



Stryker High School
2025-2026

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On behalf of the faculty, we would like to welcome you to Stryker High School for the coming year. It is an exciting and challenging time to be a young adult. We are looking forward to assisting you in fulfilling your educational goals.

This planner is designed to provide you and your parents with the educational guidelines and requirements at Stryker High School, along with the student code of conduct and the consequences of not following behaviors outlined in that code. It is our purpose to keep students informed plus be fair and consistent in all circumstances. Please read this information carefully so that you clearly understand what is expected of you at all times. If any of the policies or administrative guidelines referenced herein are revised after August 1, 2017 the language in the most current policy or administrative guideline prevails. If you have questions regarding this, please call a building administrator or check the school's website at www.strykerpanthers.net

We will provide a safe and orderly environment characterized by high expectations for all students. Take advantage of the educational opportunities that Stryker High School and its faculty affords you.

Stryker Local Schools Vision Statement:

The Stryker Local Schools exists to develop the potential of all students through academic and extracurricular programming while each student demonstrates high levels of achievement in a safe and respectful environment.

Stryker Local Schools Mission Statement:

Stryker Local Schools offers opportunities to become lifelong learners through the efforts of BOE, educators, administration, support staff, parents and the larger community. Stryker Local Schools recognizes that each child is an individual who learns in different ways, that all children are creative, and that all children need to succeed. As graduates of Stryker Local Schools, students will be contributing citizens prepared to solve real world problems and thrive in a global society.

CORE VALUES:

Responsibility, Honesty, Courage, Integrity, Tolerance, Justice, Respect, Citizenship, Dedication

CIVIL RIGHTS

The Board of Education has designated the Superintendent as the district's civil rights compliance officer. The compliance officer can be reached at the following address and phone number:

400 S. Defiance St.
Stryker, Oh 43557
(419)-682-4591

Board of Education Policy

The Board of Education Policy is available on the district website www.strykerpanthers.net

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

In 1974, the Federal Government passed the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The intention of this law is to protect the accuracy and privacy of student education records.

As permitted under FERPA, the following information has been designated by the Stryker Local Board of Education as "directory information". This permits our school to use this information without prior written consent if, and only if, it is used to publish student yearbooks, programs for athletic teams, performing groups, and graduation ceremonies as well as to publicize the academic awards and honors of individual students, UNLESS PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFIES THE SCHOOL.

1. The student's name and grade level
2. The student's extracurricular activities
3. The name of the school the student currently attends
4. Achievement awards and honors
5. Weight, height, and position on athletic teams

2025 – 2026 CALENDER

1ST NINE WEEKS:
Teacher In-Service Day Aug 12
Teacher Workday Aug 13
First Nine Weeks Begins Aug 14
Labor Day – No School Sept 01
Fair Day (V) Sept 08
First Nine Weeks Ends Oct 17

2ND NINE WEEKS:
Second Nine Weeks Begins Oct 20
Parent/Teacher Conf (3:30) Nov 24
Parent/Teacher Conf (3:30) Nov 25
P/T Conf – No School Nov 26
Fall Break Nov 26 – Dec 01
End of Semester Dec 18
Teacher Workday Dec 19
Christmas Break Dec 22–Jan 02

3RD NINE WEEKS:
Third Nine Weeks Begins Jan 05
Teacher In-Service Jan 19
President’s Day – No School Feb 16
Third Nine Weeks Ends Mar 13

4TH NINE WEEKS:
Spring Break Mar 16-20
Fourth Nine Weeks Begins Mar 23
Easter Break Apr 03
Graduation May 17
Last Day of School May 21
Teacher Workday May 22

*In the event that the district needs to make up student hours due to delays and/or cancellations, the makeup hours will be added first to Feb. 16th, and then followed by days added to the end of the school year.

SCHOOL DELAYS AND CLOSINGS

Thrillshare Alert System is the primary notification system the district utilizes for delays, closures, and other information announcements. The notifications occur via text message, Facebook, Twitter, and notifications from the Stryker Schools app. The Stryker Schools app can be downloaded by following the Google Play or Apple App Store link at the bottom of the homepage of the Stryker Schools website. The following television stations may be used to also broadcast this information –WTVG – 13

DAILY TIME SCHEDULE

Entry Bell	8:25
1 st Period	8:30 – 9:12
2 nd Period	9:15 – 9:57
3 rd Period	10:00 – 10:42
4 th Period	10:45 – 11:30
5 th Period HS LUNCH	11:30 – 12:02
5 th Period JH LUNCH	11:32 – 12:02
6 th Period	12:05 – 12:55
7 th Period	12:58 – 1:40
8 th Period	1:43 – 2:25
9 th Period	2:28 – 3:10

TWO HOUR DELAY SCHEDULE

1 st Period	10:30 - 10:59
2 nd Period	11:02 - 11:31
5 th Period Lunch	11:31 - 12:01
3 rd Period	12:04 -12:32
4 th Period	12:35 - 1:03
6 th Period	1:06 - 1:34
7 th Period	1:37 - 2:05
8 th Period	2:08 - 2:37
9 th Period	2:40 - 3:10

EARLY RELEASE 1:05 SCHEDULE

Entry Bell	8:25
1 st Period	8:30-8:54
2 nd Period	8:57-9:21
3 rd Period	9:24-9:48
4 th Period	9:51-10:15
6 th Period	10:18-11:03
7 th Period	11:06-11:30
5 th Period HS LUNCH	11:30-12:02
5 th Period JH LUNCH	11:32-12:02
8 th Period	12:05-12:34
9 th Period	12:37-1:05

PEP ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

6 th Period	12:05-12:45
7 th Period	12:48-1:28
8 th Period	1:31-2:11
9 th Period	2:14-2:42
Pep Session	2:45-3:10

CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct, adopted by the Stryker Local Schools Board of Education, is in effect while students are under the authority of school personnel or involved in any school activity. This includes but is not limited to, property under the control of school authorities and while at interscholastic competitions, extra-curricular events or other school activities and programs or while being provided transportation to or from any of the events listed. Furthermore, students may be disciplined for conduct that, regardless of where or when it occurs, is directed at a Board official or employee, or the property of such official or employee. This includes photography and tape recording without consent.

Students are expected to conduct themselves in conformity with all school regulations and accept direction and instruction from authorized school personnel. A student, who fails to comply with the established rules and regulations of the school or with any reasonable request made by authorized school personnel, shall be subject to imposition of discipline as authorized and outlined in the Code of Conduct.

Any student, who engages in violent, disruptive or inappropriate behavior, may be subject to disciplinary procedures set forth in the Code of Conduct and pursuant to Section 3313.66 ORC.

The following behavior shall be defined as any behavior or act on the part of the student, either on or off school grounds, which causes, or has the potential to cause, physical injury to any other person. Disruptive behavior shall be defined as any behavior by a student, either on or off school grounds, which causes a disruption in the good working order and educational missions of the school or any school activity. Inappropriate behavior shall be defined as any behavior by a student, which in the sole discretion of the appropriate school official, is not conducive to the creation, maintenance or fostering of an academic atmosphere.

The following types of student misconduct may result in disciplinary action, which may include detention, verbal or written warning, and referral to guidance counselor, automatic zero grade, parental contact or conference, denial of privileges, educational reassignment, suspension, or expulsion or removal from school activities pursuant to ORC 3313.66.

1. Disruption of school and/or interference with curricular and/or extracurricular activities including selling, posting, or distributing unauthorized signs, posters, or materials.
2. Damage or destruction of school property and/or personal property – restitution will be required.
3. Assault, physical abuse/fighting – including dating violence
4. Bullying, Harassment, or hazing includes cyber-bullying.
 - a. This includes any act of bullying on school grounds, in school owned vehicles, at school sponsored events as well as bullying through electronic means that regardless of where it originates if there is a disruption in the learning environment.
5. Sexting and Sextortion
6. Possession of dangerous weapons or instruments including lighters and matches.

7. No person shall knowingly possess an object on school premises, in a school or school building, at a school activity, or on a school bus if both of the following apply: (1) the object is indistinguishable from a firearm, whether or not the object is capable of being fired. (2) The person indicates that they possess a firearm or the person knowingly displays or brandishes the object that indicates it is a firearm. Examples include squirt guns, cap guns, etc. Referral to legal authority will be made based on Ohio Law.
8. Use of an object as a weapon
9. Arson
10. Trespassing
11. Any evidence of consumption, possess, or transmit alcoholic beverages, narcotics, stimulants, depressants, anabolic steroids, drug paraphernalia, counterfeit drugs, look-a-like drugs, substitutes or placebos carrying an explicit or an implied representation as a drug.
12. Use or possession of tobacco in any form including E-Cigarettes and Vapes
13. Violation of rules of conduct for school buses or field trips
14. Truancy, skipping class, leaving school property without permission, tardy, and unexcused absences.
15. Theft or extortion.
16. Dress code violation.
17. Insubordination or repeated violations of school policy.
18. Profanity and/or obscene language (written, oral, or gestures).
19. Falsification, cheating, or plagiarism – automatic zero for the assignment/test.
20. Public display of affection. (PDA)
21. Student driving and parking privileges (cars, bikes and mopeds)
22. Commission of any act on school property or at a school activity in violation of the Ohio Criminal Code, Ohio Traffic Code, or the Ohio Juvenile Code including bomb threats or false fire alarms.
23. Violation of computer network use and agreement.
24. Violation of ECD Usage, which includes but is not limited to photography and voice recording of any Stryker School employee without prior consent.

The administration has the right to use discretion in interpreting and implementing rules of the handbook in compliance with school board policy. In addition, the administration may develop appropriate rules and regulation as called for by various situations. It also means that the administration may, in severe or unusual cases, discipline a student in ways other than stated in the handbook. Students who violate city, county, state, or federal laws may be referred to proper legal authorities.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

At Stryker High School, regular attendance is important. We see regular attendance as a positive factor that develops habits of punctuality, self-discipline and responsibility. Pupils who attend class regularly generally achieve higher grades, enjoy school more, and are more employable after leaving school. Even though a student may make up actual work missed because of absences, he/she may never be able to replace the social, educational and cultural contacts, which are received only through actual classroom attendance and participation.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) must notify the school prior to 8:30am on the day a student is absent unless previous notification has been given in accordance with school procedure for excused absences. A student who becomes ill during the school day should request permission to go to the office. An appropriate adult in the office will determine whether the student should remain in school or go home. No student will be released from school without proper parental permission or permission from building principal.

The primary responsibility for attendance of a student rests with his/her parent(s) or guardian(s).

All Stryker High School courses require a 90% attendance for students to receive credit. If a student's attendance in a class drops below 90%, excused and unexcused (this includes all absences except school activities), the student may be required to make up the seat time missed through many options available or risk losing credits. Study table before school and detention after school are options available for this purpose. It will be up to the teacher to decide when make-up work will be required or risk of failure. The building principal shall be responsible for determining the "good and sufficient reasons" for which a child may be excused from school. (ORC 3321.04) All Students must be in attendance by noon to attend any after school function.

Any student that is absent without a legitimate excuse including high absenteeism may be considered truant, and referred to the Attendance Officer of Stryker Local Schools. Following are the guidelines of the Stryker High School Attendance Policy.

Absences from Stryker Local Schools are of two kinds

1. Excused – make up privileges are allowed with 100% credit.
 - The number of days given for make-up work is at the teacher's discretion
2. Unexcused – no makeup work allowed and zeroes are given for all work.

EXCUSED:

1. Illness
 - Parental excuse (no more than five per semester)
2. Death in family (not to exceed three days)
3. Doctor/Dentist Appointment (Doctors note required)
4. Legal
5. Pre-approved family travel – Vacation forms to complete in the HS Office
6. Pre-approved college visit– Visit forms to complete in the HS Office
 - a. Juniors & Seniors 5 per year
 - b. Freshmen & Sophomores 2 per year
 - c. Scholarship interviews (2 senior year 2nd semester only)

UNEXCUSED:

1. Suspension – Make up privileges allowed. May be required to attend the Opportunity School.
2. Expulsion
3. Skipping
4. No parent note
5. Too many parent notes
6. Too many tardies
7. Absence deemed unnecessary by the administration

Habitual Truancy defined by HB 410

House Bill (HB) 410 made several significant changes to district obligations for working with students who are truant. It also made changes to student discipline. Under the revised law, the term “chronic truant” has been removed. The term “habitual truant” still is used, and the definition has been updated, removing references to “days” and replacing them with “hours.”

Under the revised definition, a **habitual truant** is defined as “any child of compulsory school age who is absent without legitimate excuse from the public school the child is supposed to attend for 30 or more consecutive hours, 42 or more hours in one school month or 72 or more hours in a school year,” (Ohio Revised Code (RC) 2151.011(B)(18)). The law expands the jurisdiction to juvenile courts in dealing with parents of truant students and creates a new option allowing the court to order school districts to place a child in an alternative school if one has been established.

Truancy cases are filed with Juvenile Court system for the following:

School administrators shall file a complaint in juvenile court on the 61st day after implementation of an absence intervention plan if all of the following apply:

1. The student has unexcused absences of 30+ consecutive hours, 42+ hours in one month, or 72+ hours in a school year
2. The district has made meaningful attempts to reengage the student through the absence intervention plan or other intervention strategies and alternatives to adjudication
3. The student has refused to participate in or failed to make satisfactory progress on the plan, strategies, or alternatives.

18 YEARS OLD

Any student who is 18 years old may write his/her own excuse notes as long as the following exists: the student is independent and self-supporting and no longer lives in the same residence as his/her parents. Self-supporting form must be on file unless the parent signs, off on responsibility

TARDIES:

Students are expected to be in class on time, prepared, and ready to learn. When students are late, they cause a disruption to the learning environment for all. Therefore, students will receive consequences for tardies as follows:

- 1st tardy – excused
- 2nd tardy – unexcused
- 3rd tardy – detention
- 4th tardy – detention
- 5th tardy – detention

After 5th tardy, every tardy thereafter will result in the student being sent to the opportunity school for a day. This will be reset at semester.

DETENTION RULES

All high school staff and administration have the option to issue formal/informal detentions to students whose behavior may warrant this action. The rules of this detention program are:

1. Detention time is 3:15 to 4:00 P.M. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in the supervising teacher's classroom. Once a detention has been assigned it must be served on the assigned date. Failure to serve a detention will result in a second after school detention.
2. Students are to bring school work with them to the detention room.
3. Students are not to talk during detention.
4. Students are not to lay their heads on desk tops and sleeping will not be permitted.
5. Students will have no rest room privileges and they may not go to their locker - students are to remain in the detention room the entire 45 minutes.
6. Detentions will be handled on a semester basis.

Detentions will be handled in the following manner

- 1st detention – detention hall
- 2nd detention – detention hall
- 3rd detention – detention hall
- 4th detention –reassignment to opportunity school

All detentions locations/punishments thereafter will be determined by the principal.

7. Dress Code
8. Clothing worn to school and school functions should be appropriate to the school situation. Any wearing apparel which desecrates the American flag or which is obscene is forbidden.
9. Neatness and cleanliness are important aspects of proper school attitude and dress - students should strive to uphold these standards. Specific rules cannot begin to cover the ever-changing styles and fashions. However, the following rules will be enforced. The principal will make final determination on questionable dress code issues.
10. There will be certain situations where the dress code will be modified such as spirit week, homecoming and prom. It is the student's responsibility to know when it has been modified and when it has not.

CONDITIONS OF DRESS CODE:

1. As a matter of common courtesy, head coverings, hats, caps, bandanas, hoodies and sunglasses are not to be worn during the school day - they should be kept in your locker.
2. No pajama pants/shirts/onesies are permitted.
3. Open backs and spaghetti straps are not permitted. All shirts must cover the midriff area.
4. Clothing that advertise drugs and alcohol or have profanities, obscenities, or innuendos written on them will not be permitted.
5. Shorts/skirts of appropriate length, mid-thigh, from the top of knee, or to end up at fingertip when arms and hands are extended will be permitted.
6. Visible body piercing will be limited to ears and one facial piercing.
7. Clothing with tears/rips/holes are unacceptable. Any tear/rip/hole must be patched. This includes the pocket area.
8. All pants are to be worn on the hips. A belt or other means of holding up the pants may be issued to students.
9. In addition to the above rules, when representing the school at an extracurricular activity, or a field trip, the school holds the option to establish dress code regulations above the prescribed minimums.
10. The final authority in deeming dress code violations as inappropriate rests with the building principal.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

1. First Offense: Students will be asked to change their attire. This will be counted as a warning.
2. Second Offense: Students will be asked to change their attire, parental notification, and an after-school detention will be issued.
3. Third Offense: Students will be placed in the in-school suspension room and parental notification.
4. Fourth Offense: Students will be sent home for the day and the following day the student will be sent to the opportunity school.

FOOD/DRINKS

Food and drinks in the classroom will be limited to "reward" days only. Students will not be allowed to consume/carry food and/or drinks (except water) while in the classroom or hallways.

BOOK BAGS/BACK PACKS

Students will not be allowed to carry Book Bags or Back Packs to class; they should be kept in their lockers. Students should utilize their lockers in between classes to prepare themselves for class.

CELLULAR TELEPHONE AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES

A student may possess a cellular telephone or other electronic communication devices (ECD) in school, on school property, at after school activities and at school-related functions, provided that during class hours the cellular telephone or other ECD remain in the student's locker, or classroom

storage area. Possession of a cellular telephone or other ECD by a student is a privilege, which may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise engages in misuse of this privilege.

Students may not use cellular telephones or ECDs on school property or at school-sponsored activity to access and/or view Internet web sites that are otherwise blocked to students at school. The use of cellular telephones and other ECDs that contain built-in cameras are prohibited in locker rooms, classrooms, and/or restrooms. Photography or voice recording of any Stryker School Employee without consent from employee is prohibited.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and confiscation of the cellular telephone or ECD. If the device is confiscated, it will be returned to the student's parent/guardian after the student complies with any other disciplinary consequence that is imposed. The building principal may also refer the matter to law enforcement officials.

All students will be required to sign an AUP form in order to access the internet during school hours using school technology.

COURSE SELECTION AND ASSIGNMENTS

Course prerequisites should be completed prior to enrolling in a higher level course. Example-English 9 should be completed before a student will be allowed to enroll in English 10. See Curriculum Handbook.

CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Schedule changes will be handled in the Guidance Office. All schedule changes should be discussed with the classroom teacher before being brought to the attention of the guidance counselor. Changes should occur within five (5) days of the semester. Necessary changes occurring after the first five days may require parental and administrative approval. Parents who wish to discuss courses and curriculum should contact the high school office.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are academic activities that are held off school grounds. No student may participate in any school-sponsored trip without parental consent and a current emergency medical form on file in the office. Field trips are a privilege provided to all students at Stryker High School. All school rules apply during these trips.

Students who are failing and/or ineligible may be withheld from field trips at the discretion of the principal. Occasionally field trips will be scheduled that require overnight accommodations. When this occurs, additional rules and guidelines will be followed. These will be provided by the advisor.

HIGH SCHOOL DANCES

High School Dances are for High School students only, no Jr. High students will be permitted.

If a student is wanting to bring a guest that does not currently attend Stryker High School a Guest Permission Form must be completed. Form must be

submitted to the office 3 days prior to the dance, and guest must be approved by the principal. Forms available in the HS Office.

CREDITS

Twenty-one credits are required for graduation from Stryker High School. Credits may be earned through a variety of educational options, such as: Post-Secondary Education Option, Credit Flexibility, on-line courses, Credit Recovery Courses and School to Work. However, in order for these classes to count toward graduation, they must be approved through the guidance counselor and proper paperwork filled out and submitted on time. All classes taken outside the regular school day and classroom will be evaluated by the guidance department and administration as to whether it will be included in GPA and class rank.

GRADING

Stryker High School has four grading periods of approximately nine weeks. Two nine week grading periods constitute a semester. Student's individual grades for each class are always viewable by parents through the parent portal (PowerSchool). Student ID and a new password are sent to parents at the beginning of each year. Grade cards are issued to students approximately one week after the conclusion of each grading period.

All credit is granted on a semester basis. Grades are issued for each of the two nine weeks and final exam each semester. A student must pass at least two of these three grade categories to receive a semester credit.

The standard grading scale is

A, 93.0	-	100	C, 73.0	-	76.9
A-, 90.0	-	92.9	C-, 70	-	72.9
B+, 87.0	-	89.9	D+, 67	-	69.9
B, 83.0	-	86.9	D, 63.0	-	66.9
B-, 80.0	-	82.9	D-, 60.0	-	62.9
C+, 77.0	-	79.9	F 59.9	-	or lower

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The required units for graduation for the classes of 2018 and beyond are as follows totaling 21 credits:

English 4	PE/Health 1
Social Studies 3	Fine Art 1
Science 3	Electives 5
Math 4	

In order to receive a diploma and graduate, a student must also meet the minimum requirements set forth by ODE.

Classification of high school students is based on the following minimum units of credits which is set the first day of each school year: Freshman, Promotion or placement from the 8th grade; Sophomore, 5 ¼ credit; Junior, 10 ½ credit; Senior, 15 ¾ credit. Those students wishing to enroll at Four County Career Center (FCCC) must have 8 credits by the end of their sophomore year. Students interested in achieving an Honors Diploma, should contact the guidance counselor for requirements.

COMMENCEMENT

The privilege of participation in commencement exercises is reserved for those students who have completed all requirements as set forth by the Stryker Board of Education and the State Board of Education. Students failing to meet these requirements will not be permitted to participate in the formal commencement exercises, but will be granted their diploma when the requirements have been met. Students may be denied the privilege of participating in commencement due to disciplinary reasons. All financial obligations must be taken care of prior to participation in the commencement exercises

HONOR ROLL REQUIREMENTS

Stryker School Honor Roll is computed on a nine-week basis. You must be enrolled in at least five (5) classes that receive grades on a nine-week basis. The student must receive all A's and B's to make Honor Roll. Students whose grades are computed only on a semester or yearly basis will not be included in the Stryker Honor Roll.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

To be eligible for membership, candidates must be a junior or senior and must be in attendance at Stryker High School a minimum of one semester.

Candidates must also have a cumulative scholastic average of 3.50 and have taken or currently be enrolled in a total of four college preparatory courses or post-secondary enrollment option college courses.

Students will be notified of their eligibility at which time they need to complete an application form. Students need to fill out the form and return it before the deadline. Then candidates will be evaluated by school personnel in the categories of leadership, service and character. This will be based on the cumulative average of the faculty rating sheets. In order to be selected, a student shall achieve a 6.5 average rating of the possible 9 points.

STRYKER ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP) GENERAL PRINCIPLES

In order to protect the integrity of the networks, computers, and other technological equipment at Stryker Local Schools, authorized users are expected to exercise responsible, ethical behavior when using the technology resources associated with the school.

To protect the students, Stryker Local Schools will enforce the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Pursuant to federal law, students shall receive education about the following:

- A. safety and security while using e-mail, chat rooms, social media, and other forms of direct electronic communications
- B. the dangers inherent with the online disclosure of personally identifiable information
- C. the consequences of unauthorized access (e.g., "hacking"), cyber bullying and other unlawful or inappropriate activities by students online.

D. unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors

Staff members shall provide instruction for their students regarding the appropriate use of technology, online safety and security as specified above. Furthermore, staff members will monitor the online activities of students while at school. Monitoring may include, but is not necessarily limited to, visual observations of online activities during class sessions; or use of specific monitoring tools to review browser history and network, server, and computer logs.

The term “authorized user” applies to any student, administrator, faculty, substitute (using a “sub login”), or support staff member who uses any technology resources available at Stryker Local Schools.

The primary purpose of the Stryker Local Schools network is educational research, administrative records, and authorized communication.

SOFTWARE INSTALLATION

All users will demonstrate respect for the hardware and software, and the rights of other users.

In most cases, the Stryker Technology Director will conduct all installations of hardware and software. All hardware and software purchases/installations should be approved through the technology department and the administration in accordance with the Stryker Acceptable Use Policy and Technology Plan.

Only legal copies of registered software will be used on the networks and local workstations. Staff members wishing to install additional software should contact the Principal and/or Technology Director. Please notify the Technology Director if any software is legally purchased, licensed, and installed on your computer.

DEVICES (COMPUTERS, CHROMEBOOKS & IPADS)

Students are expected to treat the hardware that are assigned to them with utmost care. Cases are to remain on the hardware at all times. If there is an issue with the case, please see the technology director and you will receive a replacement.

The hardware is expected to be charged in the cart or at home after school hours. Chargers are NOT to be loaned to other students for charging.

The same standards of intellectual honesty and plagiarism apply to software as to other forms of published work. Copying or modifying copyrighted software is considered illegal.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Modification of administrative software and/or systems control information by anyone other than authorized personnel will warrant disciplinary action. Deliberate alteration of system files is considered vandalism or malicious destruction of school property.

Frivolous or disturbing behavior, and use of any technology resource at Stryker Local Schools for obscene or nuisance messages, materials, or bullying, will result in disciplinary action. Tampering with e-mail, interfering with the delivery of e-mail, or using e-mail for criminal purposes will result in prosecution.

Under normal circumstances, all electronic files are considered private. However, Stryker Local Schools reserves the right to take whatever measures are necessary to protect the network and its users. There is an acknowledged trade-off between the absolute “right of privacy” of a user and the need for the administrator to insure the continued functioning of the technology resources. Files, mail, system access, and other listings may be examined while trying to diagnose and correct problems.

An authorized user at Stryker Local Schools using the technology resources, software, and/or the Internet, waives his/her right to privacy. By signing this agreement and using any technology associated resources available in the school, the user expressly consents to be monitored or recorded during any technology session. Those monitored or recorded sessions may be documented and used to determine disciplinary action.

In situations where passwords are required, the passwords are the property of the user and not to be shared, distributed, or used by anyone other than the owner. Anyone giving or using a password other than one’s own will lose network privileges. The systems administrator will be able to override all passwords to protect the network.

All users must receive training and will sign an Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) agreement prior to accessing the Internet.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

Anything accessed through the use of a cell phone or the school wireless network is still subject to the AUP. Each teacher may or may not allow the use of personal devices in his/her classroom and will be responsible for monitoring those devices.

Faculty may impose additional classroom rules and guidelines regarding the use of technology within the respective curriculum or classroom such as requiring students to stay on task or to use certain resources. The classroom rules and guidelines will be examined by the Technology Director and/or Principal. If approved, the additional guidelines will be on file in the Technology Office.

School Administrators may determine the authorized users of the network. School administrators will have final authority over any disciplinary measure regarding violation of this policy. Disciplinary measures may include total loss of computer privileges.

The School Administrators may add guidelines to the Stryker Local School District Acceptable Use Policy at any time when new or changing technology or educational use warrants it.

INTERNET AS AN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE

The Internet is a vast, continually growing, electronic network comprised of smaller networks and is used by educators, businesses, government, military, and special organizations for the retrieval and sending of information. Through the Internet, a user can access library catalogs and online databases, share teaching and learning strategies, research almost any topic imaginable, and communicate globally with other individuals. It also provides information resources located throughout the United States and the world.

Because the Internet is a fluid environment, the information available to the user is constantly changing. It is impossible to predict what information a user might locate. Material available on the Internet might not be selected to be included in the school curriculum or its media collection. The networking environment requires that guidelines be set for student exploration and use of electronic information. However, as with other media, students must be provided with intellectual skills and training to discriminate among information sources and to identify information appropriate to their chronological and developmental levels. Educators and parents must be vigilant as students explore new horizons. However, students must assume full responsibility for their choices and their actions as they use electronic media. Ethics must be practiced as well as preached. A student who has committed a technology-related offense will be counseled by the necessary faculty members i.e. the classroom teacher, technology director, and/or administrator, as needed.

Students will each have a google email address even if they are under 13. This google address is owned by the school and is not to be used for any accounts/logins that are not used by the school for educational purposes. Some examples of sites not to be used with school accounts would be Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, etc.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS GUIDELINES

Telecommunications services are changing rapidly. The technology policy at Stryker Local Schools will be updated as needed to reflect those changes. Policy permits only those students who already have their accounts and those under direct supervision of an instructor who logs on for them to use the Internet or other telecommunications services. Sharing of passwords by staff and students is prohibited. Telecommunications will be used for appropriate educational research and communication. Any student using equipment, software, and/or a school provided Internet connection at Stryker Local Schools, will abide by these policies. Access is considered a privilege, not a right.

LUNCHES

The Stryker Local School offers healthy meals for breakfast and lunch at minimal cost each school day. Parents that are experiencing financial strain may fill out a free and reduced lunch application anytime throughout the year. The application is available in the August newsletter, online, or in either office.

Junior high students must report to the multipurpose room for lunch and remain there for the entire lunch period. Junior High students may go home with parental permission and office notification. Occasionally junior high students will be given open lunch. If a parent does not want their child to enjoy this privilege, they must notify the school. High school students are permitted to eat in the cafeteria or leave the building for lunch. Students are not to drive, or be in any vehicle, during the day without permission from the principal. During the school day students are not allowed to transport other students. Students are not to be in the playground area during lunch time. It is expected that all meals will be eaten in the cafeteria or the commons area. Any student eating on the carpet in the 1957 building hallway or in the auditorium seats may be issued a detention.

MEDICATION

Since medication for students sometimes cannot be scheduled for other than school hours, and since the administration of said medication must be supervised by medically untrained personnel, the administration of prescribed drugs must meet the following requirements as stated in ORC 3313.713:

- A. The board's designees: administrators, secretarial staff, guidance counselor, or school nurse must receive a written request (General Medication Form) signed by the parent or guardian and doctor that the drug may be administered to the student.
- B. The drug must be delivered to the school in the container in which it was dispensed by the prescribing physician or licensed pharmacist and include:
 - 1. Name and address of the student.
 - 2. The name of the drug and times the dosage is to be administered
 - 3. The date the administration of the drug is to begin and end
 - 4. Any adverse reaction that should be reported to the physician.
 - 5. Special instructions for the administration of the drug, including sterile conditions and storage
- C. There must be a notification to school employees if any information provided by the physician changes.

No person, who has been authorized by the board to administer a prescribed drug, after all of the provisions of the policy have been followed, would be held liable in civil damages for administering or failing to administer the drug unless the person acted in a wanton and reckless manner.

By written notice parents may also authorize their child to keep a prescription inhaler to be used as prescribed obtain acetaminophen and/or ibuprofen from office personnel permission noted on emergency medical form

CONTROL OF CASUAL-CONTACT COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

Because a school has a high concentration of people, it is necessary to take specific measures when the health or safety of the group is at risk. The School's professional staff may remove or isolate a student who has been ill or has been exposed to a communicable disease or highly-transient pest, such as lice.

Specific communicable diseases include diphtheria, scarlet fever, strep infections, whooping cough, mumps, measles, rubella, and other conditions indicated by the Local and State Health Departments.

Any removal will be limited to the contagious period as specified in the School's administrative guidelines

LAB FEE AND WORKBOOKS

It is the goal of the faculty at Stryker to provide a high-quality education to all students. In doing so, we ask that parents pay for school fees, class dues and Chromebook fees if you desire for your child to take their school computer home with them. All fees should be paid as soon as possible.

These charges will continue to accumulate from year to year until paid. No diploma shall be delivered to a graduating senior nor shall any transcripts be made

available to any student, graduate or to anyone requesting the same on his/her behalf until all fees and fines for that student have been paid in full. Students will be prohibited from participating in commencement exercises unless payment has been received. Charges may also be imposed for loss, damage, or destruction of school materials and/or property.

ONLINE PAYMENT OPTIONS

Pay your Childs Student Fees of all types online as well as put money on your child's meal account. By logging onto www.payschoolcentral.com, you can easily:

- Set up an account
 - Deposit money at your convenience into your child's Cafeteria account
 - Set email reminders to notify you when you child's account gets low
 - Set up recurring payments for your child's Cafeteria account
 - Check your child's Cafeteria account balance
 - View an activity report so you can see what your child has eaten in the previous 30 days
 - View and pay your child's student Fees online
 - Schedule Fee payments for future payment
- To set up an account, all you will need is:
- A valid email address
 - A credit card or ACH Check Information
 - Your child's student identification number
- Each child in your family can be set up on the same account. A fee may apply.

SEVERE STORMS

The school complies with all fire and safety laws and will conduct drills in accordance with State law. Teachers will provide specific instructions for appropriate procedures in each instance.

INTERROGATION AND/OR REMOVAL FROM SCHOOL

The school has shared custody of students during the school day and during the hours of approved extracurricular activities. It is the responsibility of the school administration to try to protect each student under its control. Therefore:

1. Whenever possible, police officers should contact and/or question students out of school. When it is necessary for an officer to make a school contact with a student, interrogation must be done in private with an official school representative present.
2. The parents will be notified as soon as possible.
3. The school principal or designee must be notified before a child may be questioned in school or taken from a class.
4. A student may not be released to the custody of persons other than his/her parent(s) or guardian(s), unless placed under arrest by a police officer.

5. If a student is removed from the school by legal authority, parent(s)/guardian(s) must be notified of this action by school officials as soon as possible.

LOCKER SEARCH AND SEIZURE

The following rules apply to the search of school property assigned to a specific student, the search of a student's person, and the seizure of items in his/her possession in accordance with ORC 3313.20.

1. There should be reasonable cause for school authorities to believe that articles kept in a student's locker, desk, other storage space, or person constitutes a crime or violation of school regulations.
2. Illegal items or other possessions reasonably determined to be a threat to the safety or security of others may be seized by school authorities at any time.

PLAGIARISM STATEMENT

With increased access to information and technology for use in school projects, both the students and staff of Stryker Local Schools must be concerned with plagiarism and cheating.

Plagiarism is presenting someone else's work, in whole or in part, as your own. The Modern Language Association defines plagiarism as "Using another person's ideas or expressions in your writing without acknowledging the source" (Gibaldi, MLA Handbook, ch.2). Work beyond essays, such as presentations and projects, may also be plagiarized: "[T]o plagiarize is to give the impression that you wrote or thought something that you in fact borrowed from someone. . . . Forms of plagiarism include the failure to give appropriate acknowledgment when repeating another's wording . . . paraphrasing another's argument, and presenting another's line of thinking" (Gibaldi, MLA Handbook, Ch. 2)

Students at Stryker Local Schools receive instruction in how to paraphrase information, how to use exact quotations, and how to combine sources with their own ideas, as well as in citing sources in their work. The school recognizes that students have different skill levels in using this instruction; the age of the student, the extent of the misused information, and the intent of the student are all factors that must be considered in dealing with plagiarism. Because of the many factors involved, cases of plagiarism will be dealt with on an individual basis.

However, the school also recognizes that some students blatantly disregard the instruction they have been given, making no attempt to work with information or cite sources. For example, a student who prints a paper from the internet or presents the work of another student as his own is not misunderstanding how to work with information; he is simply trying to avoid work. Such dishonesty is in the same category with copying answers from another student, hiding information for use on a test, and other forms of cheating.

If a staff member determines a student's plagiarism to be intentional or catches a student cheating, the principal will be notified, a grade of zero will be assigned, and a letter will be sent to the student's parent/guardian. After a second incident of cheating or plagiarism, the school staff may withhold letters of reference/ recommendation for college admissions and scholarship consideration.

Students and parents should also be aware that admission to organizations which use character as a criterion, such as the National Honor Society and many colleges, may be negatively affected by plagiarism and cheating.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Stryker Local School District is committed to eliminating and preventing sexual harassment from all schools and facilities. Sexual harassment is improper, immoral, illegal, and will not be tolerated within the district. This policy is implemented to inform students as to what sexual harassment is and what procedures are to be followed in dealing with sexual harassment within the district.

Ohio and Federal laws define sexual harassment as unwanted sexual advances, or unwanted visual, verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Such offensive behavior includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Unwanted sexual advances, including propositioning, repeatedly asking someone out for a date after it is clear that the person is not interested.
2. Nonverbal conduct: leering; making sexual gestures; displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures, cartoons, or posters.
3. Verbal conduct: making or using derogatory comments, epithets, slurs, or jokes; making sexually based remarks about another person's or one's own body.
4. Verbal abuse of sexual nature, graphic verbal commentaries about an individual's body, sexually degrading words used to describe an individual, suggestive or obscene letters, notes or invitations.
5. Physical conduct; touching, assault, impeding or blocking movement.
6. Electronic transmission of sexually explicit information, pictures, comments sexting or sextortion.

If you are subjected to behavior, which you consider to be sexual harassment, students are to promptly notify guidance counselor or principal. You will be asked to put your complaint in writing and an investigation will be made into the matter.

STUDENT ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUG POLICY

The Stryker Local School District recognizes its share of the responsibility for the health, welfare and safety of the students who attend here. The Board is concerned about the problems of alcohol, tobacco, vaping and drug use and recognizes that illegal or inappropriate use of alcohol, narcotic drugs, depressants or other controlled substances is wrong and harmful, and constitutes a hazard to the positive development of all students.

The Alcohol and Drug Policy is cumulative beginning with enrollment in 7th grade and continuing until graduation and in effect all year round.

POSSESSION AND/OR USE OF TOBACCO, VAPE OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

<u>POSSESSION</u>	<u>USE</u>
1 st offense - 1 day suspension	1 st offense - 3 day suspension
2 nd offense - 3 day suspension	2 nd offense - 5 day suspension
3 rd offense - 5 day suspension	3 rd offense - 10 day suspension
Referral to Juvenile Court system	

POSSESSION OR USE OF NARCOTICS, DRUGS OR DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

First Offense/Second Offense

1. Recommended suspension ranging from 0 – 10 days.
2. Parents/Guardians and Legal Authority will be notified.

Third Offense

1. Recommended Expulsion.
2. Parents/Guardian and Legal Authority will be notified.

SELLING OR DEALING OF NARCOTICS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS

DRUGS OR DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

1. Recommended Expulsion.
2. Legal authority will be notified.
3. Superintendent will determine length of expulsion based upon age, school record and recommendation.

STUDENT DUE PROCESS

When a suspension or expulsion from regular scheduled classes is considered for a student, the following procedure will be followed:

1. The student will be given a written notice of the intended suspension with the reasons specified.
2. Pupil will have an opportunity to appear at an informal hearing and will have a chance to explain his/her actions or challenge the reasons for the intended suspension. The hearing may take place immediately.
3. The parent or guardian of the student will be notified in writing of any suspension.
4. If a student's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process, then the student may be removed from either a curricular or extracurricular activity. Removal for a period longer than 24 hours will be in accordance with the above procedures. The parent will be notified as soon as possible.
5. A student or his parent or guardian, may appeal the suspension to the Board of Education or its designee.
6. When a recommendation for expulsion is made, steps for due process will be in accordance to the Ohio Revised Code. The right to expel a student rests solely with the superintendent.

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSION

It will be left to the discretion of the high school principal as to whether discipline will be served as a reassignment or a suspension.

If a student is suspended from school (including FCCC) the student will not be allowed to participate in or attend any curricular or extra-curricular activities on the day of the suspension. The following guidelines will be used:

REASSIGNMENT & SUSPENSION- Students will be responsible and will receive credit for any work. This includes tests, quizzes, homework, or any other

grade given during this time period. During a reassignment, the student will spend the day in the isolation room in the high school office or at Opportunity School.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The American's with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act prohibits discrimination against persons with disability in any program receiving Federal financial assistance. This protection applies not just to students, but to all individuals who have access to the District's programs and facilities.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

The Board of Education has installed video cameras in the school building and on school buses to monitor student behavior. If a student misbehaves in school or on a bus and his/her actions are recorded on a videotape, the tape may be used as evidence of misbehavior.

SURVEYS

The school district will not participate in third party surveys without parental notification and permission. Surveys are only approved when the confidential information is of benefit to the district.

TRANSPORTATION

It is the intent of the Board of Education, the administration and the bus drivers that students be transported as efficiently and safely as possible. In order that this intent is fulfilled, it is necessary that students riding the buses help in carrying out the objectives of the program. The following rules and regulations are established for this purpose:

1. While riding the school bus, students are directly responsible to the driver and shall adhere to the requests of the driver.
2. Students shall meet the bus promptly at the assigned stop. Only a delay incident to weather or mechanical trouble shall cause deviation from the time schedule.
3. Normal discussion is permitted and expected by students while riding. However, students are not permitted to have arms out of the window, or yell at persons outside the bus; they are not to take belongings of others and/or cause annoyance or discomfort to other student passengers.
4. Eating and drinking is not permitted while riding the bus, and students shall refrain from littering the floor with paper or other items.
5. Students with musical instruments and gym bag shall store these items immediately beneath the seat occupied by the student. In cases where items are very large, permission will be given to store in any other place.
6. No student shall be permitted to get off the bus at a place other than the normal stop for the particular student unless permission is furnished to the driver by the parent and the note is signed by office personnel.
7. Students who must cross a highway either getting on or off the bus shall cross the highway approximately 10 ft. in front of the bus while the bus and other traffic is completely stopped.
8. The busses will load in the parking lot on the west side of the building.

9. In the afternoon, students will board their assigned bus promptly at dismissal time.
10. Riding to school in a bus is a privilege and a convenience. A student who becomes a discipline problem on the bus may be deprived of the privilege of riding on the bus. Parent/guardian will receive written referrals for inappropriate bus riding behavior and any consequences.
11. Students damaging the bus will be required to pay restitution.
12. All parents are notified that if a student is suspended from the bus, it is their responsibility to furnish transportation to and from school during the period of suspension.

LEAVING/RETURNING SCHOOL DURING THE DAY

In order for a student to leave school during the day, the student's parent must provide written or verbal permission. Before a student leaves school property, except for high school lunch, the student must gain permission from the principal or designee and sign out in the high school office. If the student returns, they must sign back in.

USE OF VEHICLES

Students driving vehicles to and from school shall do so only by permission of parents/guardian and the high school principal. Parking application must be completed on FinalForms. Local school policy will determine the conditions under which a student may drive a car to and from school. Students are not to drive, or be in any vehicle, during the school lunch period. During the school day students are not allowed to transport other students. Students are to park in the spaces properly and enter the lot appropriately. Students should use common sense in regards to speed when in the parking lot. Failure to do so may result in loss of driving privilege.

VACATION

It is recognized that circumstances will arise when a family has an opportunity to vacation or travel during the regular school year. It is also recognized that traveling is a form of education. Vacationing could cause a renewed interest in education.

The Stryker Schools will use the following procedures when students are absent for an extended period of time (not to exceed five school days):

1. A written request from the parent should be filed with the principal in advance of the trip for it to count as one (1) parental note.
2. The student will be permitted to acquire advance assignments.
3. The student will be permitted to complete the missed examinations.
4. The student will be permitted to submit any homework that was required of the class during the absence.
5. The number of school days needed to make up any homework or tests missed while gone on a vacation will be at the teacher's discretion, but not to exceed (five) 5.

VISITORS

All visitors must report to the office when they arrive at school. All visitors are given and required to wear a building pass while they are in the building. Students and staff are expected to immediately report to a teacher or administrator

any suspicious behavior or situation that makes them uncomfortable. As many outside doors as possible will be locked during the school day.

THE STRYKER SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM

A Statement of Purpose

The Stryker School Athletic Council believes the interscholastic athletic program and other programs which support the interscholastic programs exist for the purpose of:

1. Providing boys and girls who have interest and ability in sports with an outlet for the expression of these interests and abilities.
2. Providing an opportunity to experience important lessons of life which are a part of athletics.

For example:

- a. The opportunity to see that many limitations, physical and mental can be conquered.
- b. The ability to accept limitations, which cannot be overcome.
- c. The joys of teamwork as well as individual accomplishment.
- d. The ability to accept both victory and defeat gracefully.
3. Teaching physical skills and good health habits which will be of lasting benefit to the individual.

The purpose of the Athletic Council is to recommend changes in basic policy and help formulate procedures for the operation of Stryker School Athletic Programs.

STRYKER HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COUNCIL

The athletic council consists of athletic director, every head coach, and cheerleading advisor. The executive committee consists of the athletic director and all administrators. These committees will develop rules and regulations regarding athletic participation.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

1. Meetings may be called at the discretion of any member of the athletic council.
2. All rules and regulations regarding athletic participation will be developed and posted so that each student involved will be aware of acceptable and unacceptable conduct which may lead to a student's denial of participation in such activities. It is the responsibility of each coach to review with his/her team members these rules and regulations.

REMOVAL PROCEDURES FROM ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

When it becomes necessary to deny a student participation in an individual sport of all athletics, the student will be given written notice that the program(s) will no longer be open to him or her concurrent with notification of the reasons for such action. This does not include team cuts after tryouts.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE (5/98)

A. The athletic director shall be responsible for the athletic eligibility of athletes, cheerleaders, and managers in their respective schools as outlined by the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Stryker School's eligibility or ineligibility guidelines are as follows:

B. Eligibility Procedures:

1. In order to be eligible, a student in grade(s).
 - a. Seven/Eight- Junior High 8-man Football and Cheer only. To be eligible, a student-athlete must have received passing grades in a minimum of five of all subjects in which enrolled the immediately preceding grading period. Students must also comply who are participating via state law that permits home educated and non-public school students to participate at the public schools in the district of residence of the parents.
 - b. Seven/Eight-To be eligible, a student-athlete must have received passing grades in a minimum of five of all subjects in which enrolled the immediately preceding grading period. Students must also comply who are participating via state law that permits home educated and non-public school students to participate at the public schools in the district of residence of the parents.
 - c. Nine –Twelve To be eligible, a student-athlete must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one-credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period (Note: Students taking post-secondary options must comply with these standards along with those participating via state law that permits home educated and non-public school students to participate at the public schools in the district of residence of the parents).
 - For eligibility, summer school grades may not be used to substitute for failing grades received in the final grading period of the regular school.
2. The eligibility of transfer students must be established by school record or verification from the sending school. The responsibility for establishing eligibility rests with the receiving school consistent with the guidelines above.
3. If a student becomes ineligible, whether in Jr. High or High School, he or she:
 - a. May continue to practice with his or her team if all assignments are turned in and they are academically eligible each Monday of the current grading period and grades will be checked weekly.

After the first nine weeks grading period the eligibility or ineligibility of a student continues until the start of the fifth (5) school day of the next grading period, at which time the immediately preceding grading period grades become effective.

ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students who are ruled ineligible will be prohibited from participation in activities that occur outside the regular school day (8:30 am to 3:10 pm) this includes, all activities not receiving a grade. Student Athletes who are ineligible will be allowed to practice and attend games as a spectator sitting behind the bench. Students who have been ineligible for two consecutive nine week periods will not be permitted on any team.

STRYKER HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM TRAINING RULES FOR ALL SPORTS IN EFFECT FOR ALL ATHLETES

A student is termed an athlete at Stryker School after participation in his/her first scrimmage or contest on an interscholastic basis (Grades 7-12).

A. POSSESSION/USE/CONSUMPTION OF TOBACCO, VAPING, ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

This shall include, but is not limited to, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, vapes, narcotics, stimulants, depressants, anabolic steroids, drug paraphernalia, counterfeit drugs, look-a-like drugs, substitutes or placebos carrying an explicit or an implied representation as a drug.

B. STUDENTS ARRESTED/CITED/DETAINED

Students that are arrested or cited by any law enforcement agency for any offense excluding traffic violations will be handled the same as 1st, 2nd, 3rd violation concerning tobacco and alcohol. This will be in effect any time a student meets the conditions of being an athlete at Stryker School.

C. STEALING AND VANDALISM

Violations related to theft or vandalism stemming from either a school or police related incident may be handled the same as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd violation concerning tobacco and alcohol. Full restitution must be made in all cases by the offender prior to reinstatement.

FIRST VIOLATION- Tobacco, Vaping, Alcohol, Drugs or Drug Paraphernalia (Gr 7-8 & Gr 9-12)

- a. Removal from team participation for one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) the number of scheduled games of a particular sports season.
- b. Athletes are allowed to practice with their teams and are required to go to games or meets in street clothes and sit with their respective team.
- c. Must complete any counselor recommendations.

SECOND VIOLATION- Tobacco, Vaping, Alcohol, Drugs or Drug Paraphernalia (Gr 7-8 & Gr 9-12)

- a. Removal from all sport participation for one calendar year from the date of violation.

THIRD VIOLATION- Tobacco, Vaping, Alcohol, Drugs or Drug Paraphernalia (Gr 7-8 & Gr 9-12)

- a. Removal from all sports for remainder of athletic career at Stryker

Violations relating to section A, B or C of the training rules at or near the end of a sports season will carry over into the next sports season in which the student wishes to participate. A student will be allowed an opportunity at the beginning of the season to try out for the team.

Upon reinstatement, an athlete must complete the sport season in which he/she is participating in to meet the requirements of the violation. If the sports

season is not completed by the athlete, the violation requirements will be in effect for the next sports season in which the student participates.

Any training rule violations in sections A or B will be cumulative in nature. Any separate or simultaneous violations of the training rules, stated in sections A or B, will be documented with removal from participation occurring as is stated in section A (i.e. use of tobacco, theft, and possession of alcohol would result in three violations with denial of participation for athletic career.)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING RULES

Additional training rules may be listed by each individual coach for his/her sport (i.e. curfew violations, dress, school conduct, etc.). All additional rules will be subject to the approval of the athletic director and high school principal. These rules will be placed in writing and given to the student and parent for signature as to the knowledge of their existence.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETES

In accordance with OHSAA, all athletes will have on file prior to participating in any practice (including conditioning), scrimmage or game the following paperwork: All athletes in grades 7-12 must receive a physician's certificate of physical fitness for each school year in which they will be participating in athletics. This must be on file with the athletic director before the athlete participates in any practices or games.

STUDENT ATHLETE DRESS CODE

All squad members are to wear "Dress Clothes" to the game that day or evening. Blue jeans are not permitted as proper clothing in these situations, unless worn with team shirt. Team apparel is also acceptable. Coaches may also require dress code guidelines that exceed minimum guidelines of the Stryker High School student handbook, and board of education policies and procedures.

Athletes may only wear school issued uniforms in athletic competition. In addition, clothing worn in conjunction with school uniforms must be predominately school colors.

TATTOOS

All tattoos should be covered during athletic participation.

UNNATURAL HAIR COLOR

No participation will be allowed.

TRANSPORTATION

- A. It is recommended that all participating school personnel entire team and coaching staff be transported by school provided transportation to and from games. Athletes may be transported home from athletic contests by parents, or guardians, with written permission and prior approval from the head coach.
- B. Under no circumstances may a school bus be used for any athletic event unless it has been properly requested and approved.
 - 1. The Athletic director with the approval of the principal will make a request for a bus to the Transportation Supervisor.
- C. The athletic director and principal must approve in advance transportation by any other means than a school bus.

- D. Any radio played on a bus must be used with headphones.
- E. No food or drink is to be consumed on the bus.

ATHLETIC INJURIES

The head coaches should record all injuries for insurance purposes. All injured athletes capable of being at practice must attend. Before returning to practice or games after a serious injury, the athlete must present a medical *release* signed form to the head coach. All injuries shall be reported to the athletic director as soon as possible.

STUDENT ATHLETE ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

All athletes are expected to be in class by noon and all afternoon (Periods 6-9), Athletes must also have a legitimate excuse for any a.m. absences in order to practice or play in a game that day (after school). If a situation arises where the athlete cannot attend afternoon classes due to a school related activity, emergency or crisis situation, i.e. funeral, dr. appt., legal appt., prior approval for athletic participation on that day must be given by the high school principal.

ATHLETES SCHOOL CONDUCT

Any negative conduct is frowned upon by the athletic staff and such acts are unbecoming of a Stryker High School athlete. The discipline will be handled by the principal. Extracurricular activities are to be done before and after school hours. The use of cell phones during this time is discouraged.

SQUAD SEATING AT GAMES

All team members are to sit together as a group before and after games. This also applies to cheerleaders.

SUSPENSION ISSUED BY PRINCIPAL

No participation in practices or games, on days of suspensions. This includes suspensions from Stryker High School and Four County C.C.

CARE OF UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

If uniforms, or equipment, are not turned in after 30 days from the conclusion of a sports season, the athlete will be billed accordingly. A uniform for a sport will not be issued until all other uniforms from previous sports seasons are returned or paid for.

DUAL SPORT PARTICIPATION

All high school students at Stryker High School who qualify under OHSAA Rules and the Policies of the Stryker Board of Education will be given the opportunity to participate in the athletic program. Permitting an athlete to participate in more than one sport in a season is based on the philosophy that we need to allow the athlete to fully develop his/her interests and talents while also allowing our school to put the best team forward. Coaches must place the good of the individual and the total athletic program ahead of any "need to win" a single contest.

The intent and purpose of this policy is to that end and coaches are expected not to discourage students from broadening their athletic interests and abilities by

participating in more than one sport. A student will be permitted to participate in two sports in one season provided that:

1. The participant must declare to the coaches of the involved sports his/her intention to participate in two sports and must declare which sport is to be their major sport. This must be done prior to the beginning of the season and there will be NO mid-season additions or changes.
2. The participant will be limited in their choice of sport, in the fact, that a team sport will override an individual sport. Team sports at Stryker are: Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Baseball and Football.
3. The participant will sit down prior to the start of the sports' season with the two head coaches and the athletic director. At this time a schedule of the participant's events will be coordinated to alleviate any issues/questions during the season.
4. The participant must attend practices in both sports. In all cases of schedule conflicts, the participant will be expected to participate in his/her declared major sport. The only exception to this will be if a major sport non-league or non-tournament contest conflicts with a secondary sport's league contest (in sports where each contest counts toward league title) or an OHSAA tournament contest. The participant will be expected to miss a practice of his/her major sport to compete in a contest in the secondary sport.