

Rockledge High School



A Cambridge International School Demonstration Center

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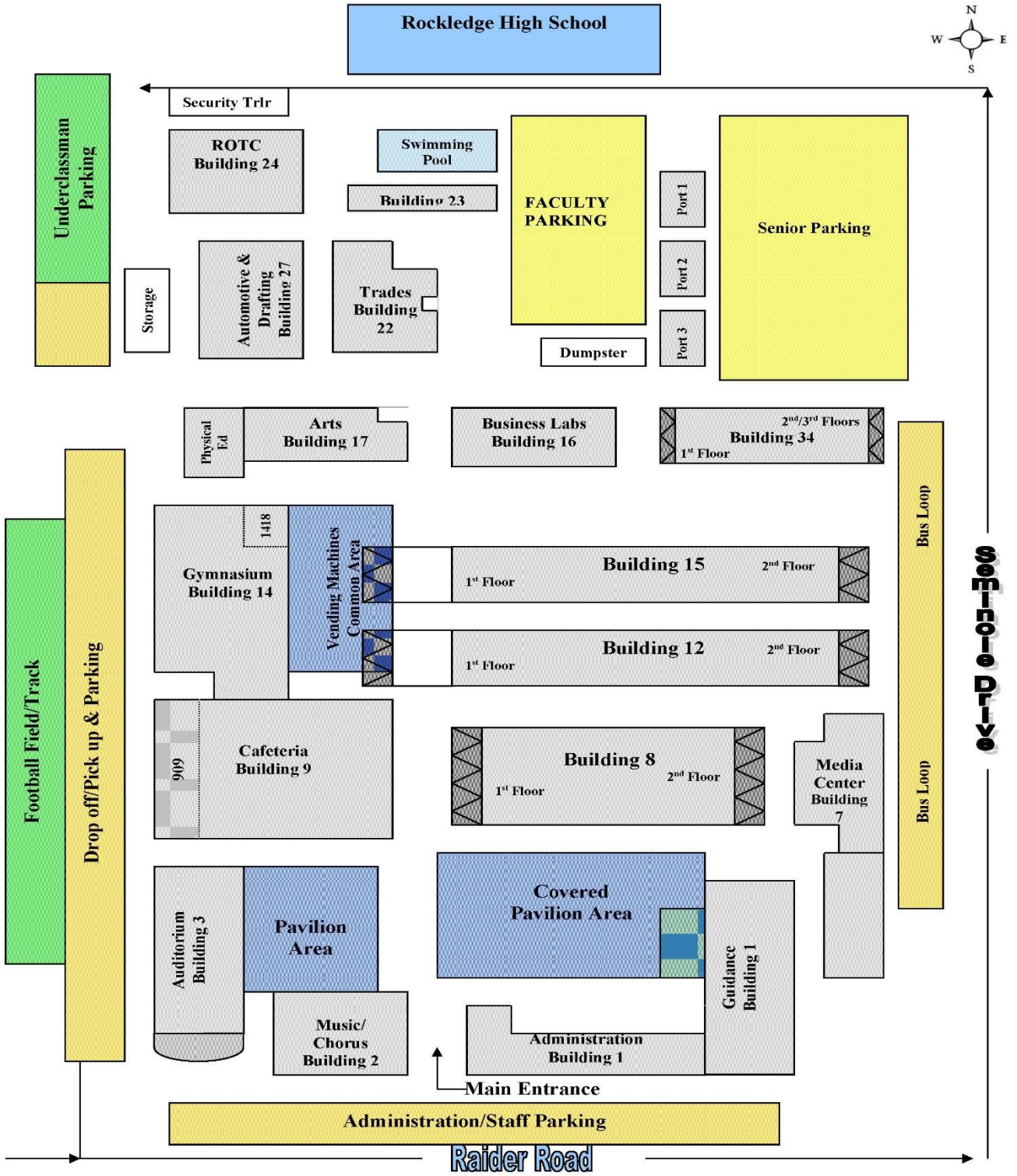
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Rockledge High School Bell Schedule Monday-Thursday

<u>Period</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Length</u>
1 st	8:45	9:33	48 min
2 nd	9:38	10:26	48 min
3 rd	10:31	11:21	50 min
4 th	11:26	12:51	85 min
<i>A-Lunch 11:21-11:51</i>			
<i>B-Lunch 11:51-12:21</i>			
<i>C-Lunch 12:21-12:51</i>			
5 th	12:56	1:44	48 min
6 th	1:49	2:37	48 min
7 th	2:42	3:30	48 min

Note: A and B lunch students have 5 minutes to return to class after being dismissed from lunch. (11:56, 12:26)

Rockledge High School Bell Schedule Friday Early Release

<u>Period</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Length</u>
1 st	8:45	9:21	36 min
2 nd	9:26	10:02	36 min
3 rd	10:07	10:43	36 min
4 th	10:48	12:13	85 min
<i>A-Lunch 10:43-11:13</i>			
<i>B-Lunch 11:13-11:43</i>			
<i>C-Lunch 11:43-12:13</i>			
5 th	12:18	12:54	36 min
6 th	12:59	1:35	36 min
7 th	1:40	2:15	35 min

Note: A and B lunch students have 5 minutes to return to class after being dismissed from lunch. (11:18, 11:48)

Rockledge High School Varsity Head Coaches

SPORT	NAME	POSITION	E-MAIL ADDRESS
Athletic Administration	Greg Clayborne	Athletic Director & FHSAA Representative	Clayborne.Kenneth@Brevardschools.org
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Basketball	Colin Kearns	Varsity Boys Head Coach	kearns.colin@brevardschools.org
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Lacrosse	TBD	Varsity Head Boys Coach	TBD
Lacrosse	TBD	Varsity Head Girls Coach	TBD
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Rockledge High School Clubs and Organization Sponsor List

Art Club	Lori Smith
Badminton Club	Michael Inman
Band	Ian Crumpton
Beta Club	Mitzi Tighe
Black Student Union	Elizabeth Tyre
Chess Club	TBD
Chinese Club	Victoria Branham
Chorus	Meg McGivney
Criminal Justice Club	TBD
Dance Club	Desiree From
Delta Phi	Pam Williams
Drama Club	Kelly Rose
E-Games Club	Aaron LeBlanc
Environmental Club	Julia Pearsall
Ethics Team	TBD
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)	Peggy Sebetka
Film Club	Katie Matthews
Fishing Club	David Joyce
Forensics Club	Desiree From
4-H School Club	John Holmquist
Freshmen Class (Class of 2026)	Suzy Van Brunschot
Future Educators of America (FEA)	Lori Smith
Future Problem Solvers	TBD
Gay-Straight Alliance Club	Julia Pearsal
HOSA - Future Health Professionals	Melody Mcmenamin
Interact Club	Doug Kuhblank
Junior Class (Class of 2024)	Mike Inman

Key Club	Beth Scarborough
Lady Raiders League	Cassidy Johnson
Latin Club	Bob Rivera
Memory Match (Academic Team)	Aaron LeBlanc
Model Student Senate	Megan Warren
Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society)	Kaley Hall
National Chinese Honor Society	Victoria Branham
National Honor Society	Suzi Van Brunschot
National Latin Honor Society	Bob Rivera
National Spanish Honor Society	Ana Garcia
Orchestra	Meg McGivney
Piano	Meg McGivney
Reserved Officer Training Corps (ROTC)	Steven Celeste
Robotics	Leslie Shinault
Rock Buddies	Chad Hinson
Rocket Club	Tania Hartman
Senior Class (Class of 2023)	Debra Stagman
Sophomore Class (Class of 2025)	Jon Reneau
Spanish Club	Ana Garcia
Speech & Debate Team	Anamar Levine
Student Government Association	Desiree From
SWAT	Gail Larson
Teen Book Club	Julia Pearsall
Ukulele Club	Meg McGivney
Writing Club	Anne Straub
Yearbook (Odyssey)	Gretchen Smith

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL EXTRA/CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Florida state law dictates that in order to be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics, a student entering the ninth grade after July 1, 1997, must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 un-weighted scale in ALL courses taken since entering the ninth grade. This includes any course required by Section 232.246(1), Florida Statutes, for high school graduation that is completed in the seventh or eighth grade. The Brevard County School Board has adopted the same requirements for participation in all interscholastic extracurricular activities and Rockledge High School has adopted the same requirements for participation in ALL extracurricular and co-curricular activities.

A student otherwise eligible at the beginning of a grading period may be declared ineligible by the principal prior to the end of the grading period for lack of attendance, improper conduct, or other valid reasons. Ineligible students will not be permitted to dress and participate in games or activities until eligibility status is achieved.

ACTIVITIES

It is the responsibility of all students to understand and comply with rules and regulations in all student activities, including athletics. In addition to meeting the eligibility participation requirements, all students must attend for a minimum of four complete class periods (or prior to if on a Saturday) a student-sponsored activity. This includes out of town and overnight field trips sponsored by any school group. Students must provide documentation (such as doctor notes or court documents) for any tardies or absences. Failure to meet the attendance requirement or having incomplete paperwork dealing with parent permission forms will render any student ineligible to participate in off-campus activities.

ATTENDANCE

Students need to be present and on time to class to be successful in school. A student, who is absent more than nine days within a semester, will not receive a passing grade for the semester. Absences not counted in the nine days attendance policy are; court dates, religious holidays, illness with medical

documentation, and field trips. Students will have an opportunity to complete an Attendance Appeal if they exceed the nine-day maximum. An Attendance Appeal Committee will determine if the attendance waiver will be granted. See "Attendance and Front Office" tab on the RHS website for full attendance policies.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

The County School Board provides bus transportation for all students who live outside a two-mile radius of the school. Bus drivers have full authority over passengers at all times. Bus riding privileges may be revoked if a pupil's behavior warrants it. Students are not permitted to ride a bus other than the one to which they are assigned. Emergency-related parent requests for a student to ride a different bus must be made in writing and approved by an administrator in collaboration with district transportation.

CAFETERIA AND PAVILION

Hot lunches, sandwiches, and a variety of other foods are served daily at a reasonable cost to students. During lunch, students may congregate in the lunchroom or the pavilion area outside the cafeteria. Please adhere to the following policies:

- Pick up all trash and dispose of trays upon finishing lunch.
- Refrain from loud/unruly behavior and/or horseplay.
- Do not sit on tables.
- DO NOT CUT LINE.
- Do not throw food or other objects.
- Do not go into the hallways of classroom buildings.
- Do not go to lockers during the lunch break.
- Stay within designated areas (red line at Bldg. 8 and Library)

CELL PHONE POLICY

Students may have cell phones at school; however, they may only be used during **non-classroom time** (before and after school, during lunch, and during class change). Cell phone use is **NOT** permitted in the classroom or anytime while class is in session. Unauthorized use of a cell phone during classroom time will result in disciplinary action that may include but not

be limited to a dean's referral. A teacher may request that students remove their cell phone from their possession during student evaluation to reduce the possibility of compromised test security. Cell phone use is prohibited during fire drills, security drills, and other school evacuations. Students must have a student/parent cell phone contract on file to carry cell phone on campus. *Habitual misuse of cell phones may result in the loss of the privilege to carry a cell phone on campus per BPS Policy.*

CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Communication is critical to every child's success. To communicate effectively, the school requires accurate parent/guardian contact information, including phone numbers and e-mail addresses. This information is extremely important for the safety and well-being of students. If emergencies arise, it is vitally important that parents or guardians of students be contacted immediately. **Please remember to notify the school of any change in home or work telephone numbers. Be sure to have the name of an emergency contact person on file in the school office in case parents or guardians cannot be reached.**

DIRECTORY INFORMATION NOTICE

Regarding student records, federal law requires that "directory information" on students be released by the District to anyone who requests it unless parents/guardians object in writing to the release of any or all of this information. This objection must be filed within ten school days of the time this handbook is given to students. Directory information may include the following: student's name; address and phone number; dates of attendance; date and place of birth; photographs; and awards.

CHECK IN/OUT PROCEDURES

Any student arriving to school after the instructional day has begun **MUST** check in through the Front Office. Any student who needs to leave school during the school day **must formally sign out through the front office.** VERIFIED PARENTAL PERMISSION MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE CHECKING OUT. Upon returning to school, the student must check in through the front

office. Students leaving campus without permission are subject to suspension.

Please note: Messages for students to check out may not be given right away. If there is a question that it was not the parent or guardian calling, an administrator may deny the student checking out until the parent comes in the office to sign the student out. Notes are not accepted for students to check out.

CLINIC

A pass from teacher/staff is required for a student to report to the clinic. The clinic is for emergencies and performance of routine cares such as administration of medication. If a student is feeling ill, is not running a temperature or vomiting, the student can rest there for ten minutes, and then is expected to return to class. Leaving the campus for non-specific illness is not encouraged

COLLEGE VISITS

All college visits must be pre-approved by picking up the appropriate form from the front office and submitting the completed form back to the front office. After the visit, a letter from the college must be turned in stating that the student visited the college in order for the day to be counted as an excused absence.

DEANS' NO-GO LIST

Students who are on the monies owed list, or who chronically misbehave may be prohibited from attending school events.

DELIVERY OF ITEMS TO STUDENTS

To minimize classroom disruptions, the school office will only call students out of class to pick up a delivered item in the event of an emergency. **Students are responsible for picking up any dropped-off items in the front office. Outside food from delivery services is strictly prohibited.** Outside food may only be dropped off by a custodial parent/guardian. Students must consume outside food in a separate location. Deliveries of balloons and other large items that may cause a disruption in the classroom will not be delivered to the student. The items will be held in the front office for students to pick up at the end of the school day.

DISASTER/SEVERE WEATHER/FIRE/ SECURITY DRILLS

Disaster, severe weather, fire, and security drills will be held regularly. Students are to be familiar with disaster procedures as explained by classroom teachers. For safety purposes, during drills, students are prohibited from using electronic devices, are required to move quickly and quietly to the designated shelter area, and must follow the directions of their teachers.

EFSC AND FLVS STUDENTS

All students attending EFSC or FLVS must leave campus during their designated off-campus times. Roaming the halls, sitting in the pavilion, or staying in the parking lot will not be permitted.

FINAL EXAM DAYS

There may be two times during the year for pre-arranged checkouts. This will be at the end of each semester during exam days. The form will need to be signed by the parent or guardian, so the student can leave campus. Only signed parental consent forms will allow the student to leave. Students may only check out one time during each day; they cannot check out after one exam, then check back in for the other. Students must leave campus immediately after checking out.

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Applications for the free/reduced lunch program may be obtained from the front office or you can go online to: www.brevardschools.org for faster service. Generally, the following information will be required before the application can be properly processed: social security numbers of all members of the household over 21 years of age; documentation of income; number of people residing in the household; and appropriate signatures.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

All students and parents should be aware that all fundraising activities for Rockledge High's clubs and groups are voluntary. However, once a student has taken possession of items for sale they assume full responsibility for cost of the items.

GRADING PROCEDURES

In accordance with School Board Rule 6Gx5-3.06(4), reporting to parents, the following policies shall be implemented in order to establish suitable uniform procedures for marking and reporting progress of pupils to their parents.

1. Letter grades shall be issued each marking period based on the following numerical values as established by Florida State Statute 232.2463:

A	90 - 100
B	80 - 89
C	70 - 79
D	60 - 69
F	50 - 59

2. No grade lower than 39 will be recorded for the marking period average. Students who have earned an average between 39 and 59 will receive the grade of "F" that they have earned; students who have earned an average of 38 or less will receive 39.

3. During the fifth week of each nine-week grading period, interim progress reports will be given to each student.

4. Semester examinations shall be required for all courses. All student semester examinations shall be made available for at least two weeks following the examination.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Counselors are available for appointments by calling the guidance office or students can schedule an appointment during their lunch period at the Counselor's Corner of the cafeteria. We are committed to serving all students in any area of need they have whether it be social, emotional or academic.

HOMEWORK REQUEST

Any time a student will be out for an extended time, parents should request their homework assignments through the guidance office. A minimum of 24 hours needs to be allowed in order to gather these assignments from the various teachers. If a student is out sick, they are not allowed on school grounds to pick up homework.

ILLNESS

Any student who is sick must check out through the school nurse. The nurse will then call the parent or guardian of the student. If the student drives, the parent

may give permission over the phone for the student to leave campus unless the school nurse thinks the student is unable to safely drive. In this case, the parent may give permission for someone other than themselves to pick the student up from school.

INSURANCE

Student insurance is made available for purchase to all students. Insurance forms are given to all students on the day of registration. Applications may be obtained in the Guidance Office or the Athletic Director's office. Sports insurance is also available on the insurance applications. Make sure you pay the correct premium for the sports you want to participate in. The school is not financially responsible for accidents occurring on campus when caused by accident or student carelessness.

LOST AND FOUND

Students who find lost articles are asked to bring them to the front office where the owner can claim them. Lost and found articles will be held in the front office until the end of each semester, at which point the items will be discarded or donated to charity. With teacher/staff permission, students should report to the front office anytime they have items that are lost or stolen. While inquiries will be pursued to a reasonable extent, the school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. It is recommended that students keep valuable possessions at home. These items brought to school should be kept on person, or locked/secured while not in use.

MAKE-UP WORK

Students may be able to make up any work missed for grade or credit within that grading period. All educational requirements for the course shall be met before a passing grade and/or credit is assigned. Based on teacher discretion, the student shall have a reasonable amount of time to complete make-up work. Principals may grant extensions for students to complete work due to extenuating circumstances. The Principal may determine, when appropriate, whether the student should be given the opportunity to make-up schoolwork and course requirements missed while absent due to out-of-school suspension. If this

privilege is given, the student shall have a reasonable amount of time, at the discretion of the teacher following suspension to complete the schoolwork and shall do so on his or her own initiative.

MEDIA CENTER

Media Center hours are from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Students have access before and after school. Materials are checked out for three weeks with renewal privileges if there are no reservations on the item. Student may borrow up to four books at one time. Students are to return borrowed materials promptly by their due date. Books may not be borrowed if a student has any overdue items or outstanding library fines. Printing is available for 10¢ a printed side. You can also purchase a printing card for \$1.00 that gives you 12 printed pages.

MEDICATION

All medications (prescribed or over-the-counter) require a signed parent/guardian permission form allowing the school to administer the student medication. If a student needs to take medication during school hours, the parent/guardian must bring the medication to the school nurse in the clinic. All medications need to be in the original container with manufacturer or pharmacy label in place. Medications will be administered as directed by label, any changes requires written physician's approval. Over the counter medications can only remain in the clinic for 10 days. If a longer time period is needed, then written physician's authorization is required. **Under no circumstance are students allowed to carry medications on their person or in their possession during school hours. Failure to follow this policy may result in disciplinary action up to expulsion.**

PARKING REGULATIONS

Students who wish to park on school grounds must complete a parking application and pay the associated fee. Cars parked on campus must have the parking decal displayed in the windshield. Students who are parked in a spot other than the one designated to them will receive a parking ticket, resulting in the student being listed on the Monies Owed List. Fees from parking ticket(s) must be paid through the Dean's

Office. The school reserves the right to have towed any illegally parked vehicles on school board property. **ANY VEHICLE PARKED ON SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO BE SEARCHED AT ANY TIME BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL.**

Police may be requested to observe. The school is not responsible for damages or thefts that may occur. Rockledge High School reserves the right to revoke student-parking passes for reckless driving in the parking lot and/or violation of parking procedures.

PUPILS SUBJECT TO CONTROL OF SCHOOL 232.25

Subject to law and rules and regulations of the State Board of Education and the School Board, each pupil enrolled in a school shall, during the time he is being transported to or from school at public expense, during the time he is attending school, and during the time he is on the school premises, be under the control and direction of the principal or teacher in charge of the school. **Any student not in their assigned area will be subject to disciplinary consequences.**

RESTROOMS

Sufficient time exists before school, during lunch and between classes for restroom visits. However, in the event of a bathroom emergency, students can request a restroom pass from a teacher to use during class time. Loitering and socializing in bathrooms are prohibited. Unreasonably long bathroom visits are considered out of assigned area offenses, which can result in disciplinary measures, including suspension. Teachers shall develop classroom procedures that best fit their class and its demands. No restroom passes shall be issued the first and last ten minutes of each class period and only one student may be out of the class on a restroom pass at a time.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

The School Advisory Council is looking for new members. The meetings are held the first Monday of every month in the administration building. The purpose of the council is to enhance active involvement of parents and community representatives with the staff of the school. The focus of the council is on school improvement and student achievement. If you are interested

in being a part of this council, please attend a meeting. All are welcome.

SEARCH OF STUDENT LOCKER OR STORAGE AREA 232.256 -AUTHORITY

As designated by the State Constitution, a principal of a public school or school employee designated by the principal can search a student's locker if they have reasonable suspicion that a prohibited or illegally possessed substance or object is contained within a student's locker or storage area.

SPORTS

Rockledge High School has an outstanding athletic department. We are members of the Cape Coast Conference. Sports offered at RHS include swimming, diving, cross country, golf, girls' volleyball, football, cheerleading, basketball, soccer, wrestling, track, tennis, baseball, softball, bowling and lacrosse.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

General Guidelines

Transparent clothing is prohibited. Clothing, jewelry and accessories shall **NOT** convey messages that are rude, vulgar/profane, violence/death oriented, gang-related (including known gang colors), sexually suggestive, or promote alcohol, drugs, or tobacco. Pajamas and beach attire are also prohibited.

Upper Garments

1. Garments must be of a length and fit that are **suitable** to the build and stature of the student and must not expose **undergarments** or be otherwise immodest.
2. Strapless garments, tube-tops and halter-tops are prohibited.
3. Necklines of all upper garments must be modest. **Low cut necklines are prohibited.**
4. Excessively large or baggy clothes, which may conceal dangerous items or be a safety hazard, shall not be worn.
5. Upper garments must adequately cover the waistline and must not expose the midriff.
6. Backless dresses or tops may not expose the back.

7. Sheer blouses must be covered by appropriate attire.
8. Clothing must be appropriately worn.
9. See-through shirts that reveal undergarments are not within dress code.

Lower Garments

1. Shall conform to the build and stature of the student, and **be worn at the waist**. Pants shall have no holes or rips where under garments are worn or meant to be worn.
2. Undergarments shall not be visible.
3. Garments must be of a length and fit that are suitable to build and stature of the student.
4. Dresses, shorts and skirts must reach mid-thigh or below in length with the waistband of skirt worn at waist level.

Footwear - Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. **Bedroom slippers are prohibited.**

Accessories

The following accessories are prohibited: dog collars, wallet chains, and hair picks, chains connecting one part of the body to another or other jewelry/accessories, which may pose a safety hazard.

Head

No item shall be worn that covers the face or conceals the identity of a student. If a student is asked to remove an item from his or her head, the student shall comply or be referred to the Dean's Office for willful disobedience.

Face coverings

Official policies about mask-wearing protocols are subject to change to comply with any changes imposed at the BPS School Board level.

Any violations of the dress code may result in disciplinary actions beginning with the first offense.

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICKUP

From 8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m. and 3:30p.m.-3:45p.m. All students will be dropped off and picked up in the parking area loop,

which is located between the practice field and the gym. **No student is to be dropped off in any other location.** Students who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action.

TARDINESS

Students are required to be on time to classes. Being on time to class shows teachers you are prepared to learn, and helps you understand what you are supposed to be learning and doing each class period. Being late to class can interrupt the teacher's instruction and lead to falling behind academically.

To avoid being marked tardy, students must be inside the classroom when the tardy bell rings. During class changes, students should move toward their next classroom location. While socializing with peers is acceptable within reason, students should avoid socializing so much that they show up late to class.

Students who are tardy during 1st period must report to the Front Office to check into school and receive a tardy pass.

Students who are tardy to class periods 2-7 should report to the Dean's office for their tardy pass. Tardy students should enter the classroom quietly and without interrupting the instructional environment.

TEXTBOOKS

Students are responsible for textbooks issued to them. Florida Statutes Chapter 233.46 requires the principal to collect the purchase price of any instructional materials that are lost or damaged by the responsible student.

VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIAN

Valedictorian and Salutatorian honors will be awarded to the students with the highest weighted GPA (Hundredth) at the end of their 7th semester. The highest GPA (hundredth) will be the Valedictorian honor and the second highest will be the Salutatorian honor. Students sharing the same numerical GPA will be awarded the same honor.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

No student will be allowed to withdraw without permission from the student's parents or guardian. If you must withdraw your student from RHS, please contact the guidance department.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Students who have progressed to the secondary school level are expected to conduct themselves properly. This includes accepting, with respect, corrections of their behavior by faculty members and respecting the rights of others. Any action of disrespect toward school personnel, intimidation of classmates, or general misconduct, which disrupts the educational setting, **WILL NOT** be tolerated and will result in referrals for corrective action, which may include suspension, expulsion, or referral to legal authorities. As specific classroom rules/expectations may differ from teacher to teacher, students should comply with each teacher's classroom rules and directives to avoid disciplinary measures.

SCHOOL BOARD DISCIPLINE POLICY

In cases of extremely disruptive or dangerous behavior, a person or group involved may be suspended and ejected from the school campus without the necessity of a prior hearing. In such instances, however, each pupil will be afforded the right to a due process hearing at the earliest possible opportunity. In addition, in cases where the period of suspension is minimal, three (3) days or less, due process does not require a prior hearing. If, however, the suspension is for a substantial period, ten (10) days, the parent or pupil shall be afforded the right to a hearing prior to the expiration of the tenth day of the suspension.

• ARSON

A pupil who deliberately or wantonly sets fire to school property or while involved in a school activity either as a prank or deliberately to do damage to the property will be suspended from school, and the parent/guardian shall be requested to come for a conference with school officials and make arrangements for restitution for

damages. Maximum penalty, depending on damage and intent, will be expulsion and referral to law enforcement.

• BOMB THREATS AND THROWING EXPLOSIVES OR NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES

A pupil, who threatens, places, discharges, or throws a destructive explosive item or noxious substance in or on a school facility or while involved in a school activity shall be suspended from school. The parent/guardian will be requested to come for a hearing with school officials and make restitution for damages. The maximum penalty, depending on damage and intent, shall be expulsion and referral to proper law enforcement agencies.

• CHEATING

Cheating offenses will be corrected by school personnel in a manner which best serves the interest and development of the pupil consistent with law and policy.

• CONTRABAND

Students are not to bring items that distract the students' attention or involve the faculty and staff in non-educational activities. These items will be confiscated and returned to a parent.

• DEAN'S DETENTION

Students may be assigned After School Detentions. It is the responsibility of the student to be on time and dress appropriately. Students are not allowed to eat, drink, sleep, talk, or use any electronic devices during a dean's detention. During this time, students are required to work productively on school-related items. Failure to serve or complete detentions and/or to follow the rules of the teacher/staff in charge may result in suspension from school. Students who are absent on the day of their assigned detention are expected to serve their detention upon their return to school. Those students who fail to serve an assigned detention will be issued further consequences.

• FELONY CHARGES

The principal, following a hearing, is authorized to suspend a pupil who has been formally charged with a felony.

- **GENERAL OFFENSES**

Violation of any other law by students while on school campus or at a school function will result in corrective action. The student may be suspended or recommended for expulsion and referral to proper law enforcement agencies.

- **HARRASSMENT**

The School Board recognizes that a student has the right to learn in an environment untainted by sexual or other forms of harassment or discrimination. Offensive conduct, which has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with learning performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, discriminatory, or offensive learning environment, or disrupts the educational process, will not be tolerated at Rockledge High School.

- **INCITING OTHERS OR DISRUPTIONS**

A pupil who counsels or influences another person to riot, disrupt, or be absent or otherwise violate school rules, or who disrupts or interferes with the lawful administration or function of the school will be subject to suspension or expulsion depending upon severity of the act.

- **MISCONDUCT**

Any action by pupils, which are insubordinate or show disrespect for others or general misconduct, which disrupts the learning environment, will not be tolerated. If the teacher cannot correct the situation, it shall be referred to an administrator.

- **PROFANITY**

Profanity includes any profane, obscene, vulgar, or unnecessary crude utterance, gesture, or display and will receive definite corrective and appropriate action.

- **PUBLIC AFFECTION**

Pupils who engage in public affection may be referred to an administrator. Students who continue to engage in this behavior will be disciplined accordingly.

- **PUPIL POSSESSION OF TOBACCO**

While on school grounds and under school jurisdiction, pupils will be prohibited at all times from smoking or having tobacco in any form in their possession. Discipline may

include suspension and referral to the SRO for citation.

- **STUDENT EXPULSION**

A Principal may recommend to the Superintendent the expulsion of a student. The Principal shall provide the Superintendent an adequate history of the student's actions and alternative measures taken relevant to the recommendation. If a recommendation for expulsion is made to the School Board, written notice shall be given to the student and their parent or guardian explaining the right of due process.

- **SUSPENSION**

Suspension from school or from riding the school bus occurs when a pupil's actions are disruptive to fellow students or to the school. The students' actions violate Florida Statute, Board Policies, or school rules. The principal or other designated representatives may suspend pupils. Suspension dictates that the pupil will not be allowed to ride the bus, attend their regular classes, nor attend school sponsored activities for a prescribed number of days not to exceed ten (10).

- **THEFT OR PILFERING**

A pupil involved in the act of stealing or in possession of stolen property will be suspended or expelled from school, and referred to legal authorities.

- **VANDALISM AND TAMPERING**

Any deliberate or wanton abuse of school or private property will be considered vandalism. Action, regardless of the value of the damage, may result in suspension of the pupil from school. The parent or guardian will be requested to meet with the school officials to arrange for restitution for damage. Criminal charges may be filed, and the student may be recommended for expulsion.

- **VIOLENT BEHAVIOR**

Acts of assault, violence, intimidation, fighting or extreme antagonism toward other persons will immediately be reported to the appropriate administrator. If, upon investigation, the facts warrant such, the pupil will be suspended or recommended for expulsion. Criminal charges may also be filed with the proper law enforcement agencies.

- **ZERO TOLERANCE FOR SCHOOL RELATED VIOLENT CRIME**

This is notice from the School Board, the Superintendent, and the Principal and staff of your school that violence and violent behavior by a student will not be permitted at any time, **at school; on school property; at school bus stops; on school-sponsored transportation; or during school-sponsored activities.**

- A student or eligible student who commits any of the following offenses on school property, on school-sponsored transportation, at a school bus stop, or during school-sponsored activities shall be subject to the most severe consequences of the district, which shall include expulsion and referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency. This list includes homicide, kidnapping, sexual battery, arson, armed robbery, possession, use, or sale of any firearm, knife, or weapon, aggravated battery, battery or aggravated battery on a teacher or other school personnel, possession, use, or sale of any explosive device.