dose on or after 1st birthday. **ALL STUDENTS K-12th**
- 3 doses of **Hepatitis B** vaccine. **ALL STUDENTS K-12th**
- 2 doses of **Varicella** with 1st dose on or after 1st birthday. (Physician documentation only for history of disease will be accepted). **ALL STUDENTS K-12th**
- Kindergarten and 1st grade students will be required to have 1 dose of **Hepatitis A**. **KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE**
- ALL students 11 years and older by September 1st of each year will be required to have a **Tdap** vaccination. **ANY STUDENT AGE 11 AND OVER**
- All 7th graders will be required to have one dose of **MCV4** (Meningococcal) vaccine with a second dose administered at age 16. If not vaccinated prior to age 16 years, 1 dose is required for all students who are age 16 on or before September 1st of each year.

LIFE-THREATENING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

If your child has been diagnosed with asthma, a severe allergy, or any other life-threatening illness, please provide the appropriate medication as prescribed by your child's physician to be kept at school for such emergencies. Having your child's medications immediately available is very important. It is acceptable for students to carry and self-administer inhalers for asthma and epi-pens for severe allergies. The proper paperwork must be on file in the office stating parental responsibility and physician's recommendation for self-administration. Duplicate medications should be kept in the Health Office.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OR SCREENINGS

The district conducts routine health screenings such as hearing, vision, and scoliosis due to the importance these health factors play in the ability of a student to succeed in school. The intent of the exams or screenings is to detect defects in hearing, vision, or other elements of health that would adversely affect the student's ability to achieve to his/her full potential.

The rights provided to parents under this policy transfer to the student when he/she turns eighteen (18) years old.

Except in instances where a student is suspected of having a contagious or infectious disease, parents shall have the right to opt their student out of the exams or screenings by providing written request or certification from a physician that he/she has recently examined the student.

This policy is not intended to and does not cover invasive physical examinations. "Invasive Physical Examinations" is defined in federal law as any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts, or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion or injection into the body. It is our understanding that most students who would receive an invasive physical examination would do so as part of the student's individual health plan (IHP) or while at a school-based health clinic; neither situation is intended to be covered by this policy.

In the event a student did not fall under one of the above situations, districts should be aware that an invasive physical examination requires that the student's parent/legal guardian be "directly" notified of the specific or approximate dates (to the extent known) during the school year when the invasive physical examination is scheduled within a reasonable period that would provide the parent and opportunity to object. Parents of a student whose IHP covers an invasive physical examination have granted permission for that specific type of exam as part of the establishment of the IHP.

"Directly notified" means by mail or email; inclusion in the student handbook does not meet the law's requirements.

Districts with students who participate as athletes in the Arkansas Special Olympics programs should be aware that the student's physical examination for participation in the program must be signed by either an advanced practice nurse or a licensed physician. Many of the participating students often have multiple health challenges, which can sometimes be deadly in the right circumstances (These are often referred to as "co-morbidities".) As a result, it is important that the Special Olympics athlete medical form be completed by the parent and the qualified health care provider. *A.C.A. § 6-18-701 (b), (c), (f)*

Any student registering for Kindergarten must have a current physical exam by a licensed physician as well as a complete immunization record.

Annual State Mandated Health Screenings:

Dental: All students in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades receive a dental screening. The exam is performed by a local dentist and a letter with his/her findings will be sent home.

Vision and Hearing: All students in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, and transfer students will have vision and hearing screenings. Should a student have difficulty with either screening, a letter of referral will be sent home.

Body Mass Index (BMI): All students in Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, and 10th will have height and weight measured for BMI in accordance with current Arkansas School Law. A letter with the results will be sent home at the end of the school year.

Scoliosis (curvature of the spine): 6th grade female students and all 8th grade students are to be screened for scoliosis. You will be notified prior to the screening. Should any abnormalities be discovered, a letter of referral will be sent home.

TYLENOL POLICY

Tylenol (acetaminophen) will be given as directed on the label for fever, headaches, or mild pain. A student will only be given Tylenol 6 times per semester unless ordered otherwise by a doctor. (Please see the Medication Policy for further explanation).

AMBULANCE DISPATCH PROTOCOL/POLICY

In the event a student experiences a life-threatening illness or injury, this protocol will be followed. The following situations will result in an immediate 9-1-1 call to dispatch an ambulance and then a call to parents/guardians:

- Any time CPR is done or an AED (automated external defibrillator) is used.
- Loss of consciousness where the student cannot be easily aroused, or the student goes in and out of consciousness.
- Allergic reactions that require the use of an epi-pen.
- Diabetic unconsciousness that requires the use of glucagon.
- A student having a seizure that is not documented as having a history of seizures, or if the student is a documented seizure patient, medical doctor's orders will be followed as to when to activate EMS.
- If a student has a compound fracture, this is a broken bone that has punctured the skin and is protruding out.

Any other illnesses or injuries will be assessed by Health Services Personnel and if an ambulance is recommended, parents/guardians will be notified for authorization. If parents/guardians choose not to dispatch an ambulance and the student's condition deteriorates Health Services reserves the right to dispatch an ambulance.

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

It is the statutory duty of all licensed school district employees to:

If the employee has reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or maltreatment, then the employee shall directly and personally report these suspicions to the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline, by calling 1- 800-482-5964; by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-482-5964 and submitting a report through fax to the Child Abuse Hotline; or if the employee can demonstrate that the child maltreatment, neglect, or abuse is not an emergency, then the employee may notify the Child Abuse Hotline submission of a fax only. Failure to report suspected child abuse, maltreatment, or neglect through the hotline can lead to criminal prosecution and individual civil liability of the person who has this duty. Notification of local or state enforcement does not satisfy the duty to report; only notification by means of the Child Abuse Hotline discharges this duty.

If the employee has a good faith belief that there is a serious and imminent threat to the public based on a threat made by an individual regarding violence in or targeted at a school that has communicated to the employee in the ordinary course of his/her professional duties, then the employee shall make every attempt to immediately notify law enforcement of the serious and imminent threat to the public and notify law enforcement with twenty-four hours of learning of the serious and imminent threat to the public. The duty of mandated reporters to report suspected child abuse or maltreatment or serious and imminent threats to the public is a direct and personal duty, and cannot be assigned or delegated to another person. There is no duty to investigate, confirm or substantiate statements a student may have made which form the basis of the reasonable cause to believe that the student may have been abused or subjected to maltreatment by another person or that form a basis of the serious and imminent threat to the public; however, a person with a duty to report may find it helpful to make a limited inquiry to assist in the formation of a belief that child abuse, maltreatment, or neglect has occurred; that a serious and imminent threat to the public exist; or to rule out such a belief.

Employees and volunteers who notify the Child Abuse Hotline or who report serious and imminent threats to the public to law enforcement in good faith are immune from civil liability and criminal prosecution.

By law, no school district or school district employee may prohibit or restrict an employee or volunteer from directly reporting suspected child abuse, maltreatment, or a serious and imminent threat to the public, or require that any person notify or seek permission from any person before making a report to the Child Abuse Hotline or law enforcement.

DIETARY SUBSTITUTIONS

If a student requires a dietary substitution for a medical reason (examples: food allergy, diabetes, etc.), federal regulations require a written physician's order. Forms are available in the Health Office and must be updated with the nurse annually.

HOMELESS STUDENTS

The White Hall School District will afford the same services and educational opportunities to homeless children as are afforded to non-homeless children. The Superintendent or his/her designee shall appoint an appropriate staff person to be the local educational agency (LEA) liaison for homeless children and youth whose responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to:

Receive appropriate time and training to carry out the duties required by law and this policy;

- Coordinate and collaborate with the State Coordinator, community, and school personnel responsible for education and related services to homeless children and youths;
- Ensure that school personnel receive professional development and other support regarding their duties and responsibilities for homeless youths;
- Ensure that unaccompanied homeless youths:
 - Are enrolled in school;
 - Have opportunities to meet the same challenging State academic standards as other children and youths; and
 - Are informed of their status as independent students under the Higher Education Act of 1965 and that they may obtain assistance from the LEA liaison to receive verification of such status for purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid;
- Ensure that public notice of the educational rights of the homeless children and youths is disseminated in locations frequented by parents or guardians of such youth, and unaccompanied homeless youths, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form that is easily understandable.

To the extent possible, the LEA liaison and the building principal shall work together to ensure no homeless child or youth is harmed due to conflicts with District policies solely because of the homeless child or youth's living situation; this is especially true for District policies governing fees, fines, and absences.

Notwithstanding Policy 4.1, homeless students living in the district are entitled to enroll in the district's school that non-homeless students who live in the same attendance area are eligible to attend. If there is a question concerning the enrollment of a homeless child due to a conflict with Policy 4.1 or 4.2, the child shall be immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought pending resolution of the dispute, including all appeals. It is the responsibility of the District's LEA liaison for homeless children and youth to carry out the dispute resolution process.

For the purposes of this policy "school of origin" means:

- The school that a child or youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled, including a preschool; and
- The designated receiving school at the next grade level for all feeder schools when the child completes the final grade provided by the school of origin.

The District shall do one of the following according to what is in the best interests of a homeless child: Continue the child's or youth's education in the school of origin for the duration of homelessness:

- In any case in which a family becomes homeless between academic years or during an academic year; and
- For the remainder of the academic year, if the child or youth becomes permanently housed during an academic year; or

Enroll the child or youth in any public school that nonhome less students who live in the attendance area in which the child or youth is living are eligible to attend.

In determining the best interest of the child or youth, the District shall:

- Presume that keeping the child or youth in the school of origin is in the child's or youth's best interest, except when doing so is contrary to the request of the child's or youth's parent or guardian, or (in the case of an unaccompanied youth) the youth;
- Consider student-centered factors related to the child's or youth's best interest, including factors related to the impact of mobility on achievement, education, health, and safety of homeless children and youth, giving priority to the request of the child's or youth's parent or guardian or (in the case of an unaccompanied youth) the youth.

If the District determines that it is not in the child's or youth's best interest to attend the school of origin or the school requested by the parent or guardian, or (in the case of an unaccompanied youth) the youth, the District shall provide the child's or youth's parent or guardian or the unaccompanied youth with a written explanation of the reasons for its determination, in a manner and form understandable to such parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth, including information regarding the right to appeal. For an unaccompanied youth, the District shall ensure that the LEA liaison assists in placement or enrollment decisions, gives priority to the views of such unaccompanied youth, and provides notice to such youth of the right to appeal.

The homeless child or youth must be immediately enrolled in the selected school regardless of whether application or enrollment deadlines were missed during the period of homelessness.

The District shall be responsible for providing transportation for a homeless child, at the request of the parent or guardian (or in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the LEA Liaison), to and from the child's school of origin.

For the purposes of this policy, students shall be considered homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and /are:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- Abandoned in hospitals; or
- Awaiting foster care placement;
- Have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- Are migratory children who are living in circumstances described in clauses (a) through (c).

In accordance with Federal law, information on a homeless child or youth's living situation is part of the student's education record and shall not be considered, or added, to the list of directory information in Policy 4.13.

LEA liaisons who receive appropriate training may now affirm that a child or youth who is eligible for and participating in a program provided by the LEA, or the immediate family of such a child or youth, is eligible for homeless assistance programs administered under Title IV of the McKinney Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act without further determinations from other governmental entities.

The District's liability for transportation is more fully covered by 42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(1)(J)(iii)(I) and (II), which read as follows:

- If the child or youth continues to live in the area served by the local educational agency in which the school of origin is located, the child's or youth's transportation to and from the school of origin shall be provided or arranged by the local educational agency in which the school of origin is located.
- (II) If the child's or youth's living arrangements in the area served by the local educational agency of origin terminate and the child or youth, though continuing the child's or youth's education in the school of origin, begins living in an area served by another local educational agency, the local educational agency of origin and the local educational agency in which the child or youth is living shall agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs for providing the child or youth with transportation to and from the school of origin. If the local educational agencies are unable to agree upon such method, the responsibility and costs for transportation shall be shared equally 42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq., 42 U.S.C. § 11431 (2), 42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(1)(H)(I), 42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(1)(H)(I)

INSURANCE FOR STUDENTS

The White Hall School District has purchased blanket interscholastic insurance coverage for all students participating in extracurricular activities in grades 7-12. This provides secondary/supplemental coverage to students while actively engaged and participating in the play or practice of activities sponsored by the Arkansas Activities Association.

This type of coverage is designed to supplement the students insurance by assisting with balances left unpaid by your primary insurance. You are required to have primary insurance coverage. The supplemental policy will not cover the full cost of medical treatment. Claims must be submitted within 30 days of the accident. The White Hall School District will not pay the cost of deductibles or co-payments for athletes. Please contact the Athletic Director at the White Hall District Office for additional information.

PROCEDURES

ADMITTANCE TO THE BUILDING

All Students will be admitted to the cafeteria each morning through the courtyard entrance of the building. After the 8:20 tardy bell everyone is to enter the school at the front entrance on Bulldog Drive, all other doors will be locked.

After school, students will be allowed ten minutes to clear the building and parking lot after the final bell. No Entry into the building after school hours. After 3:45 students must be picked up in front of the school on Bulldog Drive. No student should be left on campus after 4:00 p.m. Students who are not picked up by 4:00 PM will be required to call a guardian. A required meeting will be schedule between the guardian and the administration after three late pick ups.

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

White Hall High School provides an alternative learning environment for students who, for various reasons, are not successful in the traditional school program. ADE guidelines are used in determining if a student is eligible for placement in our ALE classrooms. ALE teachers are licensed Arkansas teacher who provide instruction based on Arkansas Curriculum Frameworks in each subject area. White Hall High School uses a blended method of delivery of instruction in teacher led, online instruction and small group instruction. ALE teachers and staff are trained to meet the needs of our students. The goal of the ALE classroom is the provide skills to the students to overcome the barriers to achieve academic success.

Parents interested in this program may contact the high school principal for more information in the type of programs offered by the ALE and for possible inclusion in this program. Students may be placed in ALE for the following factors: personal or family problems or situations, recurring absenteeism, risk of or a current drop-out, disruptive behavior and medical issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

School announcements will be made through bulletins, school intercom, and the school electronic message system. A copy of the announcements will be posted throughout the building as needed.

CONTACT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, SOCIAL SERVICES, OR BY COURT ORDER

State Law requires that Department of Human Services employees, local law enforcement, or agents of the Crimes Against Children Division of the Department of Arkansas State Police, may interview students without a court order for investigating suspected child abuse. In instances where the interviewers deem it necessary, they may exercise a “72-hour hold” without first obtaining a court order.

Other questioning of students by non-school personnel shall be granted only with a court order directing such questioning, with permission of the parents of a student (or the student if above eighteen [18] years of age), or in response to a subpoena or arrest warrant.

If the District makes a report to any law enforcement agency concerning student misconduct or if access to a student is granted to a law enforcement agency due to a court order, the principal or the principal’s designee shall make a good faith effort to contact the student’s parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis identified on student enrollment forms.

In instances other than those related to cases of suspected child abuse, principals must release a student to either a police officer who presents a subpoena for the student, or a warrant for arrest, or to an agent of state social services or an agent of a court with jurisdiction over a child with a court order signed by a judge. Upon release of the student, the principal or designee shall give the student’s parent, legal guardian, or other person having lawful control by court order, or person acting in loco parentis notice that the student has been taken into custody by law enforcement personnel or a state’s social services agency.

If the principal or designee is unable to reach the parent, he or she shall make a reasonable, good faith effort to get a message to the parent to call the principal or designee and leave both a day and an after-hours telephone number.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-513; A.C.A. § 12-12-509, 510, and 516; A.C.A. § 9-13-10

CONTACT WITH STUDENTS WHILE AT SCHOOL

CONTACT BY NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS

Parents wishing to speak to their children during the school day shall register first with the office.

CONTACT BY NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS

If there is any question concerning the legal custody of the student, the custodial parent shall present documentation to the principal or the principal's designee establishing the parent's custody of the student. It shall be the responsibility of the custodial parent to make any court ordered "no contact" or other restrictions regarding the non-custodial parent known to the principal by presenting a copy of a file-marked court order. Without such a court order on file, the school will release the child to either of his/her parents. Non-custodial parents who file with the principal a date-stamped copy of current court orders granting unsupervised visitation may eat lunch, volunteer in their child's classroom, or otherwise have contact with their child during school hours and the prior approval of the school's principal. Such contact is subject to the limitations outlined in Policy 4.16, Policy 6.5, and any other policies that may apply.

Arkansas law provides that, to avoid continuing child custody controversies from involving school personnel and to avoid disruptions to the educational atmosphere in the District's schools, the transfer of a child between his/her custodial parent and non-custodial parent, when both parents are present, shall not take place on the school's property on normal school days during normal hours of school operation. The custodial or non-custodial parent may send to/drop off the student at school to be sent to/picked up by the other parent on predetermined days in accordance with any court order provided by the custodial parent or by a signed agreement between both the custodial and non-custodial parents that was witnessed by the student's building principal. Unless a valid no-contact order has been filed with the student's principal or the principal's designee, district employees shall not become involved in disputes concerning whether that parent was supposed to pick up the student on any given day.

DRUG TEST POLICY

- Students tested will include all athletes/band/choir/ROTC/ and cheer and any other organization that represents the school district in a competition versus other schools in grades 9-12.
- Students will be randomly tested before the start of fall extracurricular activities, before the start of winter extracurricular activities, and before the start of spring extracurricular activities
- All students involved in competitive extracurricular activities will be in the pool and will be randomly drawn – with 60 students being tested.
- Testing calendar for each student will be one academic calendar unless the student tests positive for 3rd time during one academic calendar.

1st Positive test

- student must go to his personal doctor and be granted a release to practice and play. Student will be allowed to attend all team activities with a doctor's release.
- Student must present a negative drug test at the parent's expense within 30 day's after the initial positive test. Failure by the student to present a negative drug test will presume the student is positive and will move to the 2nd positive test protocols.
- Student will be removed from the random test group for the remainder of the school year and will be automatically tested on all remaining test dates for the rest of the calendar academic year.
- Student must attend a weekly drug counseling session with a school guidance counselor till the negative drug test is reported

2nd Positive test

- Student is suspended from all contests for 20 school days. Student may
- Not take part in any extracurricular activities of any kind.
- On the 21st school day the student must present a negative drug test paid for by the parent. Failure by the student to present a negative drug test will presume the student is positive and the student will move to the 3rd positive test protocols.
- At the conclusion of the 20th school day the student must submit a negative drug test every 30 days for 3 months at the parent's expense to maintain eligibility.
- The student will be removed from the random test group for the remainder of the school year and will be automatically tested on all remaining test dates for the rest of the calendar academic year.

3rd Positive test

- Student is suspended from all extracurricular activities for 365 days
- Student must present a negative drug test at the parent's expense to return to competitive activities

EMERGENCY DRILLS

All schools in the District shall conduct fire drills at least monthly. Tornado drills shall also be conducted not fewer than three (3) times per year with at least one each in the months of September, January, and February. Students, who ride school buses, shall also participate in emergency evacuation drills at least twice each school year.

An annual active shooter drill and school safety assessment will be conducted for all district schools in collaboration, when possible, with local law enforcement and emergency management personnel. Students will be included in the drills to the extent that is developmentally appropriate to the age of both the students and grade configuration of the school. Drills may be conducted during the instructional day or during non-instructional time periods.

Other types of emergency drills may also be conducted to test the implementation of the District's emergency plans in the event of an earthquake or terrorist attack that might include the use of biological or chemical agents. Students shall be included in the drills to the extent practicable.

Students who only ride buses occasionally, such as to go to and/or from a field trip will also have to participate in the evacuation drills. **Legal References:** *A.C.A. § 12-13-109, A.C.A. § 6-10-110, A.C.A. § 6-10-121, A.C.A. § 6-15-1302, A.C.A. § 6-15-1303, Arkansas Division of Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing Maintenance and Operations of Arkansas Public School Buses and Physical Examinations of School Bus Drivers 4.03.*

FLOWERS, FOOD, BALLOONS, AND GIFTS

Deliveries of balloons, food, flowers and similar gifts for students will not be allowed at any school in the White Hall School District. These items disrupt the educational process and create potential danger on school buses and other forms of transportation.

FOOD SERVICE PREPAYMENT

Meal Charges

The district does not provide credit for students to charge for meals, a la carte, or other food and beverage items available for purchase in the school food service areas. Meals, a la carte, or other food and beverage items may be purchased by either providing payment for the items at the time of receipt or by having a prepaid account with the District that may be charged for the items. Parents, or students choosing to do so, may pay in advance for meals, a la carte, or other food and beverage items through any of the following methods:

- Submitting cash or check payment at your student's school;
- Depositing funds through the District's online service: myschoolbucks.com

A student's parents will be contacted by authorized District personnel regarding a student's prepaid account balance at the following times:

Unpaid Meal Access

In accordance with Arkansas law, the District allows students whose accounts do not have enough funds to purchase a meal to receive an unpaid reimbursable meal at no charge. The District will notify a student's parents:

- When the student's prepaid account balance has dropped to the point that the student will begin receiving unpaid meals;
- Each time the student receives the first unpaid meal after money has been deposited into the student's prepaid account; and
- After the student has received five (5) unpaid meals.

Students who have submitted proper documentation to receive a meal modification in accordance with Policy 4.50—SCHOOL MEAL MODIFICATIONS shall receive the same type of modification for an unpaid meal.

Legal References: Commissioner's Memo CNU-17-003; Commissioner's Memo CNU-17-024; A.C.A. § 6-18-715

Students are encouraged to pay on their lunch account weekly or monthly. Parents may also pay online using MySchoolbucks. Lunch money will be taken up each morning in the cafeteria. Its imperative checks are written for the correct amount or the correct amount of cash is provided, no change will be given. Students who pay by cash daily (\$3.00) will go to the end of the line to avoid slowing down the lunch process. **NO CHARGING is allowed for A la Carte items.**

Lunch fees, \$3.00 per day; Breakfast \$1.50 per day. Checks may be made out to White Hall High School and must be for the exact amount, no change will be given. Once a student enters the cafeteria for breakfast they are required to stay in the cafeteria until the bell rings for 1st period.

Two lunch periods will be in effect: (White Hall High School operates on a ***Closed Campus Policy***. Students are not allowed to leave the school campus for any reason during the school day. Students are not allowed to leave campus without being signed out by a parent/guardian. (*See Sign In/Out Policy*). Students will be marked absent in any class in which the student is absent more than fifteen minutes at any time during the class period. Students upon arrival at school are expected to remain on campus throughout the school day.

- Students displaying poor conduct in the cafeteria will be disciplined.
- One carton of milk is furnished with each meal. Students may buy extra milk in the cafeteria line.
- Students will enter the cafeteria only from the corridor of the building, not from the outside doors.
- The second floor is off limits to a student during their lunch period.
- Students will not be served lunch after the cafeteria line is closed.

HOMEcoming COURT SELECTION

- Must be current senior at WHHS
- Cannot have a discipline incident from the previous year or current year that resulted in ISS or out of School Suspension
- Sr. girls will be placed on a ballot, and students in grades 10, 11, & 12 will vote for five maids.
- The ten girls receiving the most votes will be on the homecoming court. The one receiving the most votes will be named homecoming queen. The Maid of Honor will be the person with the 2nd most votes.
- The faculty will also vote on the same ballot (different color), and the girl with the top votes not on the students' ballots will also be on homecoming court.
- After students and faculty voting is complete, the High School Administration will pick one more girl for Homecoming Court.
- There will be a total of 12 maids for Homecoming; additional maids may be added to accommodate the number of Sr. escorts.
- Maids will be escorted by senior football players who must meet the same eligibility requirements as maids.

HOMECOMING DANCE

- *Students that wish to bring a date from another school must complete the “Homecoming Release Form”*
- The Homecoming Dance is only for 10th – 12th grade students.

LOCKERS

- Lockers are to be locked. The school does not assume responsibility for property removed or stolen from lockers.
- Students are not to share a locker.
- Students’ lockers are school property and are always subject to random and periodic general inspections by school officials without notice to or the consent of the student. Students will be held responsible for the contents of their locker.

MISSED SCHOOL DAYS/DISTRICT EMERGENCY CLOSING

Days missed during the approved school calendar will be made up at the discretion of the superintendent/school board.

PARENT, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

The White Hall School Board understands the importance of involving parents and the community in promoting higher student achievement and general good will between the district and those it serves. Therefore, the district shall strive to develop and maintain the capacity for meaningful and productive parental and community involvement that will result in partnerships that are mutually beneficial to the school, students, parents, and the community. To accomplish this, the parental involvement program in each school shall:

- Involve parents of the school and community.
- Be comprehensive and coordinated in nature.
- Address grade levels and individual needs of the school.
- Recognize that communication between home and school should be meaningful and two-way.
- Schedule no less than two parent/teacher conferences.
- Implement a volunteer plan.
- Encourage communication with parents through planned activities and events to include:
 - Orientation and/or Open house
 - Elementary and Secondary School activities.
 - Ensure the availability of resources such as book and magazines.
 - Recognize parents collectively in local newspaper for conference attendance.
 - Informational/Family Kits
 - Parent Centers
- The principal in each school shall designate one (1) certified staff member that is willing to serve as a parent facilitator. Each building facilitator shall be district paid.

Two hours parental involvement training is required for each member of the teaching staff and all administrators

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Money or valuables should not be left in the lockers, dressing rooms, classrooms, hallways, or anywhere unattended on the school campus. Students, not the school, are responsible for their personal property.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance shall be recited each school day. Those students choosing to participate shall do so by facing the flag with their right hands over their hearts, or in an appropriate salute if in uniform, while reciting the Pledge. Students choosing not to participate shall be quiet while either standing or sitting at their desks.

Students shall not be compelled to recite the Pledge, but students who choose not to recite the Pledge shall not disrupt those students choosing to recite the Pledge. Students choosing not to recite the Pledge shall not be subject to any comments, retaliation, or disciplinary action. **Legal Reference:** *A.C.A. § 6-16-108*

PROM PROCEDURES

- When buying a ticket, students must give the name of their date.
- Names of dates will not be changed. If a date cancels during the one (1) week prior to prom, students may attend prom by themselves, but may not add/change name of date. Tickets are nonrefundable.
- 9th & 10th Graders may attend Prom if invited by a Jr/Sr.
- Conduct must meet the expectations of WHITE HALL HIGH SCHOOL.
- The age limit for being eligible to attend prom is 20 years of age.
- Must present a school ID
- *Students that wish to bring a date from another school must complete the “Prom Release Form”*

SCHOOL MEAL MODIFICATION

The district only provides modified meal components on menus to accommodate students with a parent/guardian wishing to request dietary accommodations for their student with a disability must submit to the district’s Director of Child Nutrition a medical statement completed by a State licensed healthcare professional, which includes:

- Physicians, including those licensed by:
 - The Arkansas State Medical Board;
 - The Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Chiropractors);
 - The Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine (Podiatrists);
 - Nurse Practitioners (APRNs in family or pediatric practice with prescriptive authority);
 - Physician Assistants (PAs who work in collaborative practice with a physician); and
 - Dentists.

The medical statement should include:

- A description of the student’s disability that is enough to understand how the disability restricts the student’s diet;
- An explanation of what must be done to accommodate the disability, which may include:
 - Food(s) to avoid or restrict;
 - Food(s) to substitute;
 - Caloric modifications; or
 - The substitution of a liquid nutritive formula.

If the information provided in the medical statement is unclear, or lacks enough detail, the district’s Director of Child Nutrition Patsy Garner, shall request additional information so that a proper and safe meal can be provided.

When choosing an appropriate approach to accommodate a student’s disability, the District will consider the expense and efficiency of the requested accommodations. The District will offer a reasonable modification that effectively accommodates the child’s disability and provides equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from the program, which may include a generic version of a product.

Parents may file a grievance, regarding the request for accommodations with the District 504 Coordinator, who will schedule a hearing addressing the grievance, as soon as possible. The 504 coordinators shall provide a copy of the procedures governing the hearing, including that the parent has the right to be accompanied by counsel, and the appeal process upon request. The district will not prepare meals outside the normal menu to accommodate a family’s religious or personal health beliefs.

Legal References: *Commissioner’s Memo FIN-09-044; Commissioner’s Memo FIN-15-122; Commissioner’ Memo CNU-17-051; 7 CFR 210.10(g); 29 U.S.C. § 794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504; 20 U.S.C. §1400 et seq. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, P.L. 108-446 The 2004 Reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Act; A.C.A. § 6-41-102; A.C.A. § 6-41-103 A.C.A. § 6-41-201 et seq*

SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS / EQUAL ACCESS

The White Hall School System adheres to the following policy concerning school organizations:

- Students have a right to join an existing club and are not to be restricted for membership based on race, sex, national origin or other arbitrary criteria.
- Students may, however, be restricted to membership based on their sex, but only if the organization is entitled to Title IX exemption under the Bayh Amendment. This amendment gives exemption to organizations that are:
 - Voluntary youth service organizations;
 - Tax exempt under Section 501 of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code (religious and charitable organizations);
 - Single sex by traditions; or
 - Principally composed of members under the age of 19.
- School fraternities and secret societies are banned in the White Hall Schools. They are illegal under Act 171, 1929.

SENIOR PICTURES FOR YEARBOOK

The only pictures that will be accepted for the portrait section of the White Hall High School Yearbook will be those taken by the school photographer. Pictures submitted for ads may be personal pictures if these pictures meet the approval of the yearbook advisor. You may refer to the dress code policy if you have questions about approval.

SIGNING LETTERS OF INTENT POLICY

Any student wishing to sign a letter of intent with a college or university must do so at the end of the regular school day. The location will be the multi-purpose facility.

SILENCE (OBSERVANCE OF A MINUTE OF SILENCE)

Teachers shall implement the *Minute of Silence*, required by statute, each school day. Teachers shall include the *Minute of Silence* in their Classroom Schedules.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is an organization of students representing the entire student body. Membership is composed of representatives from each class with a “C” or better scholastic average. The main objectives of the Student Council are to promote good leadership and to develop within the students a sense of responsibility to the school. The entire student body elects the officers of the Student Council at the end of the school year for the following year. It is the desire of the Board of Education, White Hall School District, to receive input from the students regarding policies and programs that directly affect the student body. The Board encourages an active Student Council. Student Council representatives are invited to attend all school board meetings.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

It shall be the policy of the White Hall school district that the most recently adopted version of the Student Handbook be incorporated by reference into the policies of this district. In the event that there is a conflict between the student handbook and a general board policy or policies, the more recently adopted language will be considered binding and controlling on the matter provided the parent(s) of the student, or the student if 18 years of age or older have acknowledged receipt of the controlling language.

Principals shall review all changes to student policies and ensure that such changes are provided to students and parents, either in the Handbook or, if changes are made after the handbook is printed, as an addendum to the handbook.

Principals and counselors shall also review Policies 4.45—SMART CORE CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS and the current DESE Standards for Accreditation Rules to ensure that there is no conflict. If a conflict exists, the Principal and/or Counselor shall notify the Superintendent and Curriculum Coordinator immediately, so that corrections may be made and notice of the requirements given to students and parents.

STUDENT MEDIA AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE

The Superintendent and the student media advisors(s) shall jointly develop administrative regulations for the implementation of this policy. The regulations shall include definitions of terms and the time(s), place(s), and manner(s) of the dissemination of student media, which shall include timelines for the review of materials.

Definitions

“School-sponsored media” means all student media that are:

- Supported financially by the school;
- Supported by the use of school facilities; or
- Produced in conjunction with a class.

“Student journalist” means a student who gathers, writes, edits, photographs, records, video tapes, or prepares information for dissemination in student media.

“Student media” means any means of communication that are:²

- Prepared, substantially written, published, or broadcasted by a student;
- Distributed or generally made available, either free of charge or for a fee, to members of the student body; and
- Prepared under the direction of a student media advisor.

“Student media” does not include media that is intended for distribution or transmission solely in the classroom in which it is produced.

“Student media advisor” means an individual who is employed, appointed, or designated by the District to supervise or provide instruction with respect to student media.

Student Media

While the District recognizes a student’s right of expression under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, school-sponsored media does not provide an open public forum for public. Student media, as well as the content of student expression in school-sponsored activities, shall be subject to the editorial review of the District’s administration, whose actions shall be reasonably related to legitimate pedagogical concerns and adhere to the following limitations.:

- Advertising may be accepted for media that does not condone or promote products that are inappropriate for the age and maturity of the audience or that endorses such things as tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.
- Media may be regulated to prohibit communications determined by the appropriate teacher, student media advisor, and/or administrator, to be ungrammatical, poorly written, inadequately researched, biased or prejudiced, vulgar or profane, or unsuitable for immature audiences.
- Media may be regulated to prohibit the dissemination of material that may reasonably be perceived to advocate drug or alcohol use, irresponsible sex, or conduct that is otherwise inconsistent with the shared values of a civilized social order, or to associate the school with any position other than neutrality on matters of political controversy.
- Prohibited media includes those that:
 - Are obscene as to minors;
 - Are libelous or slanderous, including material containing defamatory falsehoods about public figures or governmental officials, and made with knowledge of their falsity or a reckless disregard of the truth;
 - Constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy as defined by state law,
 - Suggest or urge the commission of unlawful acts on the school premises;
 - Suggest or urge the violation of lawful school regulations;
 - Attacks ethnic, religious, or racial groups.; or
 - Harass, threaten, or intimidate a student.

Student Media on School Web Pages

Student media displayed on school web pages shall follow the same guidelines as listed above and shall also:

- Not contain any non-educational advertisements.;
- Adhere to the restrictions regarding use of Directory Information as prescribed in Policy 4.13 including not using a student’s photograph when associated with the student’s name unless written permission has been received from the student’s parent or student if over the age of eighteen (18);
- State that the views expressed are not necessarily those of the School Board or the employees of the district.

Student Distribution of Non-school Literature, Publications, and Materials

A student or group of students who distribute ten (10) or fewer copies of the same non-school-sponsored literature, publications, or materials shall do so in a time, place, and manner that does not cause a substantial disruption of the orderly education environment. A student or group of students wishing to distribute more than ten (10) copies of non-school-sponsored materials shall have school authorities review their non-school-sponsored materials at least three (3) school days in advance of their desired time of dissemination. School authorities shall review the non-school-sponsored materials, prior to their distribution and will bar from distribution those non-school-sponsored materials that are obscene, libelous, pervasively indecent, or advertise unlawful products or services. Material may also be barred from distribution if there is evidence that reasonably supports a forecast that a substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school or educational environment will likely result from the distribution. Concerns related to any denial of distribution by the principal shall be heard by the superintendent, whose decision shall be final. The school principal or designee shall establish reasonable regulations governing the time, place, and manner of student distribution of non-school-sponsored materials.

The regulations shall:

- Be narrowly drawn to promote orderly administration of school activities by preventing disruption and may not be designed to stifle expression;
- Be uniformly applied to all forms of non-school-sponsored materials;
- Allow no interference with classes or school activities;
- Specify times, places, and manner where distribution may and may not occur; and
- Not inhibit a person's right to accept or reject any literature distributed in accordance with the regulations.
- Students shall be responsible for the removal of excess literature that is left at the distribution point for more than 5 days.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-514, A.C.A. § 6-18-1201et seq.; Tinker v. Des Moines ISD, 393 U.S. 503 (1969); Bethel School District No. 403 v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986); Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988)

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS/EQUAL ACCESS

Non-curriculum-related secondary school student organizations wishing to conduct meetings on school premises during non-instructional time shall not be denied equal access based on the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meetings. Such meetings must meet the following criteria.

- The meeting is to be voluntary and student initiated;
- There is no sponsorship of the meeting by the school, the government, or its agents or employees;
- The meeting must occur during non-instructional time;
- Employees or agents of the school are present at religious meetings only in a non-participatory capacity;
- The meeting does not materially and substantially interfere with the orderly conduct of educational activities within the school; and
- Non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control, or regularly attend activities of student groups.

All meetings held on school premises must be scheduled and approved by the principal. The school, its agents, and employees retain the authority to maintain order and discipline, to protect the well-being of students and faculty, and to assure that attendance of students at meetings is voluntary.

Fraternities, sororities, and secret societies are forbidden in the District's schools. Membership to student organizations shall not be by a vote of the organization's members, nor be restricted by the student's race, religion, sex, national origin, or other arbitrary criteria. Hazing, as defined by law, is forbidden in connection with initiation into, or affiliation with, any student organization, extracurricular activity or sport program. **Legal References:** *A.C.A. § 6-5-201 et seq.; A.C.A. § 6-21-201 et seq.; 20 U.S.C. 4071 Equal Access Act; Board of Education of the Westside Community Schools v. Mergens, 496 U.S. 226 (1990); A.C.A. § 6-18-601 et.*

STUDENTS WHO ARE FOSTER CHILDREN

The District will afford the same services and educational opportunities to foster children that are afforded other children and youth. The District shall work with the Department of Human Services ("DHS"), the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), and individuals involved with each foster child to ensure that the foster child is fully able to maintain his/her continuity of educational services that is practical and reasonable.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall appoint an appropriate staff person to be the local educational liaison for foster children and youth whose responsibilities shall include ensuring the timely school enrollment of each foster child and assisting foster children who transfer between schools by expediting the transfer of relevant educational records.

The District, working with other individuals and agencies shall, unless the presiding court rules otherwise or DHS grants a request to transfer under Foster Child School Choice, ensure that the foster child remains in his/her school of origin, even if change in the foster child's placement results in a residency that is outside the district. In such a situation, the District will work with DHS to arrange for transportation to and from school for the foster child to the extent it is reasonable and practical.

Upon notification to the District's foster care liaison by a foster child's caseworker that a foster child's school enrollment is being changed to one of the District's schools, the school receiving the child must immediately enroll him/her. Immediate enrollment is required even if a child lacks the required clothing, academic or medical records, or proof of residency.

A foster child's grades shall not be lowered due to absence from school that is caused by a change in the child's school enrollment, the child's attendance at dependency-neglect court proceedings, or other court-ordered counseling or treatment.

Any course work completed by the foster child prior to a school enrollment change shall be accepted as academic credit so long as the

child has satisfactorily completed the appropriate academic placement assessment.

If a foster child was enrolled in a District school immediately prior to completing his/her graduation requirements while detained in a juvenile detention facility or while committed to the Division of Youth Services of DHS, the District shall issue the child a diploma.

Foster Child School Choice

If DHS approves a request from a foster parent, or the foster child if the foster child is eighteen (18) years of age, to transfer to another school in the District or into the district as being in the best interest of the foster child, the District shall allow the foster child to transfer to another school in the District or into the District if the foster parent, or the foster child if the foster child is eighteen (18) years of age, submits a request to transfer on a form approved by DESE that is postmarked by no later than May 1 of the year the student seeks to begin the fall semester at another school in the District or in the District.

By July 1 of the school year in which the student seeks to transfer under this section, the superintendent shall notify the foster parent, or the foster child if the foster child is eighteen (18) years of age, in writing whether the application has been accepted or rejected. If the application is accepted, the superintendent shall state in the notification letter a reasonable deadline for the foster child to enroll in the new school or the District and that failure to enroll by the date shall void the school choice acceptance. If the application is rejected, the superintendent shall state in the notification letter the reason for the rejection and that the foster parent, or the foster child if the foster child is eighteen (18) years of age, may submit a written appeal of the rejection to the State board within ten (10) days of receiving the notification letter.

The District shall only reject a Foster Child School Choice application if:

1. The public school or District has reached the maximum student-to-teacher ratio allowed under federal law; state law; the standards for accreditation; or other applicable State rule or Federal regulation; or
2. Approving the transfer would conflict with a provision of an enforceable desegregation court order or a public school district's court-approved desegregation plan regarding the effects of past racial segregation in student assignment.

A foster child whose application is rejected by the District may submit a written request within ten (10) days following the receipt of the rejection letter from the superintendent to the State Board of Education for the State Board to reconsider the transfer.

A Foster Child School Choice transfer shall remain in effect until the foster child:

- Graduates from high school; or
- Transfers to another school or school district under:
 - The Foster Child School Choice Act;
 - Opportunity Public School Choice Act;
 - The Public-School Choice Act of 2015; or
 - Any other law that allows a transfer.

The District shall accept credits toward graduation that were awarded by another public-school district.

When a foster child transfers from the foster child's school of origin to another school in the District or into the District, the foster child or the foster parent is responsible for the foster child's transportation to and from the school the foster child transferred to. The District and the foster parent, or the foster child if the foster child is eighteen (18) years of age, may enter into a written agreement for the District to provide the transportation to and from the school the foster child transferred to.

Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-18-233; A.C.A. § 9-28-113

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS/VIDEO SURVEILLANCE AND OTHER STUDENT MONITORING

To promote a safe and orderly environment at White Hall High School, surveillance cameras are installed in various locations around the school campus. The addition of security cameras allows school personnel to monitor the areas where students congregate such as hallways, courtyard, gym and cafeteria. This will also allow the monitoring of individuals who enter the building. All activities are recorded to aid in the prosecution of any crime or violation committed against the facility and/or individuals. This includes disciplinary actions taken by the campus administration.

The Board of Directors has a responsibility to maintain discipline, protect the safety, security, and welfare of its students, staff, and visitors while at the same time safeguarding district facilities, vehicles, and equipment. As part of fulfilling this responsibility, the board authorizes the use of video/audio surveillance cameras, automatic identification technology, data compilation devices, and technology capable of tracking the physical location of district equipment, students, and/or personnel.

The placement of video/audio surveillance cameras shall be based on the presumption and belief that students, staff and visitors have no reasonable expectation of privacy anywhere on or near school property, facilities, vehicles, or equipment, except for places such as rest rooms or dressing areas where an expectation of bodily privacy is reasonable and customary.

Signs shall be posted on campus buildings and in district vehicles to notify students, staff, and visitors that video cameras may be in use. Parents and students shall also be notified through the student handbook that cameras may be in use in school buildings, on school grounds and in school vehicles. Students will be held responsible for any violations of school discipline rules caught by the cameras and other technologies authorized in this policy.

The district shall retain copies of video recordings until they are erased which may be accomplished by either deletion or copying over with a new recording. Other than video recordings being retained under the provisions of this policy's following paragraph, the district's video recordings may be erased any time greater than 30 days after they were created.

Videos, automatic identification, or data compilations containing evidence of a violation of student conduct rules and/or state or federal law shall be retained until the issue of the misconduct is no longer subject to review or appeal as determined by board policy or student handbook; any release or viewing of such records shall be in accordance with current law.

Students who vandalize, damage, disable, or render inoperable (temporarily or permanently) surveillance cameras and equipment, automatic identification, or data compilation devices shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action and referral to appropriate law enforcement authorities. While 34 CFR 99.3 exempts records of law enforcement units (which for the purposes of this policy would include SROs, 34 CFR 99.8(b) effectively negates that exemption in relation to this policy with the following language.

- (i) *Records of a law enforcement unit does not mean--*
- (ii) *Records created by a law enforcement unit for a law enforcement purpose that are maintained by a component of the educational agency or institution other than the law enforcement unit; or*
- (iii) *Records created and maintained by a law enforcement unit exclusively for a non-law enforcement purpose, such as a disciplinary action or proceeding conducted by the educational agency or institution.*

The law goes on to say that education records retain their status as such even when in the possession of a law enforcement unit and thus remain subject to the restrictions on the release of education records contained in FERPA. In short, you cannot deny access to the video recordings that may be used for student or staff disciplinary purposes by "hiding" them in your school's law enforcement unit. **Legal References:** 20 USC 1232(g) 34 CFR 99.3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 31

TELEPHONES

School telephones are business telephones and are not to be used by the students. Students may request office personnel to call parents/guardians in cases of illness or emergency. Telephone calls to obtain forgotten items such as lunch money, homework, textbooks, uniforms, and the like will not be allowed. Students will be called to the office from class for a telephone call only in emergency situations. Students may not use any telephone on the campus except in the principal's' office. Disciplinary action will be taken for violating this rule.

TITLE IX

This law prohibits discrimination by sex in educational programs that receive federal funds. It states in part that "no person in the United States shall base on sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal assistance." Male and female students must be eligible for benefits, services and financial aid without discrimination based on sex. The campus principal is designated to hear any grievance concerning possible violation of the law. White Hall School District makes every effort to comply with *Title IX. Act 1565 of 2001, House Bill 2394*

TRANSFERS / STUDENTS

The White Hall School District shall review and accept or reject requests for transfers, both into and out of the district, on a case by case basis at the July and December regularly scheduled board meetings.

The District may reject a non-resident's application for admission if its acceptance would necessitate the addition of staff or classrooms, exceed the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school building, or cause the District to provide educational services not currently provided in the affected school. The District shall reject applications that would cause it to be out of compliance with applicable laws and regulations regarding desegregation.

Any student transferring from a school accredited by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to a school in this district shall be placed into the same grade the student would have been in had the student remained at the former school.

Any grades, course credits, and/or promotions received by a student while enrolled in the Division of Youth Services system of education shall be considered transferable in the same manner as those grades, course credits, and promotions from other accredited Arkansas public educational entities.

Any student transferring from a school that is not accredited by the DESE to a District school shall be evaluated by District staff to determine the student's appropriate grade placement. A student transferring from home school will be placed in accordance with Policy 4.6—HOME SCHOOLING.

Any person who has been expelled from any other school district shall receive a hearing before the Board at the time the student is seeking enrollment in the District. The Board reserves the right to not allow the enrollment of such students until the time of the person's expulsion has expired following the hearing before the Board.

Except as otherwise required or permitted by law, the responsibility for transportation of any nonresident student admitted to a school in this District shall be borne by the student or the student's parents. The District and the resident district may enter into a written agreement with the student or student's parents to provide transportation to or from the District, or both.

Cross Reference: 4.6—HOME SCHOOLING; Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-15-504; A.C.A. § 6-18-316; A.C.

TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

Students attending or participating in a school-sponsored activity for which transportation is furnished by the school must travel to and from the activity on the transportation provided. The only exception to this regulation is when the parent/guardian of a student personally signs them out of the activity through the coach/sponsor. Any exception to the above policy guideline must be approved by the building principal and will be addressed regarding the student of the parent or legal guardian requesting the exception.

Violations of this will be subject to disciplinary action.

A. § 6-18-317; A.C.A. § 6-18-510; A.C.A. § 9-28-113(b)(4); A.C.A. § 9-28-205

VEHICLES AT SCHOOL

Student drivers of vehicles, motorized scooters or motorcycles must submit a copy of current driver's license, proof of insurance and the vehicle registration to the principal before a parking permit will be issued.

Students driving vehicles, riding scooters, motorcycles, or bicycles to school must park in designated area and not move the vehicle without permission of the principal until school is dismissed for the day. This includes the lunch period.

Students arriving at school must park the vehicle, and then proceed onto the campus immediately. Do not linger or remain in the parking lot. No student will be permitted to sit in any vehicle or be present on the parking lot between classes or any other time during the school day.

Students are not allowed to transport other students to/from school unless they receive prior approval from the principal.

Driving privileges will be withdrawn for failure to adhere to school driving regulations.

Students are permitted to park a vehicle on school property as a matter of privilege, not right. School officials may conduct random

and periodic general inspections of vehicles parked on school property without notice to or the consent of the student. In addition, the interior, including glove box, trunk and console, of vehicles parked on school property will be subject to reasonable searches by school officials.

VISITORS

Students are not allowed to bring visitors to school. Parents are always welcome at school but are encouraged to make an appointment to see a teacher, one of the principals, or to visit their child's class. All adult visitors and volunteers are required to check in at the school office upon arriving at school. White Hall Schools do not allow non-students on the school campus unless they have written permission to be on the campus from the principal of that campus.

Arkansas Code 6-21-607 requires that if a person wishes to visit on the school ground or in the school building, such person shall present himself to the office of the school and receive permission to visit and a pass to indicate that proper permission has been granted.

JEFFERSON AREA TECHNICAL CAREER CENTER

The Jefferson Area Technical Career Center is committed to serving the career and post-high school job market preparation needs of White Hall High School Students enrolled in grades 11 and 12.

Students enrolled at JATCC attend class just as they would at White Hall High School. Students' performance is assessed and credited to their transcript for graduation credit.

Students may attend morning or afternoon classes as their schedules allow. Students need to be sure their schedule will allow them to complete 22 credits for graduation. School transportation provided only for morning classes. **Juniors** may only sign up for morning JATCC classes and **must ride the bus**. Students must attend all classes once enrolled. **If a student is dropped for lack of attendance, parents will be liable for all fees and fines.**

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(ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT)

On October 22, 1986, President Reagan signed into law the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA, Public Law 99-519). The law required EPA to develop regulations which provide a comprehensive framework for addressing asbestos problems in public and private elementary and secondary schools. On October 30, 1987, EPA published the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule [40 CFR Part 763 Subpart E]. This New Rule requires all public and private elementary and secondary schools to inspect for friable and non-friable asbestos develop asbestos management plans that address asbestos hazards in school buildings and implement response actions in a timely fashion. This rule became effective December 14, 1987.

White Hall School District conducted a complete inspection of its facilities in July of 1988, utilizing the services of Laron Laboratory, 529 Broadway, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, (314) 334-8910. The results of this inspection have been included in a management plan. This management plan is available in the administrative offices of White Hall School District (and in the offices of each school) during normal business hours, without cost or restriction, for inspection by representatives of the EPA and the State, the public, including teachers, other school personnel and their representatives, and parents. White Hall School District may charge a reasonable cost to make copies of management plans.

Periodic surveillance is required every six (6) months and is conducted in January and July of each year. A re-inspection of our facilities is required every three (3) years. Any fiber release episodes and any activities involving the disturbance of the ACM are also recorded in the management plan.

The purpose of the Federal and State regulations is to protect the health and well-being of all persons entering the buildings of the White Hall School District. The district takes very seriously the recommendations made in the management plan and has taken the necessary steps to comply with State and Federal regulations.

If additional information pertaining to asbestos-related activities is needed, please contact the central office administration at any time during working hours.

Appendix B - Arkansas School Law Governing School Attendance

SECTION 1. *Arkansas Code 6-18-222* is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) The board of directors of each school district in this state shall adopt a student attendance policy as provided for in 6-18-209 which shall include a certain number of excessive absences which may be used as a basis for denial of course credits, promotion, or graduation. However, excessive absences shall not be a basis for expulsion or dismissal of a student.

(B) The legislative intent is that a student having excessive absences because of illness, accident, or other unavoidable reason should be given assistance in obtaining credit for the course.

(3) A copy of the school district's student attendance policy shall be provided to the student's parents, guardians, or persons in loco parentis at the beginning of the school year or upon enrollment, whichever event first occurs.

(4) The student's parents, guardians, or persons in loco parentis shall be notified when the student attendance policy per semester. Notice shall be by telephonic contact with the student's parents, guardians, or persons in loco parentis by the end of the school day in which such absence occurred or by regular mail with a return address on the envelope sent no later than the following school day.

(5) Whenever a student exceeds the number of excessive unexcused absences provided for in the district's or the State Board of Vocational Education's student attendance policy, the school district or the adult education program shall notify the prosecuting authority, and the student's parents, guardians, or persons in loco parentis shall be subject to a civil penalty in such an amount as a court of competent jurisdiction, presiding in the presence of a representative of the school district, may prescribe, but not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) plus costs of court and any reasonable fees assessed by the court. The penalty shall be forwarded by the court to the school or the adult education program attended by the student."

(7A) The penalty set forth in this section is to impress upon the parents, guardians, or persons in loco parentis the importance of school attendance and is not to be used as a primary source of revenue. When assessing penalties, the court shall be aware of any available programs designed to improve the parent-child relationship or parenting skills. When practicable and appropriate, the court may utilize mandatory attendance to such programs as well as community service requirements in lieu of monetary penalties.

(7B) In cases where the court determines the student's unexcused absences cannot be attributed to the parents, guardians, or persons in loco parentis, the action may be suspended or dismissed conditioned on a petition being filed in juvenile court to seek services on behalf of the student.

(8) As used in this section, prosecuting authority means the elected district prosecuting attorney or his appointed deputy for schools located in unincorporated areas of the county or within cities not having a police or municipal court and means the prosecuting attorney of the city for schools located within the city limits of cities having either a police court or a municipal court in which a city prosecutor represents the city for violations of city ordinances or traffic violations.

(9) In any instance where it is found that the school district or prosecuting authority is not complying with the provisions of this section, the State Board of Education may petition the circuit court to issue a writ of mandamus.

(b)(1)(A) Each public, private, or parochial school shall notify the Department of Finance and Administration whenever a student fourteen (14) years of age or older is no longer in school.

(2)(A) Upon receipt of such notification, the Department of Finance and Administration shall notify the licensee by certified mail, return receipt requested, that his motor vehicle operator's license will be suspended unless a hearing is requested in writing within thirty (30) days from the date of notice.

(B) The licensee shall be entitled to retain or regain his license by providing the Department of Finance and Administration with adequate evidence that: (i) The licensee is eighteen (18) years of age; (ii) The licensee is attending school; or (iii) The licensee has obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent.

(C)(i) In cases where demonstrable financial hardship would result from the suspension of the learners permit or driver's license, the Department of Finance and Administration may grant exceptions only to the extent necessary to ameliorate the hardship.

(ii) If it can be demonstrated that the conditions for granting a hardship were fraudulent, the parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis shall be subject to all applicable perjury statutes.

(3) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have the power to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the intent of this section and shall distribute to each public, private and parochial school a copy of all rules and regulations adopted under this section.

Appendix C - Arkansas State Law

This list of Arkansas State Statues directly relates to students and other individuals on or about school property. Students may be suspended or expelled for violation of these statues. Criminal charges may also be filed against students or other individuals who are in violation of these laws.

Alcohol/Drugs - Selling, Attempting to Sell/Distribute or Purchase -- A student who sells, attempts to sell, distribute or purchase drugs (or any substance he claims to be a controlled substance) or alcohol, shall be reported to legal authorities. *(A.C.A. 5-64-401)* **Sentences** for sale of controlled substances within 1,000 feet of public or private schools shall be enhanced by two (2) years and a fine of no less than \$1,000. *(A.C.A. 5-64-401)* **Prohibited** substances shall include any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, or other controlled substance as defined in Act 590 of 1971 of the state of Arkansas, as amended, or beverage containing alcohol or intoxicant of any kind.

Arson -- No student shall deliberately burn or attempt to burn school property. *(A.C.A. 5-38-301)*

Assault/Battery on Staff. No student shall strike or attempt to strike teacher or other school personnel. *(A.C.A. 5-13-201, Batt I; 5-13-202 – “serious physical injury,” Batt. II which also includes intentionally causing “physical injury” to teacher or employee).*

Assault/Battery with Substantial Risk of Death or Serious Physical Injury -- A student shall not engage in conduct which creates a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to another person. *(A.C.A. 5-13-201, Batt. I; 5-13-202, Batt. II; 5-13-204, Agg. assault; 5-13-205, 1st Deg. Assault; 5-1-102(19)*

Battery (Misdemeanor) — Minor Physical Injury - A student will not threaten or attempt to cause injury or physical harm to another student, nor will a student strike or beat another student. *(A.C.A. 5-13-203, Batt. 3rd; 5-1-102(14); 5-13-206, Assault 2nd; 5-13-207, Assault 3rd)*

Criminal Trespass. No unauthorized person (non-student) shall purposely enter or remain unlawfully in a school or vehicle on the school premises. *A.C.A. 5-39-203*

Disorderly Conduct -- No student shall engage in inappropriate behavior that substantially disrupts or interferes with, or is likely to disrupt or interfere with, any school function, activity or school program. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, fighting, threats, excessive noise, abusive language, obscene gestures, exposing private parts, disrupting lawful assembly of persons. *(A.C.A. 5-71-207, Disorderly conduct — “C” Misdemeanor)*

False Emergency Alarm/Tampering with Safety Devices. A student shall not circulate a story of fire, bombing, bomb threat or another catastrophe when that student knows the story to be untrue. Students will not tamper with safety devices on any school property. If injury results to any person because of the false alarm or tampering with safety devices, the student will be reported to law enforcement agencies. *(A.C.A. 5-71-210)*

Fighting -- Physical blows or contact exchanged between students is considered fighting. *(A.C.A. 5-71-207)*

Gambling. Students shall not gamble while on school property, school buses or at school-sponsored events. *(A.C.A. 5-66-101, et seq; 5-66-112, card games; 5-66-113, games of hazard or skill – betting)*

Increase Academic Instruction Time – Act 317 of 2007. Physical Education requirements for public school students (A.C.A. 6-16-132) is amended to require sixty (60) minutes of physical education training and instruction each calendar week of the school year for students in kindergarten through grade eight (K-8).

Insult and Abuse of a Public-School Employee – A.C.A. 6-17-106 states that it is unlawful for any person to use profane, violent, vulgar, abusive or insulting language toward any public-school employee during his duties. Said person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be liable to a fine of not less than \$100 or not more than \$1,500.

Loitering by Suspended or Expelled Student. No suspended or expelled student shall linger on school grounds or within 100 feet of the school without permission of the school administrator, nor shall they go on school district property for any purpose while serving suspension/expulsion. No student from another campus is allowed on another school’s campus during school hours without permission of school officials. *(A.C.A. 6-21-606; 6-21-607)*

Loitering on an Unassigned Campus. No student from another campus is allowed on another school’s campus during school hours without permission of school officials. *(A.C.A. 6-21-606; 6-21-607)*

Membership in Fraternities, Sororities, Secret Clubs, Gang Activities or Association. The Board is authorized to suspend or expel any student of the District who joins or promises to join or who solicits other persons to join or pledge to become a member of a public school fraternity, sorority, secret society or gang activity or association or to wear or display any insignia of such fraternity, sorority, secret society or gang activity or association while in and attending District schools. Gangs which initiate, advocate or promote activities which threaten the safety or well-being of persons or property on school grounds or school-sponsored activity or which disrupt the school environment and/or school activity are harmful to the education process. The use of hand signals, graffiti, or the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory or manner of grooming which, by its color, arrangement, trademark, symbol or any other attribute which indicates or implies membership or affiliation with such a group, presents a clear and present danger. This is contrary to the school environment and educational objectives and creates an atmosphere where unlawful acts or violations of school regulations may occur. (*Arkansas Law 6-18-601; 6-18-603; 6-18-605; 6-18-606*)

Profanity and Obscene Gestures -- A student will not use in verbal or written form profane, violent, vulgar, abusive, insulting, sexual or disrespectful language at any time. A student will not use physical gestures that convey a connotation of obscene or disrespectful acts, infringe upon the rights of others or cause or begin an overt and immediate disruption of the educational process. (*A.C.A. 5-60-113; school bus drivers; 5-17-207, disorderly conduct; 5-71-208, harassment; 6-17-106, insult/abuse of teachers; 6-18-506*)

Robbery -- Students shall not take property belonging to another person or the school by force, threat of force or with the use of a deadly weapon. (*A.C.A. 5-12-102; 5-12-103*)

Sexual Abuse or Rape -- Students shall not engage in sexual contact with another person by forcible compulsion or engage in sexual contact with another person who is incapable of consent because he/she is physically/mentally helpless; nor shall students engage in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual activity with another person by forcible compulsion or with another person who is incapable of consent because he is physically/mentally helpless. (*A.C.A. 5-14-103 Rape—Y felony*)

Sexual Contact -- Students shall not touch other students in a sexual manner. (*A.C.A. 5-14-101, sexual contact; 5-14-111, Public sexual indecency, "A"*)

Sexual Indecent Exposure -- Students shall not expose their sex organs in a public place or in public view or under circumstances knowing the conduct is likely to cause affront or alarm. (*A.C.A. 5-14-112, Indecent exposure, "A" Misdemeanor*) **NOTE:** *Exposing private parts is disorderly conduct.*

Smoking and Smokeless Tobacco -- A student may not smoke, have possession or control of any tobacco products, tobacco related substances, smoking paraphernalia (matches, lighters, etc.) on school property, including school buses, at any time. (*A.C.A. 6-21-609*)

Simple Terroristic Threat or Simple Assault -- A student shall not engage in conduct which creates a substantial risk of physical injury to another student or threaten another student, making that student fear imminent physical harm. (*A.C.A. 5-13-205, assault 2nd; 5-13-206, assault 3rd; 5-13-301, misdemeanor terroristic threat; 6-17-113, duty to report all threats and acts of violence*) **NOTE:** *Threats conveyed with a weapon or with the use of a weapon shall be reported to the police immediately by the administrator. Also, threats to cause death or serious physical injury or threats to cause physical injury to teachers or employees are a Class D Felony.*

Terroristic Threatening — Threats of Serious Physical Injury or Property Damage/Threats to Teachers/Staff -- Students shall not, with the purpose of terrorizing another person, threaten to cause death or serious physical injury or substantial property damage to another person or threaten physical injury to teachers or school employees. (*A.C.A. 6-17-113, duty to report all threats and acts of violence*)

Theft (Felony) — Student Property -- Students shall not take the property of another person or be in possession of property belonging to another without that person's permission. If a student steals or is in possession of property belonging to another person worth \$500 or more, that student has committed a Level III offense. (*A.C.A. 5-36-103; 5-36-106*) *Parent must make restitution.*

Theft (Felony) — School Property -- A students shall not take possession of property that belongs to the school without permission. If a student takes or is in possession of school property worth \$500 or more without permission, that person has committed a Level III offense. (*A.C.A. 5-36-103; 5-36-106*) *Parents must make restitution.*

Theft (Misdemeanor) -- Students shall not take or possess property that does not belong to them. (*A.C.A. 5-36-103; 5-36-106*) — (*less than \$500*). *Parent must make restitution.*

Criminal Mischief/Vandalism — Major Damage -- No student shall purposely and without legal justification destroy or damage any property of another or that belonging to the school district. The parent/guardian shall be responsible for all damages to property caused by the student. (*A.C.A. 6-21-604*) (*A.C.A. 5-38-203; 9-27-330; 9-27-331; 6-21-605*)

DEFINITIONS/HANDBOOK

Parents are urged to read and discuss the following words and terms with their children before reading and discussing the Rules section of the Handbook. While every effort has been made to make Handbook language simple, young students will need parental assistance in understanding the definitions and concepts used. (Parents should keep in mind that school personnel and personnel in the office of Assistant Superintendent for Equity and Pupil Services will be happy to be of assistance.)

- **ACS** – Arkansas Challenge Scholarship
- **ACTAAP** – Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment and Accountability Program
- **AP** – Advanced Placement
- **Assault** – A violent physical or verbal attack including, but not limited to, spitting, urination, feces, biting, etc.
- **Contraband** – Any articles which are illegal or articles which a student possesses illegally.
- **Detention Hall** – Students who violate school rules may be assigned to supervised study periods held before school. When a student is assigned D-Hall before school, the parent is responsible for transportation to school.
- **Due Process** – To guarantee that student will not have their rights taken away unfairly, there are established procedures which school personnel must follow.
- **Equal Educational Opportunity** – The Board of Education believes that every child, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, cultural or economic background or handicap, should be given with opportunity, all programs offered by schools within the District will be open to all students.
- **Expulsion** – Principals may recommend to the Superintendent that a student be prohibited from entering the school or school grounds (except for a rearranged conference with an administrator) until the end of a semester, the end of the current school year, including summer school, or permanently, dependent upon the severity of the offense. Expulsion requires Board of Education approval and may include loss of academic credit.
- **FERPA** – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1984
- **GFSA** – Gun-Free School Acts
- **Harassment** – An incident or a series of actions, statements or behaviors directed at a specific individual or group with the intent of annoying, ridiculing, demeaning, tormenting, intimidating, or otherwise causing fear in another person.
- **IDEA** – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- **IEP** – Individual Educational Plan

- **MARF** – Medication Administration Records Form
- **PRN** – Medication prescribed to be taken “as needed”
- **Reasonable Suspicion** – Reasonable grounds for suspecting that a search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or school rules.
- **Sexual Harassment** – Sexual harassment is any unwelcome sexual advance, request for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.
- **School Work Program** – A program for assignment of students in lieu of suspension.
- **Suspension** – Prohibition of a student from entering the school or school grounds (except for a prearranged conference with an administrator) for a period of time set by the principal of the school or the superintendent. Suspensions normally will not be longer than ten (10) school days including the day on which the suspension is initially imposed. Suspension does not carry with it loss of credit for the semester.

WHITE HALL HIGH SCHOOL PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY_____
Student Name (Please Print)_____
Grade_____
Date

This handbook contains the White Hall School District's discipline and procedural policies for all White Hall School District schools. These policies will be enforced. Parents and students should read them carefully. Please contact the building principal or assistant principal if clarification is needed. Please sign, date, and have your child sign this form. Your signature on this form acknowledges your receipt of the 2024-2025 White Hall High School Student Handbook along with the policies and procedures contained within. The handbook is located at www.whitehallsd.org. Please read all policies and procedures carefully. A physical copy may be requested from the office.

General Discipline

Students in violation of the school rules will have disciplinary action taken against them. As a minimum, disciplinary action may consist of a student conference or from one (1) hour to fifteen (15) hours of detention for less severe violations of the rules. For more severe violations, the school will suspend a student for a minimum of one (1) day to ten (10) days with the maximum disciplinary action being a recommendation to the superintendent for the expulsion of the student for the remainder of the year. The exact consequences are determined by the seriousness and frequency of disciplinary infractions.

Attendance

We have received a copy of White Hall High School's student discipline and attendance policies. We understand that these policies will be enforced.

Student Internet/Technology Use Agreement

The student agrees that he/she will use the district's technology to access the Internet for educational purposes **only**. In using the Internet, the student agrees to obey all federal and state laws and regulations. The student also agrees to abide by any electronic device and Internet use rules instituted at the student's school or class, whether those rules are written or oral. I have read the Student Electronic Device and Internet Use Agreement is stated in its entirety on page 13 of this handbook.

Smart Core

We understand that all students will participate in the state mandated Smart Core Curriculum beginning with the seventh-grade class unless we waive our child's right to participate. In such case of a waiver, our child will be required to participate in the Core Curriculum. If you choose to sign a waiver or reversal form, contact your child's counselor.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have been informed of the requirements and implementation of the Smart Core Curriculum which is outlined on pages 32.

I am choosing the Smart Core Curriculum for my child. _____ Yes _____ No

I choosing to waive the Smart Core curriculum for my child. I understand the potential negative consequences of this action as outlined in this handbook. _____ Yes _____ No

Food Service

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have been informed of the requirements regarding Food Service Pre-Payment, Meal Charges, and Alternative Meals Policy stated in this handbook on page 94.

State law (Arkansas Code 6-18-502) requires documentation that parents and students have received copies of these policies. The statement below, when signed and dated by student and parent/guardian, provides that documentation and will become part of the student's file. Any student who fails to return this signed form within one week may be excluded from classes until the form is returned.

Student's Signature: _____

Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date _____

ARKANSAS MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Smart Core is Arkansas's college- and career-ready curriculum for high school students. College and career readiness in Arkansas means that students are prepared for success in entry-level, credit-bearing courses at two-year and four-year colleges and universities, in technical postsecondary training, and in well-paid jobs that support families and have pathways to advancement. To be college and career ready, students need to be adept problem solvers and critical thinkers who can contribute and apply their knowledge in novel contexts and a variety of situations. Smart Core is the foundation for college and career-readiness. All students should supplement additional rigorous coursework within their career focus.

Failure to complete the Smart Core Curriculum for graduation *may* result in negative consequences such as conditional admission to college and ineligibility for some scholarship programs.

STATE MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English – 4 credits

- 9th Grade English*
- 10th Grade English*
- 11th Grade English*
- 12th Grade English or Transitional English 12*

Mathematics – 4 credits (or 3 credits of math and 1 credit of Computer Science)**

- Algebra I (or Algebra I-Part A & Algebra I-Part B - *each may be counted as one credit of the 4-credit requirement*)
- Geometry (or Geometry-Part A & Geometry-Part B - *each may be counted as one credit of the 4-credit requirement*)

(All math credits must build on the base of algebra and geometry knowledge and skills.)

Science – 3 credits (or 1 biology, 1 physical science, and 1 Computer Science)**

- ADE approved biology – 1 credit
- ADE approved physical science – 1 credit
- ADE approved third science or Computer Science Flex₂ – 1 credit

Social Studies – 3 credits

- Civics* - ½ credit
- World History* - 1 credit
- American History* - 1 credit
- other social studies* – ½ credit

Oral Communications – ½ credit**Physical Education – ½ credit****Health and Safety – ½ credit****Economics and Personal Finance – ½ credit** (may be counted toward Social Studies or Career Focus)**Fine Arts – ½ credit****Career Focus – 6 credits**

Personal Finance* – Beginning with the freshmen class of 2017-18, A.C.A. § 6-16-135 requires students to complete a course that includes specific personal finance standards in either grades 9, 10, 11, or 12.

*Category course options as listed under each applicable subject area in the ADE Course Code Management System

****Computer Science**

Beginning with the entering ninth grade class of 2022-2023, a public high school student shall be required to earn one (1) unit of credit in an ADE-approved high school computer science course before the student graduates (A.C.A. § 6-16-152). A flex credit of an approved Computer Science (any course starting with 465 or 565) may replace the 4th math requirement or the 3rd science requirement. Two distinct credits of the approved computer science courses may replace the 4th math requirement and the 3rd science requirement. Once the 4th math requirement and the 3rd science requirements have been met, any additional computer science credits will be recognized as career focus credits. Students are required to complete 75 hours of Community Service.

**++ARKANSAS MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
SMART CORE WAIVER FORM**

Name of Student: _____
 Name of Parent/Guardian: _____
 Name of District: _____
 Name of School: _____

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Each high school student shall be required to take at least one digital learning course for credit to graduate.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have been informed of the requirements and implementation of the Smart Core Curriculum and am choosing to waive the Smart Core curriculum. I understand the potential negative consequences of this action as outlined on this form.

Parent/Guardian/Adult Student Signature

Date

School Official Signature

Date

Arkansas Department of Education— February 23, 2022

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

The White Hall School District recognizes that engaging parents is essential to improving student achievement. Effectively engaging parents and families in their children's education can be far greater in a child's academic achievement than any other strategy.

White Hall School District recognizes:

- A child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family during the entire time the child spends in school;
- To support the goal of the schools to improve the literacy, math, and social-emotional learning of all students, the school, family, and community must work together.
- Parent engagement is vital in improving student achievement; and
- White Hall schools will intentionally support parental engagement.

White Hall School District will

- Support partnerships with schools, parents, and the community.
- Assist schools in implementing parental engagement committees and effective parental engagement strategies.
- Help build each school's capacity for parental engagement.
- Provide school staff with the training and resources necessary to engage parents.
- Survey parents and evaluate their responses to help improve the educational programs at the schools.
- Involve parents in developing each school's improvement plan.
- Provide informational materials to parents to assist them in being involved with their child's education.

To view the Parental Engagement Plan for each school, visit Student Handbook Appendix or the White Hall School District website at www.whitehallsd.org.

NOT to be completed if the guardian or a student eighteen years or older has NO OBJECTION to the Publication of Directory Information listed below

OBJECTION TO PUBLICATION OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION

I, the undersigned, being a parent of a student, or a student eighteen (18) years of age or older, hereby note my objection to the disclosure or publication by the White Hall School District of directory information, as defined in Policy No. 4.13 (Privacy of Students' Records), concerning the student named below. The district is required to continue to honor any signed opt-out form for any student no longer in attendance at the district.

I understand that the participation by the below-named student in any interscholastic activity, including athletics and school clubs, may make the publication of some directory information unavoidable, and the publication of such information in other forms, such as telephone directories, church directories, etc., is not within the control of the District.

I understand that this form must be filed with the office of the appropriate building principal within ten (10) school days from the beginning of the current school year or the date the student is enrolled for school for the District to be bound by this objection. **Failure to file this form within that time is a specific grant of permission to publish such information.**

I object and wish to deny the disclosure or publication of directory information as follows:

1. **Deny** disclosure to military recruiters _____
2. **Deny** disclosure to Institutions of postsecondary education _____
3. **Deny** disclosure to Potential employers _____
4. **Deny** disclosure to all public and school sources _____

Selecting option 4 will prohibit the release of directory information to the four categories listed above along with all other public sources (such as newspapers), **AND** result in the student's directory information **NOT** being included in the school's yearbook and other school publications.

5. **Deny** disclosure to all public sources _____

Selecting option 5 will prohibit the release of directory information to the first three categories listed above along with all other public sources (such as newspapers, social media, and website) but permit the student's directory information **to be included** in the school's yearbook and other school publications.

Name of student (Printed) Grade (Printed)

Signature of parent (or student, if 18 or older)

Date form was filed (To be filled in by office personnel)

STUDENT HEALTH INFORMATION SHEET

Student Name _____ Birthdate _____ Grade/Teacher _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____ Number: _____ Relationship to student: _____

Name: _____ Number: _____ Relationship to student: _____

Name: _____ Number: _____ Relationship to student: _____

Name: _____ Number: _____ Relationship to student: _____

Is your child **CURRENTLY UNDER THE CARE OF A DOCTOR** for any of the following conditions? If yes, is your child taking medication, and if so, please list all medications.

MEDICAL CONDITION		MEDICATION LIST	
(√ Check Yes or No)		Medical Condition	(If yes, list Medications)
NO	YES	ADD/ADHD	
NO	YES	Asthma	
NO	YES	Diabetes	
NO	YES	Migraines	
NO	YES	Heart Condition	
NO	YES	Seizures	

Any other health condition not mentioned above? _____

Will your child need to take medication during school hours? ___No ___Yes

Allergies: Does your child use an epi-pen for allergies to: Bee Stings ___No ___Yes Food No Yes
 If your child has food allergies, please list what foods _____

Has your child ever had a major illness? ___No ___Yes Please specify illness _____

Has your child ever had a major injury? ___No ___Yes Please specify illness _____

Has your child ever had a major surgery? ___No ___Yes Please specify illness _____

Will your child use any special equipment while at school (wheelchair, walker, protective headgear, glucometer, hearing aids, etc.)? ___No ___Yes. If yes, what kind of equipment? _____

If it becomes medically necessary, in the opinion of the school nurse, I give my permission for the following non-prescription medication(s) be given to my child if needed during school hours. Dosage will be as directed on the label.

Tylenol (acetaminophen) may be given for temperature 100.0 or higher, headache, and mild pain. No Yes

Benadryl may be given for allergic reactions. Parents will be notified to pick up student. No Yes

Antacids (Tums) may be given for complaint of upset stomach. No Yes

These medications will be supplied by the school. Please see the White Hall School District Medication Policy, Tylenol Policy, and Benadryl Policy for complete information regarding these medications.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Consent for Medical Treatment of a Minor

This form serves as consent for physical examination and medical treatment with First Aide topical medications by Arkansas Licensed Medical Staff of the White Hall School District.

This consent for treatment is for the 2024-25 school year.

If you should decide to revoke the above-mentioned caregiver's consent or a specific item listed below, you should provide written notice to the Health Office on the campus your child attends.

Such treatment may include but not limited to the use of:

- Triple Antibiotic Ointment
- Burn Spray
- Hydrocortisone Cream
- Sting Away (Benzocaine)
- Muscle Gel (Icy Hot)
- Throat Spray (Chloraseptic)
- Menthol Sore Throat Lozenges
- First Aid Antiseptic Spray
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Calamine lotion or spray
- Anbesol Oral Anesthetic Gel
- Carmex lip balm
- Hygiene/perineal care/assistance

Student Name (Printed)

Parent Signature

Date

White Hall School District

FERPA Consent Form

Parents:

As a student of White Hall School District your child may receive services through our Health Services Department. White Hall School District currently has six (6) nurses employed full time for our district. It is the goal of Health Services to provide quality care to all our students, help parents by being a resource to keep students healthy, in the classroom and learning.

Part of our services includes routine screenings of vision and hearing as required by Arkansas law. The grades screened are Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, and any student transferring into the district. These screenings are very important to the overall health and wellness of our students. Through the screening programs we can help identify and refer students who may need further evaluation to help them see or hear better, which will also help them learn better.

Arkansas Medicaid Program allows school districts to bill a student's Medicaid or AR Kids A and B for the services of vision and hearing screenings. Parents must sign a consent allowing our district to have permission to bill. Revenue remains in Health Services and is used to provide continued care to your student and improve health and wellness throughout the district.

- * Parents must consent annually for billing.
- * Parents have the right to withdraw consent at any time during the year.

In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 123g; 34 CFR Part 99)

I, _____, give permission for my child, _____'s
 (Parent/Guardian Name) (First and Last Name)

personally, identifiable information/student education records to be disclosed to a Third-Party Billing Agent for the purpose of billing Medicaid and/or private insurance.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date Signed

STUDENT ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND INTERNET USE AGREEMENT

Student's Name (Please Print) _____

Grade Level _____

School _____

Date _____

The **White Hall School District** agrees to allow the student identified above ("Student") to use the district's technology to access the Internet under the following terms and conditions which apply whether the access is through a District or student owned electronic device (as used in this Agreement, "electronic device"; means anything that can be used to transmit or capture images, sound, or data):

1. **Conditional Privilege:** The Student's use of the district's access to the Internet is a privilege conditioned on the Student's abiding to this agreement. No student may use the district's access to the Internet whether through a District or student owned electronic device unless the Student and his/her parent or guardian have read and signed this agreement.

2. **Acceptable Use:** The Student agrees that he/she will use the District's Internet access for educational purposes only. In using the Internet, the Student agrees to obey all federal and state laws and regulations and any State laws and rules. The Student also agrees to abide by any Internet use rules instituted at the Student's school or class, whether those rules are written or oral.

3. **Penalties for Improper Use:** If the Student violates this agreement and misuses the Internet, the Student shall be subject to disciplinary action. [Note: A.C.A. § 6-21-107 requires the district to have "...provisions for administration of punishment of students for violations of the policy with stiffer penalties for repeat offenders, and the same shall be incorporated into the district's written student discipline policy." You may choose to tailor your punishments to be appropriate to the school's grade levels.]

4. **"Misuse of the District's access to the Internet"** includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Using the Internet for other than educational purposes;
- Gaining intentional access or maintaining access to materials which are "harmful to minors" as defined by Arkansas law;
- Using the Internet for any illegal activity, including computer hacking and copyright or intellectual property law violations;
- Making unauthorized copies of computer software;
- Accessing "chat lines" unless authorized by the instructor for a class activity directly supervised by a staff member;
- Using abusive or profane language in private messages on the system; or using the system to harass, insult, or verbally attack others;
- Posting anonymous messages on the system;
- Using encryption software;
- Wasteful use of limited resources provided by the school including paper;
- Causing congestion of the network through lengthy downloads of files;
- Vandalizing data of another user;
- Obtaining or sending information which could be used to make destructive devices such as guns, weapons, bombs, explosives, or fireworks;
- Gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to resources or files;
- Identifying oneself with another person's name or password or using an account or password of another user without proper authorization;
- Invading the privacy of individuals;
- Divulging personally identifying information about himself/herself or anyone else either on the Internet or in an email unless it is a necessary and integral part of the student's academic endeavor. Personally identifying information includes full names, address, and phone number.
- Using the network for financial or commercial gain without district permission;
- Theft or vandalism of data, equipment, or intellectual property;
- Attempting to gain access or gaining access to student records, grades, or files;
- Introducing a virus to, or otherwise improperly tampering with the system;
- Degrading or disrupting equipment or system performance;
- Creating a web page or associating a web page with the school or school district without proper authorization;
- Providing access to the District's Internet Access to unauthorized individuals;
- Failing to obey school or classroom Internet use rules; or
- Taking part in any activity related to Internet use which creates a clear and present danger of the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the district or any of its schools.; or
- Installing or downloading software on district computers without prior approval of the technology director or his/her designee.

5. **Liability for debts:** Students and their cosigners shall be liable for all costs (debts) incurred through the student's use of the computers or access to the Internet including penalties for copyright violations.

6. **No Expectation of Privacy:** The Student and parent/guardian signing below agree that if the Student uses the Internet through the District's access, that the Student waives any right to privacy the Student may have for such use. The Student and the parent/guardian agree that the district may monitor the Student's use of the District's Internet Access and may also examine all system activities the Student participates in, including but not limited to e-mail, voice, and video transmissions, to ensure proper use of the system. The District may share such transmissions with the Student's parents/guardians.

7. **No Guarantees:** The District will make good faith efforts to protect children from improper or harmful matter which may be on the Internet. At the same time, in signing this agreement, the parent and Student recognize that the District makes no guarantees about preventing improper access to such materials on the part of the Student.

8. **Signatures:** We, the persons who have signed below, have read this agreement, and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Student's Signature: _____

Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date _____

White Hall School District

2024-2025 CALENDAR



AUG 19	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
SEPT 2	LABOR DAY
OCT 8	K-12 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (3:30 PM-7:00 PM)
OCT 11 and 14	FALL BREAK (NO SCHOOL)
OCT 17	END OF 1ST TERM
NOV 25-29	THANKSGIVING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)
DEC 20	END OF 2ND TERM
DEC 23-JAN 3	WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL)
JAN 6	TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (NO SCHOOL)
JAN 7	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
JAN 20	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY (NO SCHOOL)
FEB 13	ELEMENTARY PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (3:30 PM-7:00 PM)
FEB 17	PRESIDENT'S DAY
FEB 20	SECONDARY PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (3:30 PM-7:00 PM)
MAR 14	END OF 3RD TERM
MAR 24-28	SPRING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)
APR 18	GOOD FRIDAY (NO SCHOOL)
TBD	WHHS GRADUATION
MAY 23	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
MAY 26	MEMORIAL DAY (NO SCHOOL)

Office Hours: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

1st Term: 41 days 2nd Term: 41 days 3rd Term: 47 days 4th Term: 44 days

Alternative Calendar based on 371 minutes instructional day.

August 5-9 and August 12-15 are Teacher Professional Development Days.

Inclement Weather Days will be made up in this order:

February 17, April 18, May 27, May 28, and May 29.

The Superintendent and School Board shall have the authority to amend the calendar in the event of excessive days missed.