

GREENLAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK 2022-2023



Our Mission:

Greenland High School will provide an education program characterized by quality, equity, and accountability that will help our students build essential academic skills necessary for lifelong learning. By developing the ability to think logically, independently, and creatively each student will achieve a feeling of self-worth and the confidence required to conquer the challenges of our ever-changing world environment.

Principal

Mr. Joey Sorters

Dean of Students / Athletic Director / Head Football Coach

Coach Lee Larkan

Secretary

Ms. Debbie Merwin

Counselor

Mrs. Mary Larkan

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Greenland High School. This is your handbook as a student at Greenland High School. Please use it as a guide to answer your questions and to assist you in following our customs and regulations. Also refer to the Greenland Public School District Handbook for full policies under the Greenland High School Handbook Section.

Greenland High School is a friendly school. We are anxious for you to feel at home and be happy; to be proud of the school and its friendly spirit and enter with all the students in keeping the name of our school above reproach.

Greenland High School's aim is to make good citizens of the school, the city, the county, the state, and the nation. Good sportsmanship, self-control, good manners, and respect for the rights of others are all important in building citizenship.

Greenland High School wants each student to develop mentally, physically, and spiritually by observing the rules and regulations as herein set out. By practicing courtesy, consideration, and good sportsmanship, you can be a vital part in this development.

School Colors

Green / White

Alma Mater

Loyalty we sing unto thee
Spirit we uphold for he
Greenland Alma Mater
Praise the pirates bold
Green and white guide
Us ever to our victory tonight
For the Greenland Alma
Mater your our guiding light
(Fight Pirates Fight)

School Mascot

Pirate

GHS GOALS

1. GHS graduates are college or career ready, with college hours, industry certifications, and/or experiences leading to a value-added diploma.
2. GHS students are provided real-world applications in the classroom to make learning relevant for all students.

3. GHS students are knowledgeable in the 21st century learning and innovation skills which are essential for the future; communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity.

LETTER TO PARENT/GUARDIAN

Education is, and must be, a cooperative effort between home and school. When parents, educators, and students understand the common goals, and the part that each must play in order to reach these goals, then the process of getting an education has become easier, and more pleasant. Parents and students need to have read and understood the provisions contained herein so that they may be afforded the best opportunity for securing a good education. We must get back to normalcy in our schools. Regular attendance is a “must”. Without regular attendance, a student cannot accomplish much. Past experience has shown that irregular attendance is one of the major factors causing failure. The administration and faculty sincerely solicit your full support and cooperation in providing the kind of school that your sons and daughters deserve. You are encouraged to visit our campus; however, you are reminded that visitors must check in with the office.

As the principal of Greenland High School, I am committed to creating a learning environment that is student-centered and focuses on college and career readiness. I am looking forward to partnering with you in an effort to provide your child the best education possible.

~Joey Sorters, Principal

Greenland High School School/Parent or Guardian/Student Compact

The School faculty pledges to:

- Provide opportunities for successful learning
- Provide a safe learning environment
- Provide quality instruction with consideration for an attention to individual needs
- Respect all students, parents, and other faculty
- Model acceptable behavior at all times
- The school will provide ongoing communication with parents regarding their child’s progress.

The parents / guardians pledge to:

- Make sure the child arrives on time daily

- See that the child has breakfast at home or school
- Make sure the child has good grooming/hygiene habits
- Make sure the child receives adequate rest
- See that the child has needed school supplies
- Make sure the child does all schoolwork
- Communicate with the child's teacher(s) as needed

The student pledges to:

- Do the best work possible in every class
- Complete all assignments on time
- Be prepared in every class
- Always be honest and truthful
- Be respectful and kind to all adults and peers
- Understand and accept consequences for actions

CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

Ninth grade (Freshman)—must have passed: math, English, and another core course in the eighth grade.

Tenth grade (Sophomore)—accumulate at least six (6) credits in the ninth grade.

Eleventh grade (Junior)—accumulate at least twelve (12) credits in the ninth and tenth grades

Twelfth grade (Senior)—accumulate at least (16) credits and be in line for graduation.

Students who do not have at least 16 credits and are not in line for graduation at the beginning of their senior year will not be considered to be seniors and should meet with the junior class during class meetings.

2022-2023

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Events

Aug 1-11	Staff Contract Options Day
Aug 15	First Day of Students
Sept 5	Labor Day - No School
Oct 14	End of 1st Quarter
Nov 21-25	Thanksgiving- No School
Dec 21	End of 2nd Quarter
Dec 22-Jan 3	Christmas - No School
Jan 4	First Day 2nd Semester
Jan 16	MLK - No School
Feb 20	President's Day - No School
Mar 10	End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 20-24	Spring Break- No School
Mar 10	End of 4th Quarter
May 19	Last Day for Students
May 22	Staff Contract Options Day

10 AMI Approved Days as Needed

5 Built-In Snow Days *Holidays, Breaks

Parent Conferences will be scheduled per building in the 1st and 3rd quarters.

*Scheduled holidays and/or break days may be used for makeup days above the 10 AMI days allotted.

SCHOOL DAY

Students in grades 9-12 will follow the same bell schedule. Students in grades 9 – 12 begin the day at 7:55 a.m. and end at 3:16 p.m.

Regular Bell Schedule:

First Bell	7:50 a.m.
Warning Bell	7:55
1 st period	8:00 – 8:44
2 nd period	8:47 – 9:31
Fleet Time	9:33- 10:03
3 rd period	10:06 – 10:50
4 ^h period	10:53 – 11:37
5 th period	11:40 – 12:24
Lunch	12:25 – 12:55
6 th period	12:58 – 1:42
7 th period	1:45 – 2:29
8 th period	2:32 – 3:16

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.

Absences for students enrolled in synchronous digital courses shall be determined in the same manner as for District students attending courses in person

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:

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; or
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.

In order for the absence to be considered excused, the student must:

- a. Bring a written statement to the principal or designee upon the student's return to school from the student's parent or legal guardian stating the reason for the student's absence; or
- b. If the student is attending the District's courses digitally, upload a written statement from the student's parent or legal guardian stating the reason for the student's absence through the District's digital course management platform for review by the principal or designee.

A written statement presented or uploaded for an absence having occurred more than five (5) school days prior to its presentation or upload will not be accepted.

Unexcused Absences

Absences not defined above; do not have an accompanying note from the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis; or have an accompanying note that is not presented or uploaded within the timeline required by this policy shall be considered as unexcused absences. Students with seven (7) 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 (3) unexcused absences, his/her parents, legal guardians, or persons in loco parentis, persons with lawful control of the student 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 (7) unexcused absences in a semester, the District shall notify the prosecuting authority and the parent, guardian, persons with lawful control of the student, or persons 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, guardian, persons with lawful control of the student, or person 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, guardian, persons with lawful control of the student, or person 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.

Returning To School After an Absence

Upon returning to school, a student who has been absent must complete the following to attain an excused absence:

1. Check in with the office prior to school on the day the student returns to school presenting a note from the parent/guardian stating the reason for the absence (must meet the above definition) and any substantiating material. If the student forgets his/her note on the day of returning to school, he/she must present the note on the following day. After this time frame, the absence will be unexcused.
2. Any student who has checked out of school for an appointment with a doctor, dentist, counselor, judge, probation officer, or other official business must bring proof of such an appointment either prior to checking out or upon returning to school to get the absence excused.

ATHLETICS

If a student plans to participate in a sport and play in the games, he/she must maintain the required grades of the school district and the Arkansas Activities Association. He/she must be in attendance the day of a game and the day after a game (unless an exception is granted by the building administrator). If a student becomes ineligible, he/she may elect to stay in the program and practice with the team he/she wishes to be a member of or join an off-season program if one is available. They may not dress out for the games, only practice. The athlete will have one semester to become eligible. If a student becomes eligible at semester and has not been in the program working out, he/she may enter this program at that time if permitted by the coaches. If a player leaves a team by mutual agreement of player and coach, then that player may join any other off-season program in progress. If an athlete quits a sport, he/she will not be allowed to enter another sport or off-season program until the sport he/she quit has been completed. The athlete involved will be assigned to a study hall for the remainder of that season in progress. Then and only then will he/she be allowed to join another

sport. The decision to allow a student to join the next program will be at the discretion of both coaches involved. Special situations, which may occur, will have to be approved by the coaching staff and administration. There is a full policy concerning Football, Basketball, and Track on file in the Principal's office and available upon request.

BICYCLES/SKATEBOARDS

Students riding bicycles to school must park them in the rack provided upon arrival. The bicycle is not to be used until school is dismissed or the student is checked out by a parent. Bicycle riders should leave school grounds immediately after dismissal to keep from interfering with bus traffic. Bicycles should be locked in the rack with a lock provided by the rider as Greenland High School is not responsible for the safety of the bicycle.

If skateboards, roller-blades, or skates are used to get to school, students must get off or remove these items upon arrival and check them in with the office for storage until school is dismissed.

BOYS AND GIRLS STATE

Each year two (2) boys and two (2) girls are sponsored to go to Boys and Girls State, respectively. These students are selected by the faculty on the basis of leadership, character, physical fitness, scholarship, cooperativeness, courage, and honesty. See complete policy in the Principal's office.

CHECKING IN AND OUT

Students leaving campus after arriving at school must check out through the office with a parent/guardian note or phone call before leaving campus, and check back in upon returning. **ALL** students are required to remain on campus unless properly checked out of school.

We realize there are times when students must be checked out due to emergencies, and we will work with families during these times. One of the following procedures must be followed for students to be properly checked out of school:

- Parents or guardians may send an email to dmerwin@greenlandsd.com with the following information:
 - Student's full name
 - Student's grade
 - Reason for check out
 - Contact phone number of person sending email
- Parents or guardians may send a note to the office with the following information:
 - Student's full name
 - Student's grade
 - Reason for check out
 - Contact phone number of person sending note

- Students are not allowed to check out during lunch (11:00 -1:30) unless there is an emergency. Parents or guardians must physically come to school and check students out between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

CLASS OR CLUB FUNDS

All activity accounts must be processed in the Principal's office. It is the responsibility of the sponsor to see that all monies earned by an organization or class are deposited in the school's General Activity Fund. It is also the sponsor's responsibility to make sure that no purchases are made without a purchase order being issued in advance of the purchase and signed by the Principal. If anything is purchased without a purchase order and proper approval, the class, club, or person making the purchase is subject to pay for the order. All funds must be deposited to the Central Office daily using a district deposit form. Students should turn in fundraiser monies immediately to their sponsors.

CLASS AND/OR CLUB OFFICERS

The appropriate class or club will conduct these elections/selections. Students may not be President (any leader of a group that is selected by his/her peers) in more than one class or club organization. The Student Council President may not be an officer in any other class or club.

CLASS RINGS

The school will allow a salesman to present his/her merchandise to sophomores, juniors, and seniors and to serve those who are interested. A deposit is required. This service is offered only as a convenience for the students.

COLLEGE VISITATIONS

Greenland High School Juniors and Seniors are allowed two college visitations per school year. The absence may be excused by the Principal provided the reason is verified and approved in advance of the absence.

COLOR'S DAY QUEEN (BASKETBALL SEASON)

The Color's Day Queen will come from the senior class. The royalty will consist of one (1) queen and eight (8) maids; 2-Seniors, 2-Juniors, 2-Sophomores, and 2-Freshman. A student may serve in only one royalty court during a school year. The members of the senior boys' and girls' basketball teams (grades 10-12) will select the queen from the elected senior maids.

CONCURRENT CREDIT

- A. A ninth through twelfth grade student who successfully completes a college course(s) from an institution approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall be given credit toward high school grades and graduation at the rate of one (1) high school credit for each three (3) semester hours of college credit. Unless approved by the school's principal, prior to

enrolling for the course, the concurrent credit shall be applied toward the student's graduation requirements as an elective.

- B. Students will retain credit applied toward a course required for high school graduation from a previously attended, accredited, public school.
- C. Any and all costs of higher education courses taken for concurrent credit are the student's responsibility.
- D. Students are responsible for having the transcript for the concurrent credit course(s) they've taken sent to Greenland High School in order to receive credit for the course(s). Credit for concurrent credit courses will not be given until the transcript is received. Transcripts for students who take concurrent credit courses as partial fulfillment of the required full day of class for students in grades 9 – 12 are to be received by the school within ten (10) school days of the end of the semester in which the course is taken. Students may not receive credit for the course(s) they took or the credit may be delayed if the transcripts are not received in time, or at all. This may jeopardize students' eligibility for extracurricular activities, graduation, or promotion.
- E. Remedial classes and math classes lower than College Algebra shall receive 1/2 credit per three (3) hour course.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The use of any personal communications device (i.e., paging devices, beepers, cellular phones, and similar electronic devices) may be used in the halls during passing periods and during lunch in the cafeteria and/or the courtyard. These devices are **not allowed during academic times** unless the teacher deems appropriate. The principal may modify the use of electronic devices during the school day.

Note: Students may not use cell phones or other electronic devices during instructional/class time for personal use. Students who violate this policy will be told to store the device for the remainder of the instructional period. Such actions that violate the policy may include checking the phone, texting, or using it in any capacity during instructional/class time without permission from the classroom teacher. Failure to comply with the teacher's request to store the device or repeated uses of the device may result in student disciplinary action for insubordination.

For all students in 9 – 12, the school and school district personnel assume no responsibility for any cell phone, personal communication device, or personal entertainment device that is lost, damaged, or stolen in a school building, on school property, or during travel to and from school, including field trips and overnight extracurricular activities.

For the Safety of Our Students: According to Arkansas Law (ACA § 27-51-1609), a driver of a motor vehicle shall not use a handheld wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle when passing a school building or school zone during school hours when children are present and outside the building.

Refer to section 4.47 for additional policy on electronic devices.

ENTERING THE BUILDING (Before School Begins)

All students who ride the bus will enter the building through the west doors and go into the cafeteria. During inclement weather all students may enter through the nearest available door and go directly into the assigned area.

FIELD TRIPS

School-sponsored field trips are a part of the school program. Parental release forms are required for participation. No class will be permitted to take a school-sponsored trip without prior approval of the Principal. Overnight trips are prohibited unless approved by the School Board. If a student has missed more than 5 days, they may not be allowed to go on field trips at the discretion of the field trip sponsor and principal. If a student is not passing his/her class(es), then he/she may not be allowed to go on the field trip.

GRADE REPLACEMENT

Grades may be improved in courses taken by taking the course over after administrative approval. Grade replacements can only be replaced from courses offered at GHS. This can only be done for 2 full credits (4 semesters).

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Requirements for Graduation Classes of 2023 ,2024, 2025

(Credits must be earned in grades 9-12)

SUBJECT AREA	# CREDITS	COMMENTS
English	4	
Math	4	Must include 1 unit of Algebra or its equivalent & 1 unit of geometry or its equivalent
Science	3	Must include 1 unit of Biology or its equivalent and 1 unit of Physical Science or its equivalent.
Social Studies	3	Must include 1 unit of U.S. History, 1 unit of World History, 1/2 unit of Civics, and 1/2 unit of Economics.
Health	.5	
Fine Arts	.5	Art, Music (Vocal or Instrumental), or Theater
Oral Communications	.5	1/2 unit
Physical Education	.5	1/2 unit

Students are required to complete twenty-three (23) credits. Students may take correspondence courses, summer school courses, credit recovery, or approved substitute courses to make up any failed class.

Students who will be unable to graduate will not have their picture in the class composite picture; neither will they order invitations or cap & gown. They will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies without having completed the required credits.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

Requirements for Graduation Classes of 2026 and beyond

(Credits must be earned in grades 9-12)

SUBJECT AREA	# CREDITS	COMMENTS
English	4	
Math	4	Must include 1 unit of Algebra or its equivalent & 1 unit of geometry or its equivalent
Science	3	Must include 1 unit of Biology or its equivalent and 1 unit of Physical Science or its equivalent.
Social Studies	3	Must include 1 unit of U.S. History, 1 unit of World History, 1/2 unit of Civics, and 1/2 unit of Economics.
Health	.5	
Fine Arts	.5	Art, Music (Vocal or Instrumental), or Theater
Oral Communications	.5	1/2 unit
Physical Education	.5	1/2 unit
Computer Programming	1	1 unit

Students are required to complete twenty-three (23) credits. Students may take correspondence courses, summer school courses, credit recovery, or approved substitute courses to make up any failed class.

Students who will be unable to graduate will not have their picture in the class composite picture; neither will they order invitations or cap & gown. They will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies without having completed the required credits.

Requirements for Participation in Commencement (Graduation)

In order to participate in commencement, a student must have met:

- a. all academic requirements
- b. paid all monies owed the school

- c. attended all commencement practices
- d. proper attire and behavior requirements as determined by the High School Principal.

Laws concerning Honor Graduates: (ACT 980 of 1991): Section 1. (a) Beginning with the 1993-94 school year, only a student who has successfully completed the Smart Core Curriculum plus 2 years of foreign language in the same language shall be eligible for the honor of serving as commencement speaker of his/her graduating class or to be considered as an honor graduate. (b) High honor graduates must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or better at the end of the seventh semester. Honor Graduates must have a 3.5 GPA or better at the end of the seventh semester.

Commencement Speakers

Student speakers at Commencement (Graduation) will be determined by student grade point average at the end of the seventh semester. The student must be in line to complete the SMART Core curriculum plus two (2) years of foreign language and other graduation requirements. The grade point average will be calculated to the nearest thousandth by taking the total numerical value of grades based on the state required grading scale divided by the number of credit courses attempted each semester totaled. Example: total of grades (123) divided by total attempted (46) equals a 2.6739/2.674 GPA. The two (2) students with the highest GPAs will be selected as speakers.

HOMECOMING QUEEN (FOOTBALL SEASON)

The Homecoming Queen will come from the senior class. The royalty will consist of one (1) queen and eight (8) maids; 2-Seniors; 2-Juniors; 2-Sophomores, and 2 Ninth Graders. A student may serve in only one royalty court during a school year. The members of the senior boys' football team (grades 10-12) will select the queen from the elected senior maids.

HOMEWORK

The Greenland School District considers homework to be a part of the instructional program and a logical and reasonable extension of the school day. Therefore, the district encourages the appropriate and reasonable use of homework as a teaching-learning strategy. Homework should supplement, complement, and reinforce specific learning activities. It should be utilized as an extension of the learning process, not as a substitute for that process. Care should be exercised that the necessary foundations are in place before such extensions are assigned. Homework should be assigned with the following criteria in mind:

1. The teacher should consider the student's need for family life and recreation when making assignments.
2. Grade level, maturity level, achievement level, content, and availability of resource materials should be considered before assigning homework.
3. Additional homework should never be assigned as punishment.

4. The classroom teacher is in the best position to see that the child is progressing at his/her own rate; therefore, the teacher should allow time for guided practice during the regular classroom period.
5. Homework should be checked and feedback given.
6. Students and/or their parents will be responsible for contacting the Principal's office or the teacher to make arrangements for making up any missed assignments.
7. Long-term assignments (reports, research, etc.) should be accompanied by timely monitoring and relevant feedback. Homework should be assigned for one or more of the following reasons:
 - a. To promote reading and skills development.
 - b. To reinforce previously taught material.
 - c. To research assigned topics.
 - d. To conduct independent investigations.
 - e. To promote reference and study skills.
 - f. To complete assignments begun in the instructional setting.

JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM

Each year the juniors may entertain the seniors with a prom to be held near the end of the school year. The arrangements are to be made by the Junior Class Sponsors along with the Junior Class Officers and Prom Committee with prior approval of the High School Principal. All dates must be from grades 9–12, or may not be over the age of 20. Guests for the Prom must be approved in the Principal's office prior to the event. This is a formal event.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

All students are entitled and encouraged to use the library media center. The library is open throughout the day and during lunch. For use, students are required to have a signed hall pass from their teachers. Specific rules will be posted, and the librarian may refuse service to those who abuse them.

Circulation of materials:

1. Students may check out two items at a time.
2. Items are checked out for two week periods and may be renewed for an additional two weeks if there is not a waiting list.
3. Fines of 5 cents per school day will be charged for overdue items.
4. Students with overdue books or fines will not be allowed to check out additional items.
5. Students are responsible for the items they check out and will be required to pay for lost or damaged materials.
6. Fines will be used for library services and materials.

LOITERING

It is a misdemeanor for any person to loiter on or near public or private school grounds. Visitors must have permission from the Principal's office to be on the grounds or inside the buildings.

LOST AND FOUND

If you lose something you should inquire about it in the Principal's office. Articles not claimed in a reasonable length of time will be given to the finder, given to Goodwill, or used for fundraising purposes.

LUNCH/AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION

Lunch detention; student lunch time for minor disciplinary infractions. A detention assigned will be served the following day. Students checking out early or absent on the day the detention is to be served must present an admit slip and serve the detention on the day they return to school.

Misbehavior or being late during lunch/after school detention will result in the student(s) being assigned after school detention OR additional time outs. Failure to attend time-out will result in assignment to extra detentions. When a student has acquired six (6) detentions, the parent will be notified and the student assigned Saturday School or ISS for one day. After acquiring ten (10) detentions, the student will be assigned to two (2) Saturdays of Saturday School or I.S.S. for two (2) days and the parent notified. Any time-out above ten (10) may result in the assignment of additional days of I.S.S., Saturday School, or out of school suspension. Failure to attend Saturday school will result in three (3) days of out of school suspension.

LUNCHTIME & BREAKFAST RULES

All students will be seated when they enter, no standing around is permitted. Talking is allowed, but it should not be loud and disruptive. Sitting on desks or tables is not permitted. Students in grades 9-12 will follow the same rules. Students will go to the cafeteria to eat hot lunches, and those students bringing lunch will eat in the cafetorium. When finished eating, all students will report to the designated areas. While in the assigned area, students will sit quietly and behave due to classes being held. NO students are to loiter in the halls during lunch. ANY FOOD FROM AN OUTSIDE SOURCE MUST BE PLACED AT THE DESIGNATED SITE.

MR. AND MISS GHS

The members of the freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior classes will nominate two boys and two girls from the senior class to be honored as Mr. & Miss GHS. The election will be by secret ballot. The date of the election will coincide with the Who's Who elections. Candidates for Mr. & Miss GHS must meet the same criteria as other candidates and be in line for graduation.

PARENTAL CONFERENCES

Parents who wish to confer with the Principal, Counselor, or with a teacher are always welcome at Greenland High School. We request that parents notify the Principal before their arrival for a conference in order that the necessary arrangements can be made.

There are two (2) days set aside in the school calendar for Parent-Teacher conferences. Parents need to attend.

PARKING

Numbered spaces are provided for student parking. All vehicles must have a numbered parking sticker that correlates to numbered space. Parking stickers may be obtained from the office for \$10. Vehicles must be parked in assigned spaces. Decorations of parking spaces are permitted. Come by the high school office to receive a form.

PROCEDURES FOR FORMING A NEW CLUB/ORGANIZATION

School organizations are an integral part of school life in Greenland Public Schools. All students are encouraged to participate in organizations in which they have an interest.

1. Present a request to the Principal to form a new club/organization. The request should include the following:
 - A. Constitution including:
 1. Purpose of club/organization.
 2. Dues to be assessed.
 3. List of by-laws.
 4. Qualification requirements for membership.
 - B. At least two faculty members who have agreed to sponsor.
2. The Principal will meet with the Counselor, Student Council sponsor, the President of the Student Council, and at least two other faculty members to discuss the educational and social benefits of the proposed club/organization. After discussion, the committee will vote on granting or denying creation of the new club/organization.
3. The Principal will review all information and will make the final decision on granting or denying formation of a new club/organization.
4. Organizations exist either for academic, honor, or special interest groups.
5. Each group will have written admission rules that will not discriminate on any arbitrary criteria.
6. Any public school fraternity, sorority, secret society or organization is prohibited in Greenland Public Schools (See Act 1929, #171).

RENAISSANCE

E-Sports

FFA

FANTASY SPORTS

FCCLA

EAST

FBLA

NHS

STUDENT COUNCIL

FCA

PROFANITY

Students found to be guilty of any profane words or remarks, name calling that tends to demean another individual, or using any type of vulgar sign or suggestion will face disciplinary action.

PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION

Public displays of affection will not be tolerated. Occurrences will result in disciplinary action. Public displays of affection include: hugging, kissing, etc.

RIDING PEP BUSES AND ACTIVITY BUSES

Any student who rides a pep bus or activity bus to a school event will not be allowed to ride home with any other student or person other than his/her parent/guardian. There is one exception to this rule. If a parent wishes for his/her child to ride home with another relative (21 years old or older), or with the parent of another student on the trip, they must have that request, in written form, in the Principal's office by noon on the day of the trip. If a team or group has a rule that states that the student must ride the bus to or from an event, that rule will take precedence over the rules stated above. If a student has missed more than five (5) days or if a student has had disciplinary referrals because of disruptive behavior, they may not be allowed to go on the bus at the discretion of the principal. If a student is not passing his/her class(es), then he/she may not be allowed to ride the pep bus.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

School announcements will be e-mailed to parents, students, and teachers. Announcements will also be posted on Greenland High School social media pages.

SCHOOL DANCES

Greenland High School students are permitted three (3) dances per year according to School Board policy. These include: the Homecoming dance, the Color's Day dance, and the Junior/Senior Prom. Others may be considered. The Greenland High School dances are for Greenland students and are NOT open to the public. Rules for each dance may differ. Homecoming, Color's Day, and special permission dances: A Greenland High School student may invite a guest and bring the guest IF: the proper permission form has been obtained, completed, and returned within the specified time frame. Permission for the guest is granted by the building level administrator. All guests and students are under the supervision of the Principal, designated chaperones, or sponsors. They are subject to all school rules, regulations, and policies. The dress code may be modified by the Principal. Guests are to be with the inviting student. Alumni are invited to the Homecoming and Color's Day dances so long as they meet the requirements and maintain acceptable conduct.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The dress code of Greenland High School has been established to promote an orderly environment, conducive to appropriate behavior and representative of community standards, while allowing for sufficient comfort and style. Therefore, students and

parents are encouraged to ask school administration if unsure of the appropriateness of any item of apparel.

A student's appearance and dress shall not disrupt or contribute to the disruption of the educational process or interfere with opportunities of others to learn or teach. Any apparel which is likely to create a disruption of classroom or school activity is prohibited. Such apparel includes, but is not limited to:

- Apparel that is immodest
- Apparel that is unsafe
- Apparel that is disruptive
- Apparel that is unsanitary
- Apparel that can cause property damage
- Apparel that is offensive to standards of decency

Students in violation may not return to class until dress is appropriate. Repeated offenses will result in further disciplinary action. Refer to section 4.25 for additional student dress policy.

STUDENT ACCOUNTABILITY

By the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education rules, any student in grades 9-12 who does not score proficient or above on their grade level exams, shall be required to participate in an individualized Academic Improvement Plan (AIP). Each AIP shall be developed by school personnel and the student's parents and shall be designed to assist the student in attaining the expected achievement level. The AIP shall also state the parent's role as well as the consequences for the student's failure to participate in the plan, which shall include the student's retention in their present grade.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Student employment is not a valid reason for non-attendance at school. ACT 675 of 2003 requires students to be in planned instructional time for a minimum of 300 minutes each school day with one period each day allowed for extracurricular classes. Students may not be released before the end of the regular school day, unless a senior has a documented financial hardship or is in a Department of Education approved program and filed the required form/s (Form G).

Tobacco, Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems, and Related Products

Smoking or use of tobacco or products containing tobacco in any form (including, but not limited to, e-cigarettes, cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and snuff) in or on any real property owned or leased by a District school, including school buses owned or leased by the District, is prohibited. This policy's prohibition includes any tobacco or nicotine delivery system or product. Any product that is manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, or under any name or descriptor.

Punishment will be issued to students who are found in violation of this policy and will also be issued a ticket.

TARDY POLICY

Definition of Tardy: Student not being in the room when the tardy bell **begins** to ring. In order for Greenland High School students to gain the maximum benefit from school, they must arrive at school punctually. Tardiness can result in the student missing quality-learning time. Students arriving late to class may cause other students to be distracted causing a disruption to the educational process. Students arriving late to school must report to the office before going to class. Any student detained by the office or a teacher must obtain a slip from the detaining party. Beginning with the second (2nd) tardy, a time out (lunch detention) will be assigned. An after school detention will be assessed for each tardy beginning with the second tardy and spent in an assigned area with the following rules.

Any student more than twenty minutes late to a class will be considered absent for that period.

Parents will be notified upon the accumulation of six (6) tardies.

TRUANCY

A student not being in the assigned place (off school property or in an area on campus they are not assigned to) without permission of parent or school. Punishment will be issued to students who are truant.

SPECIAL ELECTIONS AND SELECTIONS

The purpose of all elections in secondary school is to involve students in active participation in order that they may learn, from actual experience and observation, the qualities of a good citizen. Elections should be conducted in a democratic way (in some instances, using secret ballot) using parliamentary procedures. All students should follow campaign rules or their actions could be detrimental to their candidate's success. Candidates for office may post no more than ten campaign posters during their campaign for their respective offices. There will be absolutely no campaigning during the distribution of the ballots. Students must remove their posters as soon after the election as possible.

SPIRIT TEAMS

They are required to follow the dress code. Uniforms will be allowed during pep assemblies during the school day.

All Special events may have specific dress codes.

Violations of the dress code will be dealt with in the following manner:

1. Students will replace or correct the non-compliant clothing with appropriate clothing immediately.
2. Repeated incidents of non-compliance will be treated as a disciplinary matter. Appropriateness will be determined by the administration.

A spirit team candidate must be currently enrolled in Greenland High School and must be a 9th grader for the Junior High squad, and a rising sophomore, junior, or senior for the Senior Varsity squad. Each candidate must meet A.A.A. requirements. Each candidate must turn in written certification by a medical doctor stating that he/she has passed a physical examination and a written parental permission form.

STUDENT GRADES AND RECORDS

Grading and Grading Scale can be found in the District Information section.

QUALITY POINTS: Quality points are assigned to the letter grades for calculating GPAs. The following are used:

<u>Regular classes</u>	<u>AP classes</u>
A-4.00	A-5.00
B-3.00	B-4.00
C-2.00	C-3.00
D-1.00	D-2.00
F- 0.00	F-0.00

The grade point values for AP, IB and DESE approved honors courses shall be one point greater than for regular courses with the exception that an F shall still be worth 0 points. AP classes can receive weighted credit only if the student takes the AP exam and is taught by a certified AP instructor. Greenland High School requires all students who take an AP course to take the AP Exam following the completion of the course.

USE OF THE GYMS

Entrance to the gym is to be through the designated doors. Only students assigned to a gym class should be in the gym. Use of the gyms before and after school hours is forbidden unless the coach(s), Principal, or Superintendent has granted permission. Students WILL NOT eat their lunch in the gym. AT NO TIME SHOULD STUDENTS BE IN THE GYMS UNSUPERVISED.

USE OF THE TELEPHONE

The office telephone is for school business and emergencies only. All calls made by students at other times of the day must be made in the Principal's office and must be an emergency. Calls to employers, boyfriends, girlfriends, etc. are not considered emergencies.

WHO'S WHO ELECTIONS

The date(s) for the election will be left to the discretion of the sponsor with the Principal's approval. Junior Class Who's Who and Senior Class Who's Who will be selected separately. To be considered as a candidate, students must be in good standing. A boy and a girl will be elected for each of the positions.

Disclaimer Statement

Use of the masculine pronoun anywhere in the following adopted policies, is for the sole purpose of ease in sentence construction and should not be construed as an intention to discriminate against females in either its written materials or its practices. The

feminine pronoun will be used only in those policies where the masculine form would be totally inappropriate.

SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Office – 521-2366 ext. 108

Fax – 521-1350

Agriculture – 521-2366 ext. 126

Band – 521-2366 ext. 117

Basketball (Boys) – 521-2366 ext. 118

Basketball (Girls) – 521-2366 ext. 119

Business Dept. – 521-2366 ext. 112

Cafeteria – 521-2366 ext. 147

Counselor – 521-2366 ext. 110

E.A.S.T. – 521-2366 ext. 113

Family and Consumer Science – 521-2366 ext. 114

Fieldhouse – 521-2366 ext. 125

Library – 521-2366 ext. 111

Nurse – 521-2366 ext. 109

Special Education – 521-2366 ext. 115

Crisis Hotline Contact Information

Local:

Child Abuse 1-800-482-5964

Crisis Hotline Anytime 1-800-798-8336

Loving Choices Pregnancy Center 1-479-631-6677

Teen Action Support Center 24 Hours 1-479-636-8272

Arkansas:

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Hotline (8:30-5:00 M-F) 1-501-686-9866

Arkansas Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline 1-800-482-5964

Arkansas Drug Info (8:30-5:00 M-F) 1-888-228-1233

Arkansas Poison & Drug Info 1-800-376-4766

Arkansas State Drug Hotline 1-800-553-3820

Crisis Center for Women 1-800-359-0056

Planned Parenthood 1-479-443-7791

Rape Crisis 1-800-813-5433

Sexual Assault 1-877-432-5368

Suicide Prevention 1-800-784-2433

Youth Bridges 1-800-628-2260

National

Drug & Alcohol Hotline 1-800-662-4357

Runaway Hotline 1-800-786-2929

STD & AIDS Hotline 1-800-342-2437

Teen Line National Hotline (3-12 PM) 1-800-522-8336

Trevor Hotline for Gay Youth Crisis 1-800-850-8078

In an effort to consolidate forms, we are asking parents to acknowledge receipt and grant permission on this one form. After reviewing items with your student, initial at the end of paragraph, sign and please return this form to school.

2022-2023 PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND PERMISSION

2022-2023 STUDENT HANDBOOK/School, Parent or Guardian, and Student Compact

The student handbook discusses attendance, discipline, and other policies of the district and individual buildings in Greenland Public Schools. I acknowledge that this handbook is on the district website

(www.greenlandschools.k12.ar.us) for my child's or my access when needed. I know I can request a written copy from my child's office should the need arise.

_____ (initials)

BUS RULES:

Bus rules are included in the student policies on the district website and distributed by bus driver to the student.

_____ (initials)

PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE:

Students who attend school in Greenland School District may be photographed or filmed in relation to instructional programs and/or other school related activities, and their names may be listed publicly in relation to such programs or activities. The pictures, films, and/or names may be published in public newspapers, school newspapers, school yearbooks, slides, brochures, videos, CD's, and/or posted on the Greenland School District website or other media. The following list includes situations or activities where students may be photographed, filmed, and/or have names published 1) Classroom Observations 2) Academic Achievements 3) Honor Roll Lists 4) Athletic Activities 5) Music Activities 6) Contest Participation 7) Program Participation 8) Organization Participation 9) Other Miscellaneous Events. (Please initial your preference)

_____ I Give Permission to Publish My Child's Photo _____ I DO NOT Want My Child's Photo To Be Made Public

FIELD TRIP CONSENT:

I understand that it is the policy of Greenland Schools to take students on field trips. I also understand that I will be notified when these trips are to take place. I believe that necessary precautions will be taken for the care and supervision of the children during trips away from the school building. Beyond this, we will not hold the school or those supervising the trips responsible. _____ (initials)

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN:

I acknowledge I have received information regarding Parental Involvement and may review the school's parent involvement plan on the district website. Furthermore, I can request a written copy of the school plan from the school office at any time.

_____ (initials)

PERIODIC VISION, HEARING, BODY MASS INDEX, AND SCOLIOSIS SCREENINGS:

Students who attend school in the Greenland School District are scheduled for periodic vision, hearing, BMI, and scoliosis screenings. Referral for follow up care will be provided as indicated to parents. Parents who would like a copy of screenings may obtain them from the school nurse. If you wish to exclude your student from any screenings, please contact the school office. _____ (initials)

DRUG SCREENING POLICY:

I acknowledge I am aware of the drug screening policy used for students in extracurricular activities. It is located in greater detail on the district website. _____ (initials)

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____