2026-2027
STUDENT HANDBOOK



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JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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"Fight for dear Springs Valley High school
And back her all the way
Watch the team break all the records
And win without delay
Go Fight!
For when the hawks fly into action
We pass all others by
Cheer the team right on to victory
For it's black and white all the way!!"

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ACADEMICS

GENERAL INFORMATION

CREDIT: A credit is earned when a student passes a high school course for the semester. Students will earn one credit per semester for each course he/she passes.

GRADING SYSTEM: The following chart lists the grading scale and 4.0 GPA scale for all courses.

	Regular GPA Scale	Weighted +.5	Weighted +1	Grading Scale
A	4	4.5	5	100-93
A-	3.7	4.2	4.7	92-90
B+	3.3	3.8	4.3	89-87
B	3	3.5	4	86-83
B-	2.7	3.2	3.7	82-80
C+	2.3	2.8	3.3	79-77
C	2	2.5	3	76-73
C-	1.7	2.2	2.7	72-70
D+	1.3	1.8	2.3	69-67f
D	1	1.5	2	66-63
D-	0.7	1.2	1.7	62-60
F	0	0	0	59-0

Springs Valley administers a weighted grading system. The following courses use a weighted scale to determine a student's GPA.
**Courses with a weighted GPA of +1 include: Pre Calculus, Trigonometry, Finite, English 11 Honors, English 12 Honors, Adv English Lit, American Literature, Creative Writing, Speech, Chemistry II, Physics II and Adv US History.
**Courses with a weighted GPA of +.5 include: Music History and Art History.
Semester averages for grades 6-12 will be determined by weighting each grading period as 45% of the semester grade and the final exam as 10%, unless a student is exempt from taking finals. Final grades for students exempt from semester finals will be determined by averaging both 9 weeks' percentages. Final exam exemption qualifications – see the attendance section.

ACCESS TO GRADES ONLINE: Parents, guardians, and students are encouraged to follow academic progress through our student management system, Skyward. You can view or print a copy of your child's past and current report card by clicking on the Portfolio tab in Skyward. Skyward can be accessed via the school website- http://www.svalley.k12.in.us. Please contact the high school guidance office if you do not know your Skyward login and password or need help navigating Skyward.

SCHEDULING: During the spring of each year students will request courses for the following year. Students will be assisted by the guidance counselor in choosing courses that are appropriate for the student's ability, fulfill requirements for the student's chosen diploma track, and correlate with the student's chosen career path and interests. Students are expected to give careful consideration to course selections. After students receive their final schedule from the guidance counselor, schedules will only be changed for the following reasons: to fulfill requirements, failure of class, course cancellation, to balance class size, and/or teacher recommendations. If a student has any unusual circumstances they feel warrant a schedule change, they must fill out a change of course form from the guidance office.

DUAL CREDIT COURSES: Springs Valley offers students the opportunity to earn numerous college credits while still in high school. The dual credit courses are taught at Springs Valley and Lost River Career Center, in conjunction with Vincennes

University's Project Excel program and Ivy Tech's dual credit program. Check with the Guidance department for more information regarding these classes.

ONLINE COURSES: Students will be placed in an Edmentum online course when their schedule does not allow time to take a required course with a Springs Valley teacher. Students cannot utilize online courses to take extra courses during the school year or the summer. Ivy Tech online courses can be utilized to fill a student's schedule when the student can't take the dual credit course with a Springs Valley teacher and needs the course to graduate or complete the Indiana College Core. Only Ivy Tech courses taken to complete graduation requirements will be added to the student's transcript.

INDIANA COLLEGE CORE: Springs Valley is an Indiana College Core school. The Indiana College Core is a block of 30 credit hours of general education, college-level coursework that is guaranteed to transfer between Indiana public colleges and universities. Springs Valley will offer at least one course in each category required for completion of the Indiana College Core. For more information on the Indiana College Core, you can visit My College Core: https://mycollegecore.org/

DIPLOMA TRACKS AND GRADUATION PATHWAYS: Students graduating from 2026-2028 will have to complete a Graduation Pathway and meet all requirements of the diploma. Information on Graduation Pathways and diploma tracks for students in the class of 2026-2028 can be found at https://www.in.gov/doe/students/graduation-pathways/

Indiana has adopted new diploma requirements starting with the class of 2029. Information about the new Indiana diploma and the Indiana Diploma Readiness Seals can be found at https://www.in.gov/doe/diplomas/

TOP TEN PERCENT AND CLASS RANKING SYSTEM (students in the class of 2026-28)

1. Only those students who attend high school (grades 9 – 12) will be considered for valedictorian, salutatorian and top 10 percent honors.
2. Only those students who complete the requirements for Core 40 with Technical Honors or Core 40 with Academic Honors will be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian and top 10 percent honors.
3. Ranks will be based on the 4.0 weighted grading system.
4. A student may repeat a course; however, a new grade earned will not replace the first grade earned in determining the GPA. Both grades will be used in calculating the GPA.

TOP TEN PERCENT AND CLASS RANKING SYSTEM (students in the class of 2029 and beyond)

1. Only students who attend high school in person for 8 semesters will be considered for the valedictorian, salutatorian, and top 10%.
2. Only students who complete the requirements for a readiness honor seal will be eligible for valedictorian, salutatorian, and top 10%.
3. Ranks will be based on the 4.0 weighted grading system.
4. A student may repeat a course; however, a new grade earned will not replace the first grade earned in determining the GPA. Both grades will be used in calculating the G.P.A.

***ALL COURSES A STUDENT TAKES WILL COUNT IN DETERMINING THE GRADE POINT AVERAGE.**

GRADUATION CEREMONY POLICY

1. Speeches by Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Class President.
2. Musical numbers
3. Presentation of Class
4. Presentation of diplomas/certificates
5. Tassel Ceremony

The following dress code will be enforced during the graduation ceremony:

- All seniors will wear a cap and gown. Graduates are permitted to wear military dress uniform instead of a cap and gown.
- Girls: Dresses, skirts, and blouses, or nice pants and blouse outfits are to be worn with dress shoes.
- Boys: Slacks, dress shirt or polo/golf-type shirts are to be worn with dress shoes.

- The following dress items will not be permitted: shorts and casual sandals.
- Caps (mortarboards) and gowns are not to be decorated.

Senior sponsors will make an inspection of all graduates prior to the graduation ceremony. Any senior inappropriately dressed or who fails to abide by the above rules will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

Springs Valley School Board Policy states that a student cannot receive a diploma or participate in the graduation ceremony until all academic requirements are completed and all fees are paid.

WITHDRAWALS AND TRANSFERS: A procedure for withdrawing or transferring is as follows: 1. Secure an authorization withdrawal transfer note from your parent or guardian. 2. Return all school books and property, and make sure all fees are paid. 3. Sign the withdrawal form with the guidance and/or principal's office. 4. Pick up a copy of transcripts and withdrawal grades from the guidance office.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AND ANTI-HARASSMENT

Springs Valley Community School Corporation (the "School") does not discriminate on the basis of a protected class including but not limited to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, sexual orientation, or disability in the programs or activities which it operates or the employment therein or admission thereto. The School strictly adheres to all non-discrimination and anti-harassment laws and does not tolerate acts of harassment. The School has designated several staff members as coordinators/compliance officers of non-discrimination and anti-harassment. See Policy 5517 for full explanation of the policy. The identity and contact information for these staff members are listed below:

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ATTENDANCE

IC 20-33-2-5 Days of attendance Sec. 5. A student for whom education is compulsory under this chapter shall attend school each year for the number of days public schools are in session: (1) in the school corporation in which the student is enrolled in Indiana; or (2) where the student is enrolled if the student is enrolled outside Indiana. As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.17.
IC 20-33-2-6 Students required to attend Sec. 6. A student is bound by the requirements of this chapter from the earlier of the date on which the student officially enrolls in a school or, except as provided in section 8 of this chapter, the beginning of the fall school term for the school year in which the student becomes seven (7) years of age until the date on which the student: (1) graduates; (2) becomes eighteen (18) years of age; or (3) becomes sixteen (16) years of age but is less than eighteen (18) years of age and the requirements under section 9 of this chapter concerning an exit interview are met enabling the student to withdraw from school before graduation; whichever occurs first. As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.17. Amended by P.L.242-2005, SEC.17.

Excused Absences: Excused absences are defined as absences that the school corporation regards as legitimate reasons for being out of school, as included in the school policy. These could include:

- Illness verified by note from parent/guardian
- Family funeral
- Maternity
- Military Connected Families (e.g. absences related to deployment and return)

For grading purposes parent/guardian has 48 hours/2 school days to provide proper documentation of above excused absences.

Exempt (Waived) Absences: Exempt (waived) absences are defined as absences which will not count against the student's permanent attendance record. These could include:

- Medical absence verified by note from physician
- Family funeral (immediate family - 5 calendar days; family relative - 2 calendar days)
- Court or legal appointment verified by note from legal counsel

Unexcused Absences: Unexcused absences are any absences not covered under the definition of excused or exempt absences. Students WILL NOT be allowed to make up missed work for unexcused absences.

NON-CREDIT STATUS: A student accumulating 8 or more absences (excused or unexcused) in a semester for any class(es) may be placed on a non-credit status in the class(es). Students with 8 or more absences in any class will not be eligible to miss class for field trips, extracurricular activities, or co-curricular activities for at least the remainder of the semester.

CREDIT RECOVERY: A student who accumulates 8 or more absences in a class and is placed in the non-credit status for the class may request to recover class periods by serving the number of Thursday schools assigned by the administration.

FINAL EXAM EXEMPTION: A student may qualify for final exam exemption in all classes except advanced placement/dual credit courses. AP/DCC students must take their final exam for the course. A student who has met all other exemption requirements but taking an AP/DCC exam is the only exception to signing out once the AP/DCC final exam is completed. All students who are not exempt for each class for any of the following reasons must remain at school the entire day.
Exemption can only be attained on a full day status by meeting the following requirements in each class:

1. The student must have a passing grade in each 9 weeks' report in all classes for that semester. A failing grade in any class removes the possibility for final exam exemption.
2. Any student receiving a non-credit status for any class will be removed from the final exam exemption list.
3. The student cannot receive a discipline referral resulting in Thursday school or any type of suspension.

Any student who is exempt from taking his/her final exams may choose to take a final exam to improve his/her grade risk free. If the exam score improves his/her current percentage for the class, the final will be counted. If the exam score does not improve the overall score, it will not be counted.

E-Learning exemption option: Students who are exempt from final exams have the option of completing coursework online from home for their classes during final exam days. A student who is exempt and completes online coursework will be marked present for the school day. Any student who does not complete an assignment for each class will be marked absent in each class with a missing assignment.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline Matrix

AFTER-SCHOOL DETENTION: 45 minutes on Tuesday after school. Dismissal is at 4:00 on a regular school day. Parents will be responsible for providing transportation home from after-school detention.

THURSDAY DETENTION: Three (3) hours on Thursday after school. Dismissal is at 6:10 on a regular school day. Parents will be responsible for transporting their children home after Thursday detention.

Referrals will be communicated with parents through the school messaging system. Always make sure to update contact numbers through the guidance department to receive messages.

After-School and Thursday School Detention Rules:

1. Students must attend on time and on the day that he/she has been assigned.
2. Students are to follow the directions of the supervisor.
3. Students who create a disturbance in detention or do not follow the supervisor's directions will be asked to leave. A harsher consequence will then be assigned.
4. If a student does not attend an assigned after school detention, the student will be assigned to Thursday school. If a student does not attend an assigned Thursday school, the student will be assigned OSS/DRP.

DISCIPLINE—INDIANA STATUTORY DISCIPLINE LAWS

IC 20-33-8-7 "Suspension"
Sec. 7. (a) As used in this chapter, "suspension" means any disciplinary action that does not constitute an expulsion under section 3 of this chapter, whereby a student is separated from school attendance for a period of not more than ten (10) school days. (b) The term does not include a situation in which a student is: (1) disciplined under section 25 of this chapter; (2) removed from school in accordance with IC 20-34-3-9; or (3) removed from school for failure to comply with the immunization requirements of IC 20-34-4-5. As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.17.

IC 20-33-8-3 "Expulsion"
Sec. 3. (a) As used in this chapter, "expulsion" means a disciplinary or other action whereby a student: (1) is separated from school attendance for a period exceeding ten (10) school days; (2) is separated from school attendance for the balance of the current semester or current year unless a student is permitted to complete required examinations in order to receive credit for courses taken in the current semester or current year; or (3) is separated from school attendance for the period prescribed under section 16 of this chapter, which may include an assignment to attend an alternative school, an alternative educational program, or a homebound educational program. (b) The term does not include situations when a student is: (1) disciplined under section 25 of this chapter; (2) removed from school in accordance with IC 20-34-3-9; or (3) removed from school for failure to comply with the immunization requirements of IC 20-34-4-5. As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.17.

IC 20-33-8-14 Grounds for suspension or expulsion
Sec. 14. (a) The following are the grounds for student suspension or expulsion, subject to the procedural requirements of this chapter and as stated by school corporation rules: (1) Student misconduct. (2) Substantial disobedience. (b) The grounds for suspension or expulsion listed in subsection (a) apply when a student is: (1) on school grounds immediately before or during school hours, or immediately after school hours, or at any other time when the school is being used by a school group; (2) off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event; or (3) traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event. As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.17.

IC 20-33-8-15 Unlawful activity by student
Sec. 15. In addition to the grounds specified in section 14 of this chapter, a student may be suspended or expelled for engaging in unlawful activity on or off school grounds if: (1) the unlawful activity may reasonably be considered to be an

interference with school purposes or an educational function; or (2) the student's removal is necessary to restore order or protect persons on school property; including an unlawful activity during weekends, holidays, other school breaks, and the summer period when a student may not be attending classes or other school functions. As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.17.

IC 20-33-8-16 Possession of firearms, deadly weapons, or destructive devices

Sec. 16. (a) As used in this section, "firearm" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-47-1-5. (b) As used in this section, "deadly weapon" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-31.5-2-86. The term does not include a firearm or destructive device. (c) As used in this section, "destructive device" has the meaning set forth in IC 35-47.5-2-4. (d) Notwithstanding section 20 of this chapter, a student who is: (1) identified as bringing a firearm or destructive device to school or on school property; or (2) in possession of a firearm or destructive device on school property; must be expelled for at least one (1) calendar year, with the return of the student to be at the beginning of the first school semester after the end of the one (1) year period. (e) The superintendent may, on a case by case basis, modify the period of expulsion under subsection (d) for a student who is expelled under this section. (f) Notwithstanding section 20 of this chapter, a student who is: (1) identified as bringing a deadly weapon to school or on school property; or (2) in possession of a deadly weapon on school property; may be expelled for not more than one (1) calendar year. (g) A superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the property where the school is located if a student engages in a behavior described in subsection (d). The superintendent may give similar notice if the student engages in a behavior described in subsection (f). Upon receiving notification under this subsection, the law enforcement agency shall begin an investigation and take appropriate action. (h) A student with disabilities (as defined in IC 20-35-7-7) who possesses a firearm on school property is subject to procedural safeguards under 20 U.S.C. 1415. As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.17. Amended by P.L.114-2012, SEC.42.

IC 20-33-8-0.2 "Bullying"

Sec. 0.2. (a) As used in this chapter, "bullying" means overt, unwanted, repeated acts or gestures, including verbal or written communications or images transmitted in any manner (including digitally or electronically), physical acts committed, aggression, or any other behaviors, that are committed by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the targeted student and create for the targeted student an objectively hostile school environment that: (1) places the targeted student in reasonable fear of harm to the targeted student's person or property; (2) has a substantially detrimental effect on the targeted student's physical or mental health; (3) has the effect of substantially interfering with the targeted student's academic performance; or (4) has the effect of substantially interfering with the targeted student's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, and privileges provided by the school. (b) The term may not be interpreted to impose any burden or sanction on, or include in the definition of the term, the following: (1) Participating in a religious event. (2) Acting in an emergency involving the protection of a person or property from an imminent threat of serious bodily injury or substantial danger. (3) Participating in an activity consisting of the exercise of a student's rights protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or Article I, Section 31 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana, or both. (4) Participating in an activity conducted by a nonprofit or governmental entity that provides recreation, education, training, or other care under the supervision of one (1) or more adults. (5) Participating in an activity undertaken at the prior written direction of the student's parent. (6) Engaging in interstate or international travel from a location outside Indiana to another location outside Indiana. As added by P.L.106-2005, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.285-2013, SEC.5. Anonymous Bullying Report Form

IC 9-24-2-1 Reporting Truants, suspended and expelled students, and dropouts to Bureau of Motor Vehicles

Sec. 1. (a) The bureau shall suspend the driving privileges or invalidate the learner's permit of an individual less than eighteen (18) years of age who meets any of the following conditions:

(1) Is a habitual truant under IC 20-33-2-11.

(2) Is under at least a second suspension from school for the school year under IC 20-33-8-14 or IC 20-33-8-15. (3) Is under an expulsion from school under IC 20-33-8-14, IC 20-33-8-15, or IC 20-33-8-16.

(4) Is considered a dropout under IC 20-33-2-28.5.

(b) At least five (5) days before holding an exit interview under IC 20-33-2-28.5, the school corporation shall give notice by certified mail or personal delivery to the student, the student's parent, or the student's guardian that the student's failure to attend an exit interview under IC 20-33-2-28.5 or return to school if the student does not meet the requirements to withdraw from school under IC 20-33-2-28.5 will result in the revocation or denial of the student's:

(1) driver's license or learner's permit; and
(2) employment certificate.
As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.131-1995, SEC.1; P.L.132-1995, SEC.1; P.L.1-2005, SEC.106; P.L.242-2005, SEC.1; P.L.1-2006, SEC.165; P.L.125-2012, SEC.166.

CAFETERIA/STUDENT MEALS INFORMATION

STUDENTS SHOULD NOT EXCEED A $10.00 NEGATIVE BALANCE IN THE CAFETERIA.

When a negative $10 balance is reached, students may charge only a main lunch. A negative balance will forfeit the opportunity to buy from ala cart. If negative balances are not paid after notification given by school administration, the case will be turned over to collections.

CLOSED CAMPUS: The campus is closed at lunch for all students. Calls to sign a student out for lunch will **NOT** be accepted.

When school is on a 2-hour delay, breakfast will not be served.

CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION ACTIVITY POLICY

Ind. Code 20-26-18-2 CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION ACTIVITY: Springs Valley Community School Corporation prohibits gang activity and similar destructive or illegal group behavior. Corporation policy 5840.

DRESS CODE

DRESS CODE: The school system recognizes that in addition to meeting educational responsibilities, it has the opportunity and obligation to work with parents in the development of positive student attitudes toward personal hygiene, appearance, appropriate dress and attire.

The following items are requirements for students as they dress for school:

- Students may wear shorts to mid-thigh length.
- Students are required to wear shirt tops and pants or shorts that do not show undergarments or skin above mid-thigh, the midsection area or inappropriate places. Spaghetti straps, tank tops and/or cutoff shirts are not permitted.
- Classrooms with safety rules may restrict baggy clothing, necklaces, or other apparel which pose a hazard.
- No apparel or eyewear which would obstruct the view from teacher to student in any way.
- No apparel promoting alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or inappropriate terms/behavior.
- No blankets/wearable blankets
- No masks or face paint
- Not hats/hoods/head gear

Additional regulations may be added by school administrators if such regulations are deemed important for an orderly implementation of this policy.

FIELD TRIP ELIGIBILITY

Field trip eligibility will be based on:

1. Passing all current classes
2. Not being in violation of the attendance policy
3. Not having been suspended in the current semester

IMMUNIZATION POLICY

IC 20-34-4 Chapter 4. Immunizations IC 20-34-4-1 Keeping immunization records; student transfer

Sec. 1. (a) Each school shall keep an immunization record of the school's students. The records must be kept uniformly throughout Indiana according to procedures prescribed by the state department of health. (b) Whenever a student transfers to another school, the school from which the student is transferring may furnish, not later than twenty (20) days after the transfer, a copy of the student's immunization record to the school to which the student is transferring. (c) Whenever a student enrolls in a state educational institution, the school from which the student graduated may furnish a copy of the student's immunization record to the state educational institution. If the student is enrolled in a state educational institution while still attending a secondary level school, the secondary level school that the student is attending may furnish a copy of the student's

immunization record to the state educational institution. As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.18. Amended by P.L.2-2007, SEC.231.

IC 20-34-4-2 Required immunizations

Sec. 2. (a) Every child residing in Indiana shall be immunized against: (1) diphtheria; (2) pertussis (whooping cough); (3) tetanus; (4) measles; (5) rubella; (6) poliomyelitis; and (7) mumps. (b) Every child residing in Indiana who enters kindergarten or grade 1 shall be immunized against hepatitis B and chickenpox. (c) The state department of health shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to require school age children to receive additional immunizations against the following: (1) Meningitis. (2) Varicella. (3) Pertussis (whooping cough). The additional immunizations required under the rules shall include an immunization booster if considered appropriate by the state department. (d) The state department of health may expand or otherwise modify the list of communicable diseases that require documentation of immunity as medical information becomes available that would warrant the expansion or modification in the interest of public health. (e) The state department of health shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 specifying the: (1) required immunizations; (2) child's age for administering each vaccine; (3) adequately immunizing doses; and (4) method of documentation of proof of immunity. As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.18. Amended by P.L.161-2009, SEC.5.

LOCKER POLICY

IC 20-33-8-32 Locker searches

Sec. 32. (a) A school corporation must provide each: (1) student; and (2) student's parent; a copy of the rules of the governing body on searches of students' lockers and locker contents. (b) A student who uses a locker that is the property of a school corporation is presumed to have no expectation of privacy in: (1) that locker; or (2) the locker's contents. (c) In accordance with the rules of the governing body, a principal may search: (1) a student's locker; and (2) the locker's contents; at any time. (d) A law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the geographic area having a school facility containing a student's locker may: (1) at the request of the school principal; and (2) in accordance with rules of the governing body of the school corporation; assist a school administrator in searching a student's locker and the locker's contents. As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.17.

LOCKS: The school corporation will retain access to student lockers by retaining a master key and keeping a master list of combinations. Students may not use their own locks to prevent access to lockers by school officials and any unauthorized locks may be removed and destroyed without notice.

BACKPACKS/BOOK BAGS: Book bags and backpacks should be placed in your locker upon arrival to school and remain there until the 3:05 dismissal bell. They are not permitted to be used throughout the school day.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

School Nurse: A student who becomes ill during the school day or requires medical attention needs to report to a teacher and/or the office. Office staff or administration will give a pass or escort the student to the school nurse. Calls to parents must come from the school nurse or school personnel.

Medications at school: All medication must be turned in to the school nurse with proper documentation. No type of medication is to be in the student's possession or in his/her locker while at school. Students in grades 6-8 can not take medications home with them. It should be obtained by a parent/guardian or individual 18 or older designated by the parent or guardian.

PERSONAL DEVICE POLICY

Indiana law (**IC 20-26-5-40.7**) states that personal devices cannot cause disruption and must remain out of sight in the educational environment during class time unless there has been a specific permission given by the teacher.
Any student who violates this law will be subject to disciplinary action.

To comply with state law, Springs Valley Community Schools has adopted the attached **Wireless Devices Prohibition Policy (ISBA Code 4307)**, which will take effect at the beginning of the **2026-2027 school year**.

Under the new policy:

- Students are encouraged not to bring wireless devices to school. However, if students choose to bring a wireless device to school, it must be powered off, stored in their locker, and remain out of sight and inaccessible throughout the school day from 7:45am-3:05pm.
- Students may only use school-provided or school-approved devices when directed by a teacher for instructional purposes.
- Limited exceptions exist for medical needs, IEPs and 504 Plans, emergencies, language translation, and other circumstances specifically permitted by state law.

Students who violate the policy are subject to disciplinary consequences, including confiscation of the device. Confiscated devices will be returned to a student at the end of the school day. See Discipline Matrix.

SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT

Ind. Code 20-20-40-14 School Seclusion and Restraint Policy: As part of the emergency procedures in place in our schools, no student will be restrained and/or placed in seclusion by school staff unless the student's behavior poses an imminent risk of injury to him/herself or others. However, significant violations of the law including assaults on students and staff will be reported to the police. As soon as possible after any such use of restraint and/or seclusion, the parents or guardian will be informed when any of these actions have occurred and will be provided with a detailed account of the incident including the circumstances that led to the use of restraint and or seclusion. See corporation policy 5630.01 for a full explanation of the Restraint and Seclusion Policy.

STUDENT CAMPUS INFORMATION

Latex Balloons: Springs Valley Jr.-Sr. High School enforces a "NO Latex Balloon" policy. No latex balloons are allowed on school property, buildings, or school buses.

Passes for leaving school: Students that need to leave school must bring a note from a parent/guardian and get approval from administration before leaving school.

Publication/Recognition Policy: Springs Valley Schools use many forms of publication to recognize our students and staff. Any parent/guardian wanting to restrict his/her child(ren) from being publicized needs to turn in a written notice to the Junior Senior High School office.

School Dances: Springs Valley dances are intended for Springs Valley students. All school rules apply while attending a dance. Prom is the only dance where a Springs Valley student can bring a guest. All guests must have an approved pass turned in before the Prom. Passes can be picked up at the office.

Student Displays of Affection: Physical contact between two students in any way deemed inappropriate by staff and/or administration is prohibited.

Visitors: Any person not enrolled or employed with the school corporation must report to the office before entering the building. Parents are always encouraged to participate with their child(ren) and teachers, but is our priority to maintain a safe learning environment at all times.

STUDENT SEARCH AND SEIZURE

Reasonable suspicion of any student being involved in an insubordinate activity will warrant a search of all student belongings. See corporation policy 5771 for full explanation of policy.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

To better provide prevention/intervention services to our students, SVHS has adopted the following substance abuse policy. It serves to protect the students of SVHS by promoting an environment free of substance abuse.

This policy pertains to any student while on school premises, within 1,000 feet of school premises, at school sponsored events, activities, functions, or while being transported under school jurisdiction. This policy covers the use, possession, and/or distribution of all illegal, prescription, and over the counter drugs. It also includes the possession of drug paraphernalia. School officials may discover a violation through voluntary admission or findings by school officials, based upon observation and/or firsthand information.

REASONABLE SUSPICION: Reasonable suspicion will be defined as a staff member detecting visual or sensual signs of possible use. Reasonable suspicion may arise from, but is NOT limited to, the following:

- A student's behavior
- A student's physical condition
- Related information communicated to an administrator by a teacher, parent, student or other adult.

In certain instances involving reasonable suspicion, a student may be requested to take a breathalyzer, urine test or other drug test.

Discipline: With any drug related violation, school authorities will inform a law enforcement officer. The student's parents will be notified as soon as possible.

Upon determination of policy violation, the student will be placed on a 10 day out-of-school suspension and recommended for expulsion. On a first occurrence the expulsion may be waived if the student enrolls in an approved substance abuse program. Upon enrollment in the program and after serving his/her required suspension, the student may return to school. Failure to comply with a substance abuse treatment plan, in a timely manner, will result in expulsion. A second offense during a student's career at Springs Valley Community Schools will result in expulsion.

The selling or distributing of drugs or alcohol to others forfeits the waiver to return to school during the semester the student committed the offense.

The school administration will always be the determining authority and will retain the option of not offering the student and/or parents/guardians the alternative counseling and/or waiver program if the severity of the violation was such that automatic expulsion was the only responsible course of action. In all cases the school administration will be the final authority.

TEXTBOOKS, CHROMEBOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Textbooks: For the convenience of students and parents, textbooks and chromebooks are provided on a rental basis. Textbook, chromebook and instructional material fees are to be paid at the beginning of each school year. All school materials are the responsibility of the student to whom they are issued. These items must be returned in the same condition as received at the end of each semester. Lost or damaged textbooks and chromebooks must be paid for at replacement cost.

VEHICLE/STUDENT DRIVER INFORMATION

Automobiles, motorcycles, and bicycles must be parked in designated or student parking areas. Students are not to drive or ride during school hours without office permission. Vehicles should be locked and no student shall be in the parking lot until school is dismissed.

All student vehicles must be registered with the office and must display a valid parking permit. Parking permits are to be obtained from the office at the beginning of the school year. Students will sign up for designated parking spots in the student parking lot.

EXTRA/CO-CURRICULAR STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The rules of Springs Valley Community Schools and the Indiana High School Athletic Association contain the following provision applicable to all extra/co-curricular participating students and Indiana High School Student-Athletes:

Rule C-8-1: "Contestants' conduct, in and out of school, shall be such as:

a. **Not to reflect discredit upon their school or the Association**
b. **Not to create a disruptive influence on the discipline, good order, moral or educational environment of the School."**

1. The student's extra curricular career begins for each student on the first day of school their freshman year (or upon enrollment for transfer student) or the first day of IHSAA sanctioned practice their freshman year, whichever comes first, and continues for the entire four (4) years or as long as a student is a member of an extra-curricular program. The penalties that follow will be accumulating and will not start over each year.

2. For Junior High Students, their career begins on the first day of school their 6th grade year or the first day of sanctioned practice their 6th grade year, whichever comes first, and continues for the entire three (3) years or as long as a student is a member of an extra/co-curricular program or athletic team.

3. Each teacher, sponsor, director and/or coach may establish team rules, which are applicable only to his/her program, building upon the policy currently set.
4. The academic standards and rules of conduct, as outlined in the Springs Valley Jr./Sr. High handbook, have been established and are applicable to all students. These would include, but not limited to: grades, class attendance, behavior at school and school functions, and overall compliance with such standards and rules. Violation of such student academic standards and rules in an offense resulting in in-school or out-of-school suspension will be a violation of the IHSAA Rule C-8-1a and of this Student Code of Conduct.

Violation of the Student Code of Conduct shall result in the imposition of a penalty. Once assessed, if the violation is deemed severe enough by the administration and/or the athletic department, participation will be determined on a case by case scenario.

FIRST OFFENSE

An infraction by a student which would result in a suspension from school will include a suspension of a minimum of 25% of the scheduled contests for that program as long as the performance is not related to an academic grade. If the suspension falls at the end of a season and the full penalty of 25% of contests cannot be fulfilled, the penalty shall carry over to the postseason tournaments, then to the next program in which the student participates.

SECOND OFFENSE

If a student is suspended for a second time from school there will be a suspension of a minimum of 50% of the scheduled contests for that program as long as the performance is not related to an academic grade. If the suspension falls at the end of a season and the full penalty of 50% of contests cannot be fulfilled, the penalty shall carry over to the postseason tournaments, then to the next program in which the student participates.

THIRD OFFENSE

If a student is suspended for a third time then he/she will be suspended from participation in any program for one calendar year (365 days) from the date of the third offense. A student participating in a program with academic based performances will be put under review by administration, supervising sponsor and fellow sponsor to determine future eligibility.

FOURTH OFFENSE

A student suspended for a fourth time will be banned from participation in extra/co-curricular programs during his/her enrollment at Springs Valley Schools.

ACADEMIC MONITORING PROGRAM

Students who are determined ineligible as a result of poor scholarship by IHSAA rules, may not participate in contests until their scholastic eligibility is reestablished at the end of the following grading period. Please refer to IHSAA regulations.

FURTHER EXPLANATIONS

1. Scheduled contests are based on the rules the IHSAA sets forth for all varsity teams. Cheerleading contests will be determined by the total number of games they are scheduled to participate in.

EXTRA/CO-CURRICULAR AND STUDENT DRIVERS SUBSTANCE ABUSE CLAUSE

At no time is a student participating in extra/co-curricular activities nor any student that drives to school, allowed to use or be in possession of any form of alcoholic beverage, tobacco, illegal substance or drug. Random drug testing will be done throughout the school year. Violation of or failure to produce a clean random drug test constitutes an infraction of this clause.

Students enrolled in extra/co-curricular activities are also subject to be suspended from participating in practices and contests according to the following guidelines for students in grades 6-12. If participation is academic based with a grade, the infraction will be assessed by the supervisor of the program and principal.

Student drivers are subject to having driving privileges to school revoked and notification sent to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

See Corporation Policy 5530.01

FIRST VIOLATION*:* A student in extra/co-curricular activities who is in violation of the substance abuse clause will be suspended indefinitely from contests/programs until he/she enrolls in an approved substance abuse program. A student will also serve a suspension for 25% of scheduled contests in that season. If the suspension falls at the end of a season and the 25% penalty of contests cannot be fulfilled, the penalty shall carry over to the postseason tournaments, then to the next program in which the student participates.

SECOND VIOLATION: The student will be suspended for **one calendar year** (365 days) from the date of the violation.

THIRD VIOLATION: The student shall have participation privileges revoked for the remainder of the student's school career.

With any violations, the student will forfeit all program awards (free throw, mvp, etc…) but may still be able to keep his/her varsity letter if he/she still qualifies.

FELONIES, MISDEMEANORS, ACT OF DELINQUENCY, THEFT, OR STATUS OFFENSES

Any extra/co-curricular student arrested or detained will be suspended from participation pending investigation of the incident. An appointed council will meet in relevance to the law enforcement investigation to determine eligibility moving forward.

The school administration would always be the determining authority and would always have the option to not offer the student and/or parent/guardian the alternative counseling program if the severity of the violation was such that automatic expulsion was the only responsible course of action. In all cases, the school administration will be the final authority.

ATHLETIC REGULATIONS OF IHSAA AND STUDENT-ATHLETES

Introduction

Students are encouraged to participate in the Springs Valley Athletic Program. The program offers the following varsity sports:

Boys -- Football, Cross Country, Basketball, Track, Baseball, Golf

Girls -- Volleyball, Golf, Cross Country, Basketball, Cheerleading, Track, Softball

Athletic Code

Participation in the Springs Valley athletic program is a privilege, which carries with it varying degrees of honor, responsibility, and sacrifice. Those who choose to participate will be expected to follow the rules in accordance with the Indiana High School Athletic Association Constitution and By-Laws and maintain Sportsmanship at the highest level. The conduct of participants in athletics here at Springs Valley is expected to be of the highest quality and in accordance with the Code of Conduct in or out of school 365 days a year.

Springs Valley Schools Athletic Program Eligibility Requirements

A student is considered an athlete and subject to the rules and standards of behavior as described below once he/she tries out for an athletic team and has completed the online registration with Final Forms.

1. The student's extra curricular career begins for each student on the first day of school their freshman year (or upon enrollment for transfer student), the first day of IHSAA sanctioned practice their freshman year, whichever comes

first, and continues for the entire four (4) years or as long as a student is a member of an extra-curricular program. The penalties that follow will be accumulating and will not start over each year.

2. For Junior High Students their athletic career begins for all athletes on the first day of school their 6th grade year, the first day of sanctioned practice their 6th grade year, whichever comes first, and continues for the entire three (3) years or as long as a student athlete is a member of an athletic team.

In order to represent Springs Valley Jr./Sr. High school in interscholastic athletics students must meet the following requirements and standards.

1. **Consent for Participation:** Students may not participate in practices or tryouts until a physical form signed by a licensed medical practitioner and registration is complete in Final Forms.
2. **Insurance:** All athletes must provide evidence of accidental insurance. Springs Valley Schools nor does the IHSAA carry any kind of first dollar medical insurance for athletic injuries.
3. **Appearance**: Student athletes represent Springs Valley Jr./Sr. High school and should always dress in accordance with the school handbook. Coaches may add to these policies dealing with curfew, team discipline, travel attire to and from competition, attire at home and away games, sportsmanship, decorum at contests and on busses without approval by the athletic director and principal.
4. **Age:** A student who is or shall be twenty (20) years of age prior to or on the scheduled date of the IHSAA state finals in a sport shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition in that sport. A student who is nineteen (19) years of age on the scheduled date of the IHSAA state finals in a sport shall be eligible as to age for athletic competition in that sport.
5. **Enrollment**: IHSAA by-laws will be followed in accordance with enrollment criteria.
   All participants must be enrolled and attending a minimum of 6 classes at Springs Valley Schools no later than the fifteenth day of the current semester unless the student is transferring from another school. The eligibility of transfer student is governed by the IHSAA. Transferring students are not permitted to participate in athletic contests until all necessary transfer forms and reports are filed with the IHSAA. **Attendance**: Student-Athletes must attend classes at **least three (3) full periods** at the end of the day of the contest to be able to participate in his/her athletic event. To participate in Saturday contests, student-athletes are required to attend at **least three (3) full periods** at the end of the day on the Friday before. Approved field trips or school activities constitute attending school. Any exemptions must have prior notification provided to the principal's and/or athletic office.
6. **Scholarship**:
   We are proud of our students' efforts to be competitive at the highest level. Springs Valley promotes student-athletes. The emphasis is on academics first and foremost. A successful student has learned the importance of time management skills, organization, and hard work. To further promote the expectation of the student-athlete at Springs Valley, the following academic monitoring program will be in place for all student-athletes:
   Students must receive passing grades in a minimum of five (5) courses at the end of each grading period at the end of each semester to maintain academic eligibility. This is in accordance to IHSAA By-Laws.
   Student-Athletes who are determined ineligible as a result of poor scholarship by IHSAA rules, may not participate in contests until their scholastic eligibility is reestablished at the end of the following grading period.
7. **Amateurism:** All participants must maintain an amateur status and adhere to requirements established by the IHSAA. Students may not participate on a team using an assumed name, may not accept money or merchandise directly or indirectly for athletic participation; may not accept awards, fits or honors from colleges or their alumni or other organizations without the approval of the principal or the IHSAA; and may not accept awards in the form of merchandise, meals, cash, etc..
8. **Outside Participation Limitations during the Season**: Athletes may not participate individually or as a member of another team in an athletic contest or participate in camps, clinics, or schools during the IHSAA contest season. Please refer to the IHSAA regulations concerning outside participation and eligibility.
9. **Outside Participation Limitations Outside of Season**: There are limitations on the number of students who may participate on a team outside of the IHSAA sports season in certain sports. Please refer to the IHSAA regulations concerning outside participation and eligibility.

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Academic Integrity Policy

Springs Valley Community Schools offers Springs Valley Academy to those students who need a course which can not fit into their daily schedule, need to recover graduation credits, or are placed in the program at administrative discretion, as an alternative school placement. All academic and disciplinary regulations which are maintained in the school setting by the policies listed in this student handbook will remain consistent with Springs Valley Academy.

Academy Requirements

- Pending administrative review, if a student obtains full enrollment in Springs Valley Academy the parents/guardians must provide their own internet service provider at the residence of the student.
- The parents/guardians will provide a device to their child(ren) who are fully enrolled in Springs Valley Academy which is capable of meeting all requirements of Springs Valley Academy curriculum.
- Parents/Guardians must have active contact information of a home address, phone number and email address.
- Parents/Guardians accept responsibility of transporting the student(s) to Springs Valley Community Schools for all required meetings and assessments/assignments set forth by the Springs Valley Academy program.

Contact Information

Jim Tritle, Academy Coordinator
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812-936-9984

Enrollment procedure

- Parents/Guardians must enroll their student at Springs Valley Community Schools.
- A conference with the guidance counselor and/or administration will take place if the parents/guardians make a request for Springs Valley Academy.
- Determination will be made by administration if a student qualifies for enrollment in Springs Valley Academy.
- Notification of a final decision will be made to the parents/guardians of the student requesting enrollment.

Exit Process

Parents/Guardians of a student who is not meeting graduation requirements in a timely manner will be mandated to attend a meeting with the guidance counselor, administration and parents/guardians to discuss the student's educational plan.

Graduation policy

Any student who meets all graduation requirements through Springs Valley Academy before that year's graduation date may choose to participate in the graduation ceremony at Springs Valley Community Schools.

Resources provided by Springs Valley Community Schools

- Full access to online curriculum through EdOptions Academy.
- An active Springs Valley Community Schools email and Skyward account.
- Enrollment in any extra/co-curricular programs contingent upon meeting all required academic and athletic regulations set forth in this handbook and the IHSAA. Random drug testing will apply to Springs Valley Academy students who are participating in an extra/co-curricular program. Parents/Guardians will be required to transport their child to Springs Valley Community Schools should their child be drawn for a random test.
- Athletic pass for the student to attend all Springs Valley athletic events.