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HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT HANDBOOK

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WE ARE LEARNERS,
WE ARE MUSTANGS.

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Perryville High School

Student Handbook

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The Constitution of the United States, through the Bill of Rights and subsequent amendments, gives all persons certain rights and the United States Supreme Court has declared that students do not shed those constitutional rights by walking through the school door. Students are protected by the Constitution and the responsibility for that protection applies to boards of education as it does to other individuals and agencies. The state legislature give school boards rule-making authority regarding student behavior, but such authority is balanced by the Constitution and the courts.

Responsibilities, on the other hand, are not so clearly spelled out by law. While an individual does have a right to pursue his or her own self-fulfillment, those rights terminate at the point where they infringe upon the rights of others. Here are examples of selected student rights and responsibilities.

The Perryville High School Handbook policies are reviewed and developed annually by parents, students, teachers and other district personnel.

Students have the right to:

1. Pursue, through study and self-application, a quality education at public expense and to attain personal goals through participation in the entire school.
2. Participate in school activities without being subject to unlawful discrimination on any basis.
3. Practice freedoms of speech, expression of ideas and of the press.
4. Participate in patriotic exercises or refrain from participating.
5. Be secure in their person, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures: have privacy in regard to their personal possessions, unless there is reasonable suspicion that the student is concealing materials prohibited by law.

Students have the responsibility to:

1. Attend classes daily, be on time to all classes and obey school rules.
2. Foster good human relations within the school by practicing courtesy and tolerance in their dealing with each other and members of the school staff, and to respect the dignity and worth of other individuals.
3. Refrain from libel and slanderous remarks.
4. Develop tolerance of the viewpoints and opinions of others; recognize the right of other individuals to form different points of view and to dissent in an orderly and respectful manner.
5. Respect the rights of classmates who do or do not wish to participate.
6. Respect the rights, property and privacy of other students and school personnel; carry only those materials which are acceptable under the law and which are not hazardous to any person or property; and accept the consequences for the articles stored in their lockers.
7. Observe the basic standards of cleanliness, modesty and good grooming and wear clothing which contributes to their own health and safety, as well as that of others.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Distribution of Literature

1. Students shall have the right to distribute and possess literature including but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, leaflets, and pamphlets. The district may prohibit a specific issue of a specific publication if there is substantial, factual basis to believe its possession or distribution will cause, or is causing substantial disruption of school activities.
2. Distribution of literature should be done before or after school. Students have the right to refuse the literature.
3. All petitions shall be free of obscenities, libelous statements and personal attack and shall be within the bounds of reasonable conduct. Students signing such petitions shall be free from recrimination or retribution from members of the staff and administration.

No student in the Perryville School District shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity sponsored by the district.

STUDENT POLICIES

Hall Passes

If it is necessary for a student to be out of a classroom during class, the students must have in his possession a hall pass. Students taking advantage of their hall passes will be in danger of losing the privilege of getting future hall passes.

Gum, Food, and Carbonated Beverages

No food, gum or carbonated beverages are to be carried or used in the classrooms. Any such items will be taken up by the teacher or staff member. Disciplinary measures will be determined by the situation and the teacher.

Lockers and Locks

Lockers will be assigned to each student. Locks are available from the office for $1.00 to be used for one school year. Lost locks will be replaced at the student's expense. Items stolen from lockers will be replaced at the student's expense. Disciplinary measures may be taken for students using unassigned lockers. (Group V Disciplinary Action)

Damaged or Lost Books/Student's Fines

For all free textbooks that are damaged, the students will be fined to the extent of damage, which could amount to the total price of the book. This damage will include marking, tearing and bending of the books. Any student losing a free textbook will be required to pay the price of a replacement textbook.
Any fines/charges from previous year must be paid before participation in any extra-curricular activities. Any/all fines must be paid prior to participation in any graduation ceremonies.

Sickroom

If a student becomes ill at school, he/she should go to the office and/or sickroom. If necessary, the parents will be called to check that student out.

Fire Drills

Fire drills will be held in accordance with the school laws of Arkansas. At the beginning of the school year each student will be instructed in the proper procedure to be followed during a fire drill.

Visitors

Act 75 of 1971 states "If a person wishes to visit on the school ground or in the school building, such person shall present himself to the office of the school and receive permission to visit and a pass to indicate that proper permission has been received." This includes parents, guardians, and all other visitors. Military personnel may visit counselor once a month.

Student Activity Funds

All money raised by entertainment, solicitations, plays, sales of tickets or any other form of funding on campus by the students or faculty in the name of the school or any school organization must be deposited in the secretary's office. No money shall be expended without the sponsor's consent. All fund raising activities must be approved by the principal.

School Newspaper

Students may establish and maintain a school newspaper for the publication of school news. The students have the right to editorialize but must refrain from printing anything which contains obscene language or libelous materials.

Major and Minor Offices

No student may hold more than one major office and one minor office in the school at one time. A student may hold two minor offices. Major offices include: student council officers and all club presidents. Minor offices include all offices not included above.

Foreign Exchange Student Policy

The Foreign Exchange Student Program will operate under the following guidelines:

1. The District reserves the right to accept or deny student exchange programs.
2. There shall be no more than two students from the same organization placed in the district at one time, unless only one organization has applied for placement.
3. There shall be no more than two students per grade level
4. There shall be no more than four students in the district at one time.
5. Students must be able to speak English effectively.
6. Host parents must reside in the school district.
7. Perryville High School reserves the right to determine whether or not foreign exchange students will be able to receive a diploma from the school. If it is determined that a student can graduate, he or she will not be added into the class ranking. Students must declare intentions for graduation upon registration and must fulfill high school requirements.
8. While Perryville High School is not responsible for the placement of exchange students with host families, it is strongly recommended that the school be consulted before placing students with families.
9. The deadline for accepting foreign exchange students is May 31st.

Search and Seizure

1. Lockers: The District maintains ownership of school lockers and school authorities have equal access to such lockers and may inspect them at any time. An official of the district may search a particular locker or lockers if the official has information forming a reasonable suspicion that the search would produce evidence indicating the student has violated the law or school rules.

2. Automobiles: School officials may conduct a warrantless search of student automobiles if a school official has information forming a reasonable suspicion that the search will produce evidence that the student has violated the law or school rules.

3. Person: School officials may search an individual if an official has reasonable suspicion that the search will produce evidence indicating that the student has violated the law or school rules. An adult witness should be present during the search. A pat down search of a student's person should be done by a school official of the same sex. The scope of the Search must be reasonably related to the objective of the search. No strip searches will be conducted.

After a search and seizure has been conducted and if illegal contraband, dangerous weapons, or stolen property has been found, students may be turned over to local law enforcement agencies.

Lockers and automobiles on student property may be subject to search by police using drug dogs. The search will be conducted with an administrator present.

Student Conduct

Who is Responsible for Student Conduct?

Freedom is a constitutional right, but it does not mean the absence of reasonable rules and regulation which serve to guide the actions of individuals. Along with freedom comes the responsibility to act in such a manner as to insure that all participants may enjoy the same freedom. To obtain the greatest possible benefit to the students, teachers, administrators, parents, Board of Education, and the entire community, it is essential that all work together to ensure that all persons are treated equally and with dignity in respect to their rights and responsibilities.

Students

Students have the responsibilities to pursue his/her education in the Perryville School District in a manner that shows respect for other students, faculty members, parents and other citizens. Students should be aware that they have a responsibility to cooperate with and assist the school staff in the orderly and efficient conduct of the schools by abiding by rules and regulations established by the Board of Education. Each student is responsible for his/her own conduct at all times.

Parents or Guardians

Parents or guardians are responsible for exercising the required controls so that their children's behavior at school will be conducive to their own progress and not disruptive to the schools education program. They are responsible for alerting school personnel when they have reason to believe that their children are experiencing difficulties at school, or at home, and that by actively soliciting help of the school, behavior standards may be maintained.

Teachers

All teachers are responsible for the supervision of the behavior of ALL students in the school. This includes not only the students who are regularly assigned to the teacher, but all other students with whom the teacher comes in contact. Each teacher is expected to maintain the kind of atmosphere and decorum which will promote the learning process, and to utilize sound techniques which seem appropriate. These techniques include conferences with students and parents, referral to counselors at the school, or referral to other supportive service personnel of the district (nurse, attendance caseworker, educational examiner. Psychologist, etc.) The teacher is authorized to administer corporal punishment established by district policy. When the teacher is unable to assist the student to maintain proper control of their behavior, the student is to be referred to the appropriate administrator in the school.

Principal

The principal is expected to disseminate to all students at the beginning of the school year, and to each new student upon registration, the rules and regulations. The principal is expected to involve representatives of the teaching staff, the student body, and the patrons of the school in developing the student discipline policies. The principal

is responsible for conducting continued in-service education for all personnel on a regular basis to interpret and implement established policies. The principal has the right to suspend and may make a request to the superintendent that he recommends a student for expulsion to the Board of Education. The principal is expected to inform the parents or guardians of any students whose behavior is in serious conflict with established laws, rules and procedures.

Definitions

Lunch Detention will last for the duration of the lunch period. Students checking out of school before their lunch detention assignment has been completed will be required to make up the missed time. Excessive lunch detentions, more than five (5) in a semester, will result in In-School Suspension for each additional lunch detention assignment.

Saturday School will be held from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM on assigned Saturdays. Saturday school may be used for unexcused absences, failing grades or disciplinary consequences. Once assigned Saturday school, consequences for missing are as follows:

- 1st Offense: Additional Day Assigned
- Additional Offenses: Student is suspended from all extracurricular activities until Saturday School attendance requirements are met.

In-School Suspension is an alternative to suspension that can take place during the school day. Students are not counted absent and are expected to complete their classwork. In-School Suspension expectations are as follows:

1. Be in your assigned cubicle when the tardy bell rings.
2. Bring all of your books and materials with you to the In-School Suspension room.
3. In-School Suspension begins at 7:40 AM and concludes at 4:04 PM.
4. Electronic devices must be turned into the In-School Suspension facilitator when arriving in the classroom. Devices will be kept in an assigned box and can be picked up from the facilitator at the end of the student's assigned time.
5. Students may not leave the In-School Suspension classroom unless accompanied by a staff member. Restroom breaks will be supervised by the facilitator or his/her designee.
6. There will be no talking, sleeping or any other disruptive behavior allowed.
7. Failure to follow any of these rules may result in Out-of-School Suspension.
8. Students may not participate in athletics while assigned In-School Suspension.

Suspension is prohibition of a student from entering the school grounds &/or any off campus school function (except for a prearranged conference with an administrator) for a period of time set by the principal of the school or the superintendent. Suspensions will be ten (8) school days or less due to 4 day week, including the day on which the offense occurred. In case of unforeseen circumstances, the suspension will be made up at the discretion of the principal or designee. Students who are suspended are not allowed to attend any school activity during the suspension period. The suspension period includes the night of and the time in-between the suspension days if multiple. If school is dismissed for any unforeseen reason (ex. inclement weather, etc.), the suspension days will carry over to the next school day.

Expulsion is the prohibition of a student from entering the school or school grounds &/or any off campus school function (expect for a prearranged conference with an administrator) for more than 10 days and which may last until the end of the semester, the end of the current school year, or permanently, depending upon the severity of the offense, with loss of academic credit. This action shall be taken by the Board of Education only.

Standards of Conduct

All students are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will contribute to the best interest of the school and not infringe on the rights of others. School staff has the authority and the responsibility to take customary and reasonable measures to maintain proper control and discipline among students placed under their care and supervision. Such measures may include the use of reasonable force in the exercise of lawful authority to restrain or correct students and maintain order.

A student who is well informed concerning their rights and responsibilities and the standards of behavior expected, would not require disciplinary action. For information of all students, however, infractions to avoid and recommended disciplinary actions are presented as follows.

Infractions to Avoid

The following activities are considered infractions of improper conduct and will subject the students to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion from school, and/or notification of law enforcement officials. The violation of rule will occur whether the conduct takes place on the school grounds at any time, off the school grounds at a school supervised activity, function, or event, or in route to and from school.

Below each rule is a standardized list of disciplinary actions to be taken. Normally, this list will be adhered to in numerical order after each occurrence. However, the administration may excuse more extreme action in more severe situations or in situations in which a student has been involved in other rule infractions. Corporal punishment may be issued for any of the following infractions in accordance with the corporal punishment policy. School rules listed under standards of conduct have been placed into seven groups. The rules covered under each group have been clearly stated and in most cases will carry the same penalty as any other rule in the group.

Group I Infractions

Drug and Alcohol Policy. No student at Perryville High School shall possess, consume, use, distribute, buy, or attempt to buy, sell or attempt to sell, give to any person, or be under the influence of any substance defined in this policy, or what the student or believes to be any substance defined in this policy. This policy applies to any student who is on or about the school property, is in attendance at school or any school sponsored activity, has left the school campus for any reason and returns to the campus, is en route to or from school, or any school sponsored activity.

Prohibited substances include all drugs/drug paraphernalia, liquor or other alcoholic beverages, or unauthorized inhalants, any ingestible matter, or any substance that alters a student's ability to act, think, or respond. Please reference the Perryville High School student handbook drug and policy for students involved in extra-curricular activity.

Any student in violation of the above policy will be suspended for ten (10) days with a recommendation for expulsion for the remainder of the semester and notification of appropriate law enforcement, or admission to the Perryville High School Second Chance Program. Any student who violates the alcohol/drug policy for the second (2nd) time will be a ten (10) day suspension along with an automatic referral for expulsion.

Final decision as to whether or not a student may enter into the PHS "Second Chance" program will be made by the Superintendent or his designee.

Perryville High School "Second Chance Program".

Students who are recommended for expulsion for violation of Perryville High School drug and alcohol policy may be eligible to appeal to the Superintendent of Perryville Schools for placement in the "Second Chance Program" to avoid expulsion. This program is designed to allow eligible students a possibility of continuing as a Perryville student under a strict probation and with specific limitations if they meet the following:

- The student cannot have previously been suspended or recommended for expulsion for violation of the drug/alcohol policy during the school year.
- Parents and students requesting enrollment in the "Second Chance Program" agree to waive the right to a hearing before the school board on the expulsion if the student fails to meet the terms of the program and be recommended for expulsion during the probationary period.
- The parent and student agree to the requirement of fifteen (15) hours of community service beyond the LEARNS Act required community service. This community service will be coordinated by the Assistant Principal or designee.
- The student shall not participate in any extracurricular activities or field trips for 30 school days. If enrolled in athletics or band, the student will report to ISS.
- The school resource officer will issue a citation, the student may have additional consequences through the juvenile system and must comply.
- If an incident occurs on a school bus, the students will not be allowed on the bus for 30 school days. Parents will be responsible for transportation.
- Students may lose driving privileges for 30 school days.
- Students must submit to monthly drug tests for the remainder of the school year at Perryville High School, at parent's expense of $40 per test.
- "Second Chance" students must have their request form turned in and approved by the fourth school day following the infraction. This request must be made directly to the Superintendent by the parent/guardian and/or the student.
- Students with an IEP must adhere to Special Education services protocols.

If approved, students who are participating in the "Second Chance Program" are required to complete the stipulated agreement in 30 school days. The superintendent or his/her designee reserves the right to revoke "Second Chance" status based on non-compliance. In addition, the student must meet all prescribed stipulations dealing with school attendance, academic performance, student disciplinary restrictions, and other restrictions deemed appropriate by the superintendent. A student who fails to meet all requirements of the drug/alcohol abuse program or violates the agreed upon terms of the 'Second Chance Program" will be considered in violation of the probation and will be recommended for immediate expulsion from the or possible alternate placement.

Huffing. The purposeful inhalation of chemical vapors to achieve an altered mental or physical state.

Weapons, Dangerous Instruments, and Contraband. A student shall not possess, handle, or transmit a razor, ice pick, explosives, pistol, rifle, shotgun, pellet gun, or any other object which might reasonably be considered a weapon or dangerous instrument of any contraband materials.

Bomb Threats. A student who makes a bomb threat will be referred to the legal authorities and will be subject to "Group I Disciplinary Action".

Terroristic Threatening. Terroristic threatening of another student will also be a Group I Infraction.

Group I Disciplinary Action

1. Immediate 10 day suspension from school and recommendation for expulsion.

Group II Infractions

Indecent Exposure. A student shall not deliberately commit indecent exposure, nor shall a student make improper sexual advances toward another person at school or other school functions.

Sexual Activity

Sexual activity is prohibited at school, at school events or activities, and on school property.

Sexual Advances, etc. Improper sexual advances toward another person at school or on school sponsored activities are prohibited. Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Verbal harassment or abuse.
2. Pressure for sexual activity.
3. Repeated remarks with sexual or demeaning implications.
4. Implied or explicit threats that suggest or demand sexual involvement.
5. Inappropriate patting or pinching.
6. Intentional brushing against another person's body.
7. Any sexually motivated, unwelcome touching.

Any person who alleges sexual harassment may report it directly to the building principal or guidance counselor. Any report of sexual harassment will be investigated immediately.

The district will discipline any individual who retaliates against any person who reports alleged sexual harassment or who retaliates against any person who testifies, assists, or participates in an investigation proceedings related to a sexual harassment complaint. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal, or harassment.

Physical Abuse or Assault by a student on Another Student. A student shall not willfully or intentionally assault or threaten to assault, commit battery or abuse any student. In determining an altercation there are several factors to consider. Once an altercation has been determined to have occurred; then it must be determined if there has been an exchange of blows or if there was an intentional or willful assault. If there was an exchange of blows, then it must be determined if self-defense comes into play in the situation. Other factors that will be considered are malice, intent, prior factors and agenda. A student will not be subject to disciplinary action when it can be determined that the student was acting in self-defense or tried to break off the confrontation prior to fighting.

Treatment of School Personnel. Students will not be allowed to behave in a hateful, discourteous manner toward any school employee. A student may not willfully and intentionally assault, threaten to assault, or commit battery on any school employee.

Group II Disciplinary Action

MINIMUM: 3 days of in-school suspension
MAXIMUM: Out-of-school suspension/possible recommendation for expulsion

Group III Infractions

Damage, Destruction, or Theft of School Property. A student shall not willfully or intentionally damage, destroy, or steal school or student property. The Perryville School District will attempt to recover damages from the student destroying school property. Parents of any minor student under the age of 18 will be liable for damages caused by said minor.

Theft and Extortion. A student shall not steal or attempt to steal the property of another student or any other person, nor shall a student obtain or attempt to obtain something of value from another person either by physical force or threat (illegal acts). Bullying is also punishable under Group III Disciplinary Action. The Anti-Bullying policy for Perryville High School can be found on page 19.

Gangs and Secret Societies. Whether organized in the community or in other settings, gangs are prohibited on the school grounds and campus at any school sponsored activity. Gang related activity (whether genuine or pretense) that is identified by school officials is prohibited. Gang related activities include, but are not limited to: Wearing apparel associated with gangs, displaying gang insignia, "throwing signs" or other gestures of language (however expressed) associated with gangs, intimidation, and threats.

Group III Disciplinary Action

Minimum: In school suspension/ corporal punishment/confiscation
Maximum: Out of school suspension/possible recommendation for expulsion

Group IV Infractions

Disregard of Directions or Commands (Insubordination). All students shall comply with reasonable directions or commands of teachers, substitute teachers, teacher aides, principals, administrative personnel, school bus drivers, or any other authorized personnel.

Disorderly Conduct. A student shall not engage in behavior which produces situations in which instruction or activities of other students are adversely affected.

Profanity, Verbal Abuse, Obscene Gestures. A student shall not use profane, violent, vulgar, abusive, or insulting language at any time. A student shall not be in possession of obscene pictures, or insulting language at any time. A student shall not use physical gestures that convey a connotation of obscene or highly disrespectful acts, infringe upon the rights of others, or cause or being an overt and immediate disruption of the educational process.

Public Display of Affection. Public display of affection (PDA) is not appropriate behavior at school. Public display of affection includes, but not limited to kissing, hugging, holding hands, and inappropriate touching.

Gambling. A student shall not engage in any game of chance on school premises at any time.

Student Assemblies. All students attending assembly programs shall behave in a manner which will not distract from the program or keep others from enjoying the full benefits of the assembly program.

Pointer Lasers. Arkansas law forbids the possession of laser pointers by persons under age 18 and requires that schools seize lasers in student's possession at school or school events. These lasers will be held by school personnel for the duration of the school year or returned to the parent or guardian.

Truancy. A student shall not be absent from school without parent and/or school authorities prior knowledge and consent. After arrival on campus, a student absent from their assigned learning station without permission from school authorities shall be considered as truant. Corporal punishment cannot be taken for truancy. Students who are caught truant will receive no credit (0%) for the day that student was truant.

Cell phones. In accordance with Arkansas' Bell to Bell, No Cell Act (Act 122), Perryville High School is committed to maintaining a focused, engaging and distraction-free learning environment. The use of personal electronic devices - including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartwatches, earbuds, headphones, AirPods, tablets, smart glasses or any other device with communication and/or Bluetooth capabilities - is prohibited from the first bell to the last bell of the school day. This includes class time, hallway transitions, restrooms and lunch periods.

Acceptable Use Exceptions
The prohibition on possession or use of personal electronic devices during the academic day does not apply to a student who is required to use such a device for health reasons or other compelling circumstances. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Medical necessity documented by a licensed health care provider, such as diabetes management, seizure monitoring, asthma treatment, hearing or visual aids.
- Disability-related needs included in a valid IEP or 504 plan.
- After-school extracurricular activities.
- Other compelling circumstances as determined appropriate by district administration.
- The student is enrolled in an endorsed concurrent enrollment course at an institution of higher education, and the use of the personal electronic device is necessary in order to utilize **two-factor authentication** to access course work and resources for the endorsed concurrent enrollment course. The use of the personal electronic device shall be limited to the time necessary to complete the two-factor authentication process.

During the school day, devices brought to school by a student must be powered off and stored in:

- A student's backpack.
- A student's locker.
- A student's vehicle, if they drove to school.

Consequences
A teacher or staff member is responsible for turning in a confiscated device to the office.

1st Offense:

- Electronic devices will be confiscated and turned into the office.
- Students may retrieve the device at the end of the day.
- Parents or guardians will be notified.

2nd Offense:

- 1 Day - In-School Suspension
- Electronic devices will be confiscated and turned into the office.
- Students may retrieve the device at the end of the day.
- Parents or guardians will be notified.

3rd Offense:

- 2 Days - In-School Suspension
- Electronic devices will be confiscated and turned into the office.
- A parent or guardian must retrieve the phone.

4th Offense:

- 4 Days - In-School Suspension
- Electronic devices will be confiscated and turned into the office.
- A parent or guardian must retrieve the phone.

5th Offense:

- 3 Days - Out of School Suspension
- Electronic devices will be confiscated and turned into the office.
- A parent or guardian must retrieve the phone.
- Devices must be checked-in at the office each morning and retrieved each afternoon.

Students caught loaning electronic devices to others will be disciplined accordingly.

Subsequent violations may result in loss of privileges or assignment of out-of-school suspension.

Parent/Guardian Communication

If a parent needs to contact their student during the school day, they should call the main office. Messages will be delivered to students promptly. Students may return urgent calls from the office if approved by administration. Parents are also able to contact their students through their perryvilleschool.org email address. Student email may be checked on school provided chromebooks.

Refusal to Comply

Students who refuse to surrender a device to a staff member or administrator will receive three days of out-of-school suspension.

State Mandated Testing

Students may not have cell phones or any other electronic devices in their possession during state mandated testing. If students are caught with cell phones or any other electronic devices during state mandated testing, they may be subject to a hearing and/or disciplinary action through the Arkansas Department of Education Student Assessment Office.

Hall Conduct. Students are responsible for proper conduct and behavior in the hallways at all times. The following are examples of conduct to be avoided:

1. General horseplay
2. Eating in hallways
3. Congregating in groups and/ or blocking the flow of traffic, especially at the intersections.

Group IV Disciplinary Action

MINIMUM: In–School Suspension/Corporal Punishment
MAXIMUM: Out of school suspension/possible recommendation for expulsion

Group V Infractions

Bus Conduct. While riding school buses, students shall obey all school rules and instruction given by the bus driver, and shall behave in a manner that will not create potential danger or hazards to themselves or others. Students who have been suspended from school cannot ride the bus until the day they are due back in school. Once students have gotten on the bus, they will stay on the bus until they arrive at their school.

School Bus Regulations

These regulations are to be followed at all times:

1. Students should be at the bus stop at the scheduled time, stand back about ten feet from the bus, and wait until the door is opened before moving closer to the bus.
2. While waiting for the bus, students must remain in a safe place away from traffic. Hitch hiking is not a safe alternative for students missing the bus.
3. While loading or unloading, students should enter and leave the bus orderly and quickly.
4. While riding the bus, students are under the supervision of the driver and must obey the driver at all times.
5. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which will not distract the attention of the driver or disturb other riders on the bus.
6. All students will be assigned a seat at all times. Exceptions will be made only with the permission of the bus driver.
7. All students will remain in their assigned seat at all times. Exceptions will be made only with the permission of the bus driver.
8. Students must not tamper with any of the bus's safety devices such as door latches, fire extinguisher, etc.
9. Students are not to put hands, arms, heads, or bodies out of windows.
10. Students are not to deface the bus or any school.
11. If the student must cross the highway to enter the bus, he/she must wait until the bus has come to a complete stop. The driver will then signal him/her to cross in front of the bus.
12. Students who must cross the road after exiting the bus should go to a point on the shoulder of the road ten feet from the bus. Cross the highway only after the driver has given the "go" signal.
13. Students may not be allowed to load or unload at a bus stop other than their own unless written permission is attained and approved by the driver.
14. Students who do not obey the rules may not be allowed to ride the bus.

Cafeteria Use. Students shall comply with the following requests when going to the cafeteria and while using the cafeteria facilities.

1. Walk when going to the cafeteria.
2. Do not cut in line.
3. Be courteous to all school personnel helping you through the line.
4. Clean your eating area before leaving the table.
5. Dispose of trays, trash, and silverware in the appropriate manner.
6. Display good manners and appropriate behavior at all times.

Closed Campus. After arrival on the school campus, a student shall not leave the campus without permission from school authorities and/or parents. Students other than those involved in the work study program or school sponsored activities must secure permission through the office before leaving campus. Checking out for lunch is discouraged.

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Student Dress and Grooming. A student's right to dress as his/her taste and inclination direct is respected. However, it is insisted that the student be clean and decently attired. A student's personal appearance shall not present a health or safety hazard or distract from the educational process in any way. For example, refer to the list below.

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Dress Code Students should dress modestly.

The following will not be allowed:

- Bare feet
- Clothing displaying indecent, inappropriate or vulgar writing, pictures or slogans including cigarette, drug, or alcohol advertising.
- Articles that could cause damage or injury to other students or property.
- Midriff, see-through blouses, spaghetti straps, halters, off-the shoulder or sleeveless clothing that shows the torso or underclothing or cleavage. No racerback/open back tops. Blankets may not be worn as coats or outerwear.
- Sagging shorts or pants. There may be no holes in clothing higher than mid thigh. Holes higher than mid thigh must be patched, or accompanied with leggings, yoga pants, and/or other similar clothing as an appropriate under garment.
- Hats, sunglasses, caps, or any other head coverings, are not allowed in classrooms or cafeteria.
- A student shall not wear or use emblems, insignias, badges, or other symbols where the effect thereof is to distract unreasonably the attention of other students, or otherwise cause disruption with the operation of the school.
- If a student chooses to participate in any school activity or organization, he or she must conform to the standards set forth by the sponsor or director.
- Leggings, yoga pants, and/or similar clothing may be worn if buttocks are covered at least while standing. Shorts, dresses, and skirts are permissible but short and skirt length must extend to the middle region of the student's thigh when standing. A student's thigh is defined as between the hip and top of the knee, divided into equal thirds. Students who violate the dress code will change.
- After extra-curricular activities classes, students must change back to school appropriate clothing before entering the classroom.
- No clothing that exposes underwear or clothing worn as undergarments.

Students who violate the dress code will change. Final discussion regarding dress code will be made by the administrators or designee. Other issues not covered will be covered in daily announcements if a problem arises.

Restrooms

Restroom stalls are single occupancy.

Group V Disciplinary Action

MINIMUM: Detention
MAXIMUM: Out-of-school suspension

Group VI Infractions

Student Parking. Students driving vehicles to school should be aware of the following guidelines.

1. Students must have a valid driver's license (not a permit) to drive a vehicle on school grounds unless the vehicle driven does not require a license by law.
2. Students must register each vehicle in the office.
3. Students must operate their vehicle in a safe and orderly manner at all times when on school grounds.
4. Students shall park their vehicles in assigned school parking zones.
5. Do not drive in the area where buses are loading and unloading.
6. Students are not to go to the parking area during the school day without permission from the principal's office.
7. All students will be assigned a designated parking area.
8. Student driving privileges may be forfeited for a period of time if a student is repeatedly late or absent from 1st period.
9. Parent signature is required on student parking permit. Permit costs $5.00.
10. Any student who accumulates a total of 20 absences in any given period will be subject to the loss of their parking privileges.

Driver's license - To obtain a driver's license, a student must have a 2.0 grade point average from the last recorded semester.

Group VI Disciplinary Action

MINIMUM: Warning
MAXIMUM: Loss of driving privileges for the remainder of the school year.

Tardies per Semester (per class)

- 3rd tardy: 1 day lunch detention
- 4th tardy: 2 days lunch detention
- 5th tardy: 3 days lunch detention
- 6th tardy: 1 day ISS
- 7th tardy & above: 2 days ISS

Anti-Bullying Policy

The Perryville School District is obligated and dedicated to providing a safe learning environment for all students. An atmosphere free from threats and physical and emotional intimidation is very conductive to student achievement. Our school district will not tolerate any behavior that is classified as bullying and will take necessary steps to eliminate any such behavior.

Since prevention is the strongest means of eliminating bullying, programs or educational materials regarding the nature of bullying, consequences for engaging in this type of behavior and the procedures for reporting an incident involving bullying will be provided for students, parents, teachers, and school personnel. All incidents of bullying should be reported without fear of repercussion. Reports will take into consideration the age of the offending student, the level of seriousness of the behavior, and whether or not the offending student has developed a habit of engaging in bullying behavior. Appropriate action will be taken in dealing with students. Bullying will normally be considered a group IV infraction.

It will be considered a violation of this policy for any student to inflict bullying behavior upon another individual. Bullying is defined as any written or verbal expression or physical act or gesture, or a pattern thereof that is intended to cause distress or fear upon an individual or group. Any electronic act of bullying is also prohibited. Electronic act means without limitation a communication or image transmitted by means of an electronic device, including without limitation a telephone, wireless phone or other wireless communications device, computer, or pager that results in the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school or educational environment. Electronic acts of bullying are prohibited whether or not the electronic act is directed specifically at students or school personnel and maliciously intended for the purpose of disrupting school , and has a high likelihood of succeeding in that purpose. A student will be in violation of this policy if their conduct has been found to have the effect of humiliation or embarrassment, and is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it limits an individual's ability to participate in, or benefit from, an educational program or activity. Bullying is prohibited in school, in school vehicles, on school buses, at designed school bus stops, or at school sponsored events.

Individuals who believe they have been victimized by a bully or parents, who believe their child has been victimized by a bully, should file a complaint by contacting the school's principal. To the extent possible, complaints will be treated in a confidential manner. Limited disclosure may be necessary in order to complete a thorough investigation. After completion of an investigation, an individual who was found to have participated in bullying behavior will be subject to disciplinary action deemed appropriate to the degree of seriousness of the bullying behavior.

Individuals, who knowingly fabricate allegations to falsely accuse a student of being a bully, will be subject to disciplinary action. Also, individuals who withhold information, purposely provide inaccurate facts or otherwise hinder an investigation shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Behavior Not Covered in Stated Policies

The Perryville School District reserves the right to pursue legal or disciplinary action for behavior which is subversive to good order and discipline in the schools even though such behavior may not be specified in the preceding written rules.

Persistent Disregard for School Rules. A student who persists in acts of misconduct after reasonable efforts have been made by the school to secure the students adherence to the established rules shall be recommended for expulsion. Efforts toward behavior modification will be made prior to recommendation for expulsion except when very serious offenses have been committed.

Discipline for Handicapped Students. The Perryville School District will discipline students with disabilities in the same manner that the district disciplines other students unless the Individuals with Disabilities Act requires alternate actions.

Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment may be administered to students by certified personnel only in the presence of a school administrator or his designee who shall be a teacher or administrator employed by the Perryville School District.

1. It may be administered only for cause and only after the student has been given warnings that the misbehavior will not be tolerated
2. It will not be administered in the presence of other students.
3. It will not be administered with malice, with anger, or in excess. Students will receive no more than three (3) licks.

4. Before corporal punishment is administered, the student shall be advised of the reason for his/her punishment in the presence of the witness. The students shall be given an opportunity to state their position if he/she claims innocence. (School officials are not required to hold formal hearings prior to corporal punishment.)
5. Refusal to submit to corporal punishment may result in suspension or other disciplinary action.
6. The principal shall be notified and a written report will be filed in the office on the day of the incident.
7. If a parent does not want their child paddled, the office requests that the parent would come in and sign a no paddling list annually.

Act904 of 1977 authorizes any certified personnel to use reasonable corporal punishment with any pupil for good cause in order to maintain discipline and order within the public schools.

In 1977, the United States Supreme Court held that spanking children as a means of maintaining school discipline did not constitute cruel and unusual punishment and is not a violation of the Eight Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Complaints and Grievances

If a person has a complaint or grievance concerning a policy or staff member of the Perryville School District, the following procedures should be followed:

1. If an individual feels that he/she has a grievance that person should present the matter orally or in writing to the individual staff member. A conference should be scheduled between the two parties.

2. If an individual feels the complaint or grievance is unresolved after the first step, the person may request a meeting with the principal.

3. If an individual feels the complaint or grievance is unresolved after the second step, the person may request a meeting with the Superintendent.

Suspensions (10 days or less)

The Perryville Board of Education authorize the principal or his/her designee to suspend any student for a maximum of ten (10) school days for violation of the school district's written discipline policies, subject to appeal to the superintendent or his designee. Prior to suspension, the principal or designee shall inform the student either orally or in writing about the infraction. The student shall be permitted to tell his/her side of the story. If suspension is warranted, the principal/designee will notify parent(s) or legal guardian of the incident and the duration of the suspension.

When a student is suspended, he/she is prohibited from entering the school or the school grounds (except for a prearranged conference with an administrator) for a time period set by the principal/designee. Any student with 10 or more in-school suspensions / 4 or more out-of-school suspensions will not be permitted to attend field trips, college days, &/or Prom.

Use of Tobacco. Perryville School District is declared to be a smoke and tobacco free environment. Smoking and the use of tobacco in any form is prohibited by students, employees, visitors, and all other persons. The prohibition applies at all times during the normal school day in school district facilities or on school district property. Possession of tobacco products by Perryville School District students is prohibited at any time the student is on school property during normal school hours. Non-tobacco products that are designed to mimic real

tobacco products are also prohibited. Lighters and/or matches are not allowed at school. Smoking is not allowed within 300 feet of the school property. Violators of this rule will be assigned ISS and will not be allowed to substitute corporal punishment. Violators will also complete an intervention program while in ISS designated by the principal or designee. Violators will be subject to a citation from the PHS Security Resource Officer.

Minimum Disciplinary Action: 3 Days ISS, write paper on tobacco use, contact parent

- 1st offense: 3 Days ISS, write paper on tobacco use, contact parent
- 2nd offense: 5 day ISS, citation, online course on tobacco or vape cessation paid for at parent expense
- 3rd offense: 5 days ISS, citation, community service, cessation program
- 4th offense: 3 days out of school, citation, community service, cessation program

Emergency Suspension

A teacher may dismiss, for disciplinary reasons, any pupil from their class. The teacher shall, when feasible, accompany the student to the office of the principal and shall, as soon as is practical, file with the principal, a written statement of the reason or reasons for the pupil's dismissal from class. The principal or his designee shall determine whether to reinstate them, or take other disciplinary action.

It is the parents' or legal guards' responsibility to provide current contact information to the district which the school shall use to immediately notify the parent or legal guardian upon the suspension of a student. The notification shall be by one of the following means listed in order of priority.

- A primary call number/the contact may be by voice, voice mail or text
- An e-mail address
- A regular first class letter to the known mailing address.

Expulsion

The Board of Education may expel a student for a period longer than ten (10) school days for violation of the district's written discipline policies. The superintendent may make a recommendation of expulsion to the board of education if student conduct deemed to be of such gravity that suspension would be inappropriate, or where the student's continued attendance at school would disrupt the orderly learning environment or would pose an unreasonable danger to the welfare of other students or staff.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall give written notice to the parents or legal guardians (mailed to the address reflected on the district's records) that he/she will recommend to the board of education that the student be expelled for the specified length of time and state the reasons for their commendation to expel. The notice shall give the date, hour, and place where the board of education will consider and dispose of the recommendation.

The hearing shall be conducted no later than ten (10) school days following the date of the notice except that representatives of the board and student may agree in writing to a date not conforming to this limitation.

The President of the Board, Hearing officer or other designated Board member shall preside at the hearing. The student may choose to be represented by legal counsel. The hearing shall be conducted in the open session of the board unless the parent requests that the hearing be conducted in executive session. Any action taken by the board shall be in open session.

During the hearing the superintendent will present evidence including the calling of the witnesses that gave rise to the recommendation of expulsion. The student or his/her representative may then present evidence including statement for persons with personal knowledge of the events or circumstances relevant to the charges against the student. Formal cross examination will not be permitted. However any member of the board, the superintendent

or designee the student or his/her representative may question anyone making a statement and/or the student. The presiding officer shall decide question concerning the appropriateness or relevance of any questions asked during the hearing

The Superintendent shall recommend the expulsion for any student for a period of not less than one (1) year for possession of any firearm or other weapon prohibited on school campus by law. The superintendent shall, however, have the discretion to modify the expulsion recommendation for a student on a case by case basis parents or legal guardians of a student enrolling from another school after the expiration of an expulsion period for a weapons policy violation shall be given a copy of the current laws regarding the possibility of parental responsibility for allowing a child to possess a weapon on school property. The parents or legal guardians shall sign a statement acknowledging that they have read and understand said laws prior to the student being enrolled in school.

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

Rules for Detention

1. Students are to sit in assigned seats. Permission must be given for students to get out of their seat.
2. No talking is allowed in detention hall.
3. Students will work on assignments or assignments will be given by the detention hall teacher. Students may not sit and do nothing.
4. If a student misses detention (absence or otherwise), the student will serve the following school day.
5. Refusal to cooperate with the detention hall teacher or not following the rules will result in an additional day, suspension, or corporal punishment.
6. Students will not be allowed to leave the room without permission of the detention hall teacher.
7. Students will not write on desks or walls and will help maintain the room in a clean and orderly fashion.
8. Students must bring their books and other materials to detention.

Alternative Learning Education

Description:

A self-contained behavior-modification school, operating under the supervision of the principal, serving students in grades 7-12 whose behavior patterns are disruptive to the classroom or school environment or whose participation in school reflects a pattern of disengagement or alienation. The goal of the Alternative Learning Education environment is for credit recovery.

The usage of the ALE is not intended to remove suspension and/or expulsion as a valid disciplinary action for extreme or repeated violations of school rules, regulations, and/or policies. The ALE would not be used in lieu of normal disciplinary measures for one time offense situation. The ALE will not be used in cases involving the use/possession of drugs, or discipline problems deemed too serious for placement in the ALE. If a student is enrolling from a psychiatric setting or training facility, he/she may be assigned to ALE or ISS for a transitional period.

Students enrolled in ALE may not qualify for any academic awards, college days, field trips, personal days, or early dismissal. (Exceptions may be made for a student who earns proficient or advance on benchmark tests while enrolled in ALE)

Possible Reason for Non-Admittance to PHS

Suspension or expulsion from another school.

Attendance Policies

Under the penalty of noncompliance as shall be set by law, every parent, guardian, or other person residing within the state of Arkansas having custody or charge of any child age five (5) through seventeen (17) years on or before August 1 of that year shall enroll and send the child to public, private, or parochial school or provide a home school for the child. A child may attend school through age 21.

Students will not be allowed 10 unexcused absences per semester before he/she may lose credit. Notification of absences will be sent to parents via mail after fifth (5^{th}). The sixth day notification will contain a request for a parent/principal/student conference to determine causes for absence and to explain loss of credit policy to student and parent. Extenuating circumstance can override loss of credit due to an extended illness or accident of student and/or family member, death in family, religious holidays or court appearances. Determination of credit/noncredit will be made by a school-based committee based upon appeal and evidence provided by student and/or parent/guardian. Students on school sponsored trips will not be counted absent. All documentation of excuses for absences must be submitted within 5 days after returning to school. If a student is more than 20 minutes late for class, it will count as absence.

Check-Out Procedures

Closed Campus After arrival on the school campus, a student shall not leave the campus without permission from school authorities and/or parents. A student at least 18 years old living with parent or guardian must follow same checkout procedures as all students. If check out procedures are not followed student must remain at school. If student leaves campus without permission they are considered truant and discipline procedures will proceed. Check out procedure is as follows:

1. A signed note and/or call from the student's parent or guardian. Notes are preferred to have a contact number.
    a. Student will sign check out sheet in the office
    b. Upon return to school same day student must sign in at the office.
    c. Late arrivals (after 7:40) must sign in at office

2. For hours between 11:30 and 1:00: Checking out for lunch is discouraged.
    a. Parent or guardian must be physically present to sign student out on check out sheet. (student may return to school, must sign in)
    b. If phone call to check out, student signs out in office and may not return to school on same day without official documentation (doctor's note, court order, NO parent note and must sign in at the office)

Saturday School

- Time will be 8:00 am - 12:00 noon on assigned Saturdays
- Saturday school may be used for unexcused absences, failing grades or disciplinary consequences.
- Once assigned Saturday school , consequences for missing are as follows:
    - 1st offense: additional day assigned
    - 2nd offense and beyond: suspended from all extracurricular activities, field trips until Saturday school attendance requirements are met.

Excused Absences

Excused absences are those where the student was on official school business or when the absence was due to one of the following reasons. Excuses should be turned into the office on day of return with a maximum of three days.

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

Students who serve as pages for a member of the General Assembly shall be considered on instructional assignment and shall not be considered absent from school for the day the student is serving as a page.
In order for the absence to be considered excused, the student must:

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

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

Unexcused Absences

Absences that are not defined above; do not have an accompanying note from the parent~~;~~, legal guardian~~;~~, person having lawful control of the student~~;~~ or person standing in loco parentis~~;~~; or have an accompanying note that is not presented or uploaded within the timeline required by this policy~~,~~ shall be considered as unexcused absences. Students with 10 unexcused absences in a course in a semester may not receive credit for that course. At the discretion of the principal after consultation with persons having knowledge of the circumstances of the unexcused absences, the student may be denied promotion or graduation. Excessive absences shall not be a reason for expulsion or dismissal of a student.

- When a student has 5 unexcused absences, his/her parents, legal guardians, persons with lawful control of the student, or persons standing in loco parentis shall be notified[7].
- Notification of attendance will be sent electronically after each day of school.

Whenever a student exceeds 10 unexcused absences in a semester, the District shall notify the prosecuting authority and the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or persons standing in loco parentis shall be subject to a civil penalty as prescribed by law.

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

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

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

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

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

1. Students are responsible for asking the teachers of the classes they missed what assignments they need to make up.
2. Teachers are responsible for providing the missed assignments when asked by a returning student.
3. Students are required to ask for their assignments on their first day back at school or their first class day after their return.
4. If a test is scheduled while a student is present, he/she will be responsible for taking the test when he/she returns to school. If not present when the test was scheduled, 1 day for each day absent maximum of 5 days.
5. Students shall have one class day to make up their work for each class day they are absent. A maximum of 5 days unless arrangements are made by the teacher, student and principal.
6. Make-up work which is not turned in within the make-up schedule for that assignment may receive a zero.
7. Students are responsible for turning in their make-up work without the teacher having to ask for it.
8. Students who are absent on the day their make-up work is due must turn in their work the day they return to school.
9. As required/permitted by the student's Individual Education Program or 504 Plan.

All make up work should be completed from an absence. If an absence is deemed unexcused no credit will be received for make-up work. Unless arrangements have been made by student/guardian and teacher/principal.

Work for students serving an out-of-school suspension or expulsion shall be in accordance with the District's programs, measures, or alternative means and methods to continue student engagement and access to education during the student's period of suspension or expulsion, including offering an expelled student an opportunity for

enrollment in digital learning courses or other alternative educational courses that result in the receipt of academic credit that is at least equal to credit the expelled student may have received from the District if the student had not been expelled.

In lieu of the timeline above, assignments for students who are excluded from school by the Arkansas Department of Health during a disease outbreak are to be made up as set forth in Policy In compliance with Act 675 of 2033, "An act to require high school student grades nine (9) through twelve (12) to attend a full school day, Perryville School District will comply with all provisions set forth by this law.

Seniors must attend school for a full day unless his/her parent has signed a waiver deeming financial hardship will exist if senior is not allowed to leave school early to work. In such cases the senior must attend a minimum of 6 periods. No student will be enrolled in more than one "study hall" or other non-academic class. 7th- 11th graders must attend school a full day.

Students who miss 10 unexcused absences or excessive excused absence in one semester without documentation will immediately be turned over to the juvenile in-take officer.

Parents may appeal to school or district administration before reaching the maximum number of days.

Entrance Requirement

The parent, guardian, or other responsible person shall furnish the child's social security number, or if they request, the district will assign the child a nine (9) digit number designated by the department of education.

The parent, guardian, or other responsible person shall provide the district with one (1) of the following documents indicating the child's age.

1. A birth certificate.
2. A statement by the local registrar or country recorder certifying the child's date of birth;
3. An attested baptismal certificate;
4. A passport;
5. An affidavit of the date and place of birth by the child's parent or guardian;
6. United States military identification; or previous school records
7. Transcript from previous school.

The parent, guardian, or other responsible person shall indicate on school registration forms whether the child has been expelled from school in any other school district or is a party to an expulsion proceeding.

The child shall be age appropriately immunized from poliomyelitis, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, red (rubella) measles, rubella, and other diseases as designated by the State Board of Health, or have an exemption issued by a certificate of a licensed physician of public health department acknowledging the immunization.

Homework Policy

Make-up work procedures, completing class work, and homework are crucial for academic progress, so students have the opportunity to complete make-up work for all absences. Students will be allowed the same number of days to make up their work as the number of days they were absent. In the event of an emergency or other extenuating circumstance, teachers will grant students additional time to do their make-up work. Homework should provide practice on material that has been previously explained or taught in the classroom, and homework should be purposeful with consideration given to individual abilities and environmental differences. If homework is assigned, it should be checked on a regular basis with feedback to the students as quickly as possible. Homework assignments are intended to enhance a student's learning and should not be used as punishment.

Academic Honesty

At Perryville High School, academic honesty and integrity are of the utmost importance. Cheating, plagiarism, and allowing others to cheat will not be tolerated. Violation of this policy will result in consequences set forth by the teacher of the class for which cheating occurred.

Student Use of Artificial Intelligence

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) by Perryville High School students. AI includes software applications or platforms that utilize machine learning algorithms to perform tasks typically requiring human intelligence, such as generating content, providing recommendations, or solving problems. This policy does not include the use of spell check or grammar check.

Teachers are responsible for providing instructions on when and how AI tools may be used for assignments. Students may use AI as approved by their classroom teacher to enhance learning and develop future-ready skills. Perryville High School shall provide teachers and students with resources and education on AI literacy and digital citizenship

Students should use AI ethically and responsibly, aligning with the high school's educational objectives and in a manner that does not harm themselves or others. As part of responsible AI use, students should be cautious about the information they provide AI platforms and consult with a teacher if unsure. At no time shall students share personal, sensitive, or confidential information with AI platforms.

When a student uses AI, they shall:

1. Review and verify the accuracy of content that is generated by an AI platform;
2. Cite AI platforms used as part of an assignment or project as a source; and
3. Be transparent about their use of AI in completing assignments.

Students must ensure all submitted work is their own and properly acknowledge or cite any assistance from AI platforms. Students are encouraged to ask questions if they are unsure about the acceptable use of AI.

The following actions regarding AI usage are strictly prohibited:

- Misuse of AI for cheating, plagiarism, or any form of academic dishonesty, including the submission of assignments that were fully generated by AI and presented as original student work;
- Altering or falsifying academic documents or records using AI;
- Using AI to gain unauthorized access to systems or to bypass security measures.
- Using AI to produce misleading or false information, imagery, or any form of false outputs about themselves, other students, or staff members.

Students should report any inappropriate content or security concerns encountered while using AI to a teacher or administrator.

Violations of this policy shall be handled in accordance with Perryville High School's disciplinary procedures.

Exemption Policy

Perryville High School's policy for semester test exemptions is as follows:

- Students with an "A" semester average are exempt with 5 or less absences.
- Students with a "B" semester average are exempt with 3 or less absences.
- Students with a "C" semester average are exempt with 1 or less absences.
- Students assigned 3 or more days of ISS in a semester may not be exempt.
- Students assigned OSS at any point during a semester may not be exempt.

If a student is exempt from a semester exam but wishes to try to better their semester average, they may do so without penalty. Taking an exempted semester test may either replace a lower exam grade without negatively affecting a student's grade or count as a traditional semester exam grade.

For students enrolled in Honors classes, AP, or Pre-AP, it is at the discretion of the teacher as to whether the exemption policy applies.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Field Trip

- Teachers must sign for student to attend field trip. Competitions are not field trips.
- Teachers may deny field trip based on:
  - Attendance: no more than 7 days in teacher's class
  - Grades: current grade of "F"
  - ISS: no more than 4 days
- Parent permission form must also be signed.
- Students must make up work in any missed class, preferred pick up before leaving.

Co-Curricular Activities

Co-curricular activities supplement the regular instructional program and afford opportunities for social exchange, enrichment of individual resources and wholesome competition. Activities must improve the student's education and form a better relationship between the faculty, students and community. Activities should be consistent with the academic goals and objectives of the school district.

The school district is consistent with the Arkansas Activities Association Resolution which states that insofar as possible, activities involving 2 or more schools are scheduled on weekend, holidays or after school hours on school days.

That those events which are scheduled on school days prior to 3:30 p.m. shall require AAA sanction and more restrictive guidelines for approval of these events shall be a part of such amendments.

To participate in extra-curricular activities, a student must meet all requirements set by the Arkansas State Board of Education & the Arkansas Activities Association.

To participate in any extra-curricular activity, a student must attend the entire school day unless pre-approved by the principal.

PHS will not allow anyone 21 years of age or older to attend the prom. No one under ninth grade will be allowed to attend prom.

School Organizations

Students have the right to join organized, school-sponsored clubs on campus without bias of race, sex, national origin or religion.

Certain organizations have criteria that must be met for membership such as Beta Club and Junior Beta Club.

School fraternities and sororities are banned in Arkansas public schools.

All clubs and organizations in Perryville High School will operate under one condition only. They must show the club is improving the student's education or making for a better relationship between the faculty, students and community.

Insurance

The school provides the opportunity to buy a supplement accident insurance policy for all students. The insurance will cover the percentage as stated by the policy and accident from the time the student leaves home until he/she returns home.

Medication Procedures

1. Prescription medications brought from home must be brought in the original container, and are to be labeled with the student's legal name (on record with the facility), date Rx was filled, ordering provider name, name of medication, dose, route, and frequency.
2. Before any medication can be administered, the medication consent form must be signed and on file. HANDWRITTEN NOTES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.
3. Student's not following the nurse's procedures for medication may be considered insubordinate.
4. Any drug carried at school by a student and used in an illicit fashion that falls within the scope of a Group 1 Infraction, will cause the student to be punished via Group 1 disciplinary action.
5. School shall not keep any medications past the end of the school year. By policy, parents are notified before the last day of school to pick up student's medications. Medications not picked up by the parents or legal guardians within the (10) day period of notification shall be disposed of by the school nurse in accordance with the current law and regulations.

Vaccine Policy

1. Vaccines must be updated and turned into the nurse at the beginning of the school year.
2. Student will be excluded from the school until the documentation of vaccine is provided whether exempt or gets vaccine. Student's with exemptions must renew every year with the health department and provide documentation to the school nurse each school year.

Lunches

The students may eat in the cafeteria at a minimum cost. Sack lunches brought from home may also be eaten in the cafeteria. Students are not allowed to charge more than the equivalent of 10 lunch charges. Parents have the option to pay on line. Paying in advance is also an available option.

ACADEMICS

Honor and Merit Rolls

Honor and merit rolls will be announced at the end of each grading period. Honor roll will consist of students making all A's. Merit roll will consist of students making A's and B's.

Progress Reports

At the end of four and one half weeks of each nine weeks, a notice will be sent to all parents to inform them of their child's progress.

Report Cards

At the end of each nine weeks period, a report is sent home by the pupil to the parent or guardian. This report consists of academic grades.

Academic Grades

Scale	Grade	Points
90-100	A	4
80-89	B	3
70-79	C	2
60-69	D	1

Weighted Grading Scale (AP, IB, ADE Honors)

Scale	Grade	Points
90-100	A	5
80-89	B	4
70-79	C	3
60-69	D	2

Nine weeks and semester tests will not count for more than 20% toward final grade.

Grading

Students' grades will reflect academic achievement. Grades will not reflect discipline or anything other than grades that are reflected from educational objectives. Extra credit assignments cannot allow a student more than a 100% in a class.

Students taking AP, IB, or ADE Honors courses shall receive weighted credit as described in this policy. Credit shall be given for each grading period during the course of the year, but shall be retroactively removed from a student's grade for any course in which the student fails to take the applicable AP, IB, or ADE Honors exam. Students who do not take the AP, IB, or ADE Honors exam shall receive the same numeric value for the grade he/she receives in the course as if it were a non-AP course. Students not taking the AP, IB, or ADE Honors Exam will lose honors credit for that class.

Student Classifications

Seventh and Eighth grade students failing more than one of the core curriculum classes may be retained. Possible retention will be determined upon a conference with the parents, teachers, counselors and/or principal.

Promotion Requirements

Freshman	9^{th} to 10^{th}	5 credits
Sophomore	10^{th} to 11^{th}	11 credits
Junior	11^{th} to 12^{th}	17 credits
Senior	12^{th} to graduation	23 credits

Students will only be re-classified at the end of each school year.

Academic Reward Day

There will be a rewards system based on test scores. Criteria will be determined by the principal or designee each year.

Graduation Requirements

A minimum of 25 units earned in grades 9-12 shall be required for graduation. A unit of credit shall be defined as the credit given for a course which meets for the equivalent of a regular school period for a full school year (minimum of 250 minutes per week). No student will be able to participate in graduation ceremonies if they are more than one credit from gaining a diploma.

The date of graduation will be determined by the school board.

For a student to be allowed to enter the GED program, he/she must have a minimum of a 2 year educational deficit. However, in extenuating circumstances the principal may grant a release after a careful review of all the student's educational records.

CTE Completers will receive a graduation cord if student has completed a district recognized certification through the CTE program.

Transferring Credits

The Perryville School District shall review and accept or reject requests for transfers, both into and out of the district, on a case by case basis at the July and December regularly scheduled board meetings.

Any student transferring from a school accredited by the Department of Education to a school in the district shall be placed into the same grade the student would have been in had the student remained at the former school.

Any student transferring from home school or a school that is not accredited by the Department of Education to a District school shall be evaluated by District staff to determine the student's appropriate grade placement.

The Board of Education reserves the right, after a hearing before the Board, not to allow any person who has been expelled from another district to enroll as a student until the time of the person's expulsion has expired.

The responsibility for transportation of any nonresident student admitted to a school in the District shall be borne by the student's parents. The District and the resident district may enter into a written agreement with the student or student's parents to provide transportation to or from the District, or both.

Requirements for High School Graduation

- Courses cannot be repeated for credit unless the student failed the courses the first time.
- Transfer letter grades will be converted to percentages using the following scale. B's, C's and D's will be converted using the same scale.
  - A- =90
  - A =93
  - A+ =98
- Letter grades are to be recorded on the student transcripts. When students transfer in with credits, letter grades will be recorded in accordance with the former school's grading scale. Credit will only be awarded if the credit was earned at the former school. LETTER GRADES WILL NOT BE CHANGED

NOR CREDIT AWARDED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF OUR MORE FAVORABLE GRADING SCALE AS USED BY PHS.

Students must meet the Smart Core requirements to graduate unless parents choose the Common Core on the Informed Consent Form. The two courses of study are listed below:

Core Curriculum for Unconditional Admission to Arkansas Colleges

The following requirements are necessary for unconditional admission to college. Note: The other requirements outlined in the general requirements apply here also.

English: Four units

Science: Three units, with laboratories, chosen from Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. Only one unit may come from a Life Science.

Math: Four units, including Algebra I and II, Geometry, and an advanced math course. It is strongly recommended that students take a math course during their senior year.

Social Studies: Three units including American History, World History, and at least one-half unit of civics or American Government.

Honor Graduate

To be an Honor Graduate at PHS, a student must take ten honors, AP, and/or Pre-Ap courses, complete the college core, and have a 3.5000 GPA on the 4.0 point scale at the end of the 7th semester. Honors and advanced placement courses include the following:

9th grade PAP English	PAP Geometry	PAP Civics/Economics
10th grade PAP English	PAP Algebra II	PAP US History
11th grade AP English	Trig/Adv Math	AP US History
12th grade AP English	AP Calculus	Physics
PAP Chemistry	PAP Biology	AP Environmental Science
Spanish III	World Civilizations 1 & 2	Composition 1 & 2
Concurrent Credit College Courses	Public Speaking	College Algebra
PAP Algebra I		

The Honor graduate with the highest grade point average on a 4.0 scale at the end of the seventh semester will be named valedictorian. Should there be a tie for this honor; the numerical value of each semester letter grade earned in all courses will be averaged. The graduate with the highest average will be named valedictorian, and the student with the second highest total will be named the salutatorian.

This same method will be used to break a tie for salutatorian. A student must attend PHS their entire junior and senior year to be eligible for valedictorian and salutatorian.

Local credits do not calculate into any students' grade point average. Local credits include Drivers' Ed, Library Skills, Study Skills, Beginning Band, and Intervention.



Division of Elementary & Secondary Education

Thirty- Eight Required High School Courses

The thirty-eight required high school courses reflect the minimum courses a school must offer. Schools must offer the following:

*38 unique courses, even if a course falls into two categories

*One math and one literacy transitional course (T)

*At least one Advanced Placement (AP) course in each of the core areas of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies

*Arkansas History if not taught in the 7th or 8th grade

English Language Arts

Must offer 2 full credits from below		
410000	English 9	1 full credit
411000	English 10	1 full credit
Must offer 2 full credits from below		
412000	English 11	1 full credit
413000	English 12	1 full credit
418010	English 11/12 U.S. History Seminal Documents	1/2 credit
418020	English 11/12 Cross-Cultural Literature	1/2 credit
418030	English 11/12 Comparative Literature	1/2 credit
418040	English 11/12 Film as Literature	1/2 credit
418100	English 11/12 Public Relations	1/2 credit
418110	English 11/12 Reading and Writing for Business	1/2 credit
418120	English 11/12 Mass Communications	1/2 credit
418200	English 11/12 Reading and Writing for STEM	1/2 credit
418210	English 11/12 Entrepreneurship and Innovation	1/2 credit
418220	English 11/12 Technical Reading and Writing for Trade and Industry	1/2 credit
Must offer 1/2 credit from below		
414200	Oral Communications: Personal Communication	1/2 credit
414210	Oral Communications: Professional Communication	1/2 credit
Must offer 2 credits from below		
419110	Critical Reading	1 full credit
417010	Creative Writing	1/2 credit
414050	Debate I	1 full credit
416010	Dramatic Literature	1 full credit
416000	ELA Drama	1/2 credit
414020	Forensics I	1 full credit
415000	Journalism	1 full credit
496030	Transitional Literacy Ready (T)	1 full credit
	Additional English 11/12 courses	
	AP English course	1 full credit
	* ***At least one AP course from this content area must be offered. Official IB offerings***	
Total required English Language Arts:		**8 credits**

World Languages

Must offer 2 full credits from the same language	
Total required World Languages:	**2 full credits**

Computer Science

Must offer 1 full credit from below	
Any ADE Approved Year 1 Computer Science and Computing One-Credit Course	1 full credit
Total required Computer Science:	**1 full credit**

Mathematics

Must offer 4 full credits from below		
430000	Algebra I	1 full credit
431000	Geometry	1 full credit
432000	Algebra II	1 full credit
433000	Pre Calculus	1 full credit
Must offer 2 full credits from below		
439050	Advanced Topics and Modeling in Mathematics	1 full credit
439070	Algebra III (T)	1 full credit
434010	Calculus	1 full credit
439090	Statistics	1 full credit
439120	Quantitative Literacy (T)	1 full credit
439110	Transitional Math Ready (T)	1 full credit
439130	Technical Math for College and Career	1 full credit
	AP Mathematics Course	1 full credit
	* ***At least one AP course from this content area must be offered. Official IB offerings***	
Total required Mathematics:		**6 full credits**

Science

Must offer 3 full credits from below		
423000	Physical Science Integrated	1 full credit
420000	Biology Integrated	1 full credit
421000	Chemistry Integrated	1 full credit
Must offer 2 full credits from below		
425050	Astronomy	1 full credit
421010	Chemistry II	1 full credit
425020	Earth Science	1 full credit
424020	Environmental Science	1 full credit
424030	Anatomy/Physiology	1 full credit
422010	Physics	1 full credit
	* ***At least one AP course from this content area must be offered. Official IB offerings***	
Total required Science:		**6 full credits**

Career Education

Must offer programs of study representing three (3) of the following occupational areas:	
- Agriculture Science and Technology	
- Business and Marketing Technology	
- Family and Consumer Sciences	
- Trade and Industry	
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	
Total required Career Education:	**8 full credits**

Social Studies

Must offer 3 full credits from below		
470000	United States History Since 1890	1 full credit
471000	World History Since 1450	1 full credit
472000	Civics	1/2 credit
474300	Economics and Personal Finance	1/2 credit
Must offer 1 full credit from below		
473000	Arkansas History	1/2 credit
474700	African American History	1/2 credit
474400	Psychology	1/2 credit
474500	Sociology	1/2 credit
474100	United States Government	1/2 credit
474600	World Geography	1/2 credit
	AP Social Studies course	1 full credit
	* ***At least one AP course from this content area must be offered. Official IB offerings***	
Total required Social Studies:		**4 full credits**

Fine Arts

Must offer 2 full credits from below		
450000	Visual Art Foundations I	1 full credit
452000	Vocal Ensemble I	1 full credit
Must offer 1 full credit from below		
451000	Band I	1 full credit
451200	Jazz Band I	1 full credit
451100	Orchestra I	1 full credit
Must offer 1/2 credit from below		
Any Fine Arts course within the approved discipline areas:		
	- Music	
	- Visual Art	
	- Theater	
	- Dance	
	- Official AP and IB offerings	
Total required Fine Arts:		**3 1/2 credits**

Physical Education

Must offer 1 full credit from below		
485010	Personal Fitness for Life	1/2 credit
485020	Recreational Sports	1/2 credit
485030	Outdoor Pursuits	1/2 credit
485040	Athletics	1/2 credit
Total required Physical Education:		**1 full credit**

Health and Wellness

480000	Health and Wellness	1/2 credit
Total required Health and Wellness:		**1/2 credit**

1 full credit= 1 full-year course | 1/2 credit= 1 semester course | (T)= Transitional Course

Approved Pre AP courses may be implemented in lieu of the corresponding courses in the thirty-eight required list. The Pre AP crosswalk is located on the DESE course approval webpage.

Community Service

In addition to regularly scheduled classes offered at Perryville High School, students may earn up to one credit for 75 clock hours of approved community service.

Student Academic Requirements

All students must be enrolled in at least 5 academic classes per year

Courses taken at post-secondary institutions by qualified juniors or seniors may count as elective courses. Courses taken at the college level will not be given honors course weighting.

Any student not meeting graduation requirements or not attending school during his/her senior year will not be allowed to participate in graduation exercises.

Schedule Changes

A student may not add a class or make a schedule change after the first six (6) days of a semester.

Class Rank

Class rank will be determined by cumulative grade point average beginning in the ninth grade and ending with the first semester of the senior year. In determination of class rank, all students will be considered equally.

Student's rank in high school will be determined at the end of the first semester of the senior year. Rank will be calculated using the 4.0 scale.

Supplementary Educational Programs

A Cooperative Vo-Technical program between Perryville High School and area schools is available.

High School Juniors may take summer college courses before their senior year. This will be carried out through an advanced placement program or on college campuses.

Alternative Education is an intervention process that provides opportunities for students to achieve educational success in a nontraditional setting. This program is both socially and academically beneficial.

Advanced Placement program in varied subject areas allow students a chance to earn college credit.

Concurrent Credit Policy

Students must meet all admission requirements as set forth by the post-secondary school and the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. Students successfully completing college coursework will have their letter grade recorded to the high school transcript and averaged in their GPA. Students must prepare all paperwork required by the post-secondary institution completed and a copy on file in the PHS Counseling Office before enrolling. All college fees will be the responsibility of the student.

Dual-credit courses do not receive honor course weighting in GPA calculations. Perryville High School will comply with Act 1097 of 1991 governing this educational option.

Three semester hours of college credit taken by a student in grades 9-12 at a publicly supported community college, technical college, four-year college or university, or private institution shall be the equivalent of one unit (GPA will be figured on two ½ credits) of high school credit in the same subject area. A three-semester hour remedial/developmental education course shall be the equivalent of one-half unit of credit for a high school career

focus elective. A remedial/developmental education course cannot be used to meet the core subject area/unit requirements in English and mathematics.

MILITARY CHILD RECOGNITION

As a Purple Star School District, we are proud to recognize our military connected students. Our recognition is based on guidelines given to us by the Arkansas Council for Military Children. These guidelines include the following:

- students whose parent, stepparent, or legal guardian are currently serving in the armed forces, including the National Guard or Reserve
- students whose parent, stepparent, or legal guardian retired from military service
- students whose parent, stepparent, or legal guardian was medically discharged/retired due to a service-related injury or disability
- students whose parent, stepparent, or legal guardian lost their life in the line of duty.

A question regarding students who have a current parent/guardian in the military is on the annual beginning of school paperwork, and should be filled out for those students who are connected to military personnel currently serving. The military liaison is informed of those students. In order to recognize our service-connected children of retirees or medical discharged/retired, we need to be provided the child's dependent I.D. (ages 10 and up) or the military person's DD214 showing this specific status. Unfortunately, a VA rating is not a qualifying factor and will not be accepted as qualifying paperwork.

You may bring your qualifying documentation to one of our school offices. A copy will be made and given to our military liaison. Once documentation is reviewed and accepted, your child's name will go on our list of students to be recognized at our military child events. You will only need to provide documentation once during your student's career in the Perryville School District.

PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCES

The Perryville School District considers parent-teacher conferences to be an important part in insuring the student's success in the education process.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are required by state law. There will be two (2) days each year set aside for conferences, one each semester. Documentation of the conferences will be kept on file in the office. If a parent/guardian does not attend the conferences, he/she may be contacted by telephone or a letter may be sent home explaining the student's progress.

Conferences will occur more frequently between the teacher and the parents of the students not performing at the level expected for their grade. If a student is to be retained at any grade level, notice of retention and reason for retention will be communicated promptly in a personal conference. Parents may set up a special conference with the teachers by calling (889-2326) for an appointment.

PERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT/GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Perryville High School recognizes that involvement of parents/guardians is the key to achieving student academic excellence. Through shared involvement between the district, parents, and students, the educational environment is enhanced. Studies demonstrate that when parents are involved in the children's education, the attitudes, behaviors, and achievement of students are increased.

LIBRARY POLICY

The library media center is open from 7:40 a.m. until 4:15 p.m. each school day.

Circulation

Students may check out all books (except references), pamphlets and audiovisual material for a seven-day period. In special instances, and with the permission of the librarian, reference books or magazines may be checked out overnight. A five cent a day fine will be charged for overdue materials to a maximum of $5.00.

At times, teachers may request that certain materials be placed on close reserve in order that large numbers of students have access to limited material. Materials on closed reserve may not be checked out but may be used in the library.

No one can check out materials for another student.

Lost and Damaged Materials

Students must pay for damaged or lost library materials. The price will be based on the replacement cost of material or $15.00 minimum. Full refunds, less the fine, will be made on recovered items. Refunds will be made only during the school year for which the payment was made.

Audiovisual Equipment

Because of the limited amount and high cost of audiovisual equipment, students may check out audiovisual equipment only for school use and only with written permission of the teacher making the assignment. Equipment must be returned at the beginning of the next school day.

Use of Equipment for Non-school Use

School audiovisual equipment will be available for non-school use only when it will not interfere with normal school operation. Permission will be granted for activities that serve a broad community interest and are supervised by a responsible group such as a civic group. Permission may also be granted for inter-school loan. Permission for non-school use will be granted by the principal.

Acquisitions

Students are encouraged to make request for materials to be considered for purchase. Catalogs and selection aids are available in the library. If we don't have it, ASK FOR IT, or we won't get it.

Arkansas Library Materials Security Law

According to the Arkansas Library Materials Security Law, Act 906 of 1995, it shall be unlawful for any person to remove library materials, without authorization, from the school library. It is also unlawful to mutilate library materials. A violation of this law is a Class B felony if the value of the property is $2500 or more, a Class C felony if the value of the property is less than $2500 but more than $500. A violation of this law is a Class A misdemeanor if the value of the property is $500 or less.

Before a charge of retaining possession of library materials without authorization shall be filed against any person, the library shall send written notice, by ordinary mail, addressed to the last known address of the person who checked out or otherwise removed the books or materials from the library, notifying them that if the books or materials are not returned to the library within thirty (30) days from the date of the notice, charges will be filed against them under the provisions of the law and upon conviction, such person may be fined.

Procedures for Challenged Materials

Although special care and consideration is taken with the selection of materials for the media centers, occasions may occur in which an individual may object/challenge a selection that has been made. When such objections occur, principles of freedom of information and the professional responsibility of the staff are defended rather than specific materials.

- Persons who may bring forth a challenge or request to examine materials must be the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of a student, or person acting in loco parentis of a student in the Perryville School District, or a Perryville District Employee.
- Persons requesting permission to examine materials may examine such materials in the library media center in a way so as not to disrupt the normal operations of the school.
- There can only be one active challenge at a time on each campus.
- Challenges are only accepted from September 1st-April 1st.

If a complaint is made the procedures are as follows:

1. Complaints should be handled by the building principal. The principal should notify all staff members concerned.
2. If a staff member should receive a complaint, the staff member shall be courteous to the complainant, make no commitment, advise the complainant to arrange a conference, and notify the principal of the complaint.
3. It is the responsibility of the complainant to arrange a conference with the principal. At this conference, the principal will invite the complainant to file his/her objection in writing on the appropriate "Request for Reconsideration of school Library Materials" form. The completed form must be returned to the principal within 15 school days. If failure to complete the form within this time frame. The challenge will not proceed.
4. The complainant must purchase the materials for the committee within the 15 day timeframe.
5. If a completed form is received by the principal and materials are provided within the 15 day time frame, he/she will request a review of challenge material and form the Library Media Advisory Committee within 15 days. The principal will notify the Superintendent that such a review is being conducted

* The material shall not be removed until the Committee has followed the appropriate procedures and has made a final decision to do so. If the material is deemed inappropriate it will be placed on the 18 years and older shelf within the library.
*Once a material has been challenged and deemed appropriate it may not be challenged again for 10 years.

The Committee will take the following steps after receiving the challenge material:

1. Read the entire book, view, or listen to the material in its entirety.
2. Check general acceptance of the material by reading reviews and consulting recommended lists.
3. Weigh values and faults against each other and forms opinions based on the material as a whole.
4. Meets and Completes "Advisory Committee Reconsideration Form"
5. Presents and files a copy with the principal.
6. The implementations of the committee's decision will be made.
7. The principal will notify the complainant, media specialist, and superintendent of the Committee's decision.
8. The Superintendent presents documentation to the School Board of Education and makes recommendations for action based on the committee's decision.

9. The final decision is then determined by the School Board of Education.

Arkansas Code: 13-2-801 through 13-2-806, Act 372 of the Regular Session, 2023 A.C.A. Â§ 6-25-101 et seq.

Reminders

Students are expected to work quietly in the library. Always feel free to ask the media staff to help you. Suggestions are welcome. This is your library…enjoy it!!

MANDATORY DRUG TESTING STUDENT DRUG TESTING POLICY PERRYVILLE SCHOOLS

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Perryville School District recognizes that drug abuse is a significant health problem for students, detrimentally affecting overall health, behavior, learning ability, reflexes, and the total development of each individual. The Perryville Board of Education is determined to help students by providing another option for them to say "No". Drug abuse includes, but is not limited to, the use of illegal drugs, alcohol, and the misuse of legal drugs and medications.

DEFINITIONS:

Drug: Any substance considered illegal by Arkansas Statutes or which is controlled by the Food & Drug Administration unless prescribed by a licensed physician.

Activity Programs: Any Activity that meets the guidelines of the Arkansas Activities Association. These activities are listed below:

Basketball	Football	Band
Track	Beta Club	Wildlife Club
Golf	Choir	Spanish Club
Cheerleading	FBLA	Student Council
FCCLA	Newspaper	Library Club
Cross Country	Yearbook	Chess Club
Softball	FCA	Quiz Bowl
Baseball	Drama Club	Ambassadors

Others that may be formed.

School Year: From the first day of classes in the fall, unless the activity begins prior to the first day of classes, in which event, from the first day of practice through the last day of classes in the spring.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Perryville School District ("the district") is conducting a mandatory drug-testing program for students. Its purpose is threefold: (1) to provide for the health and safety of students in all Activity Programs grades 7-12; (2)

to undermine the effects of peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason for students to refuse to use illegal drugs; and (3) to encourage students who use drugs to participate in drug treatment programs.
***Any student who refuses to test will be considered as testing positive!!!!

PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS:

Consent: Each student wishing to participate in any activity program and the student's custodial parent or guardian shall consent in writing to drug testing pursuant to the District's drug testing program. Written consent shall be in the form attached to this policy as FORM A. No student shall be allowed to participate in any activity program absent such consent. Students not involved in activities may be allowed to voluntarily participate in the testing pool with a consent form signed by the parent.

Student Selection: At the option of the district, all students in activity programs may be drug tested at the beginning of the school year. In addition, random testing will be conducted weekly during the school year. Selection for random testing will be by lottery drawing from a "pool" of all students participating in activity programs in the district at the time of the drawing. A principal who has reasonable suspension (as defined by the courts) may require a single drug test from a student. The superintendent shall take all reasonable steps to assure the integrity, confidentiality and random nature of the selection process including, but not necessarily limited to, assuring that the names of all participating students are in the pool, assuring that the person drawing names has no way of knowingly choosing or failing to choose particular students for the testing, assuring that the identity of students drawn for testing is not known to those involved in the selection process and assuring direct observation of the process by the least intrusive means possible while assuring brevity and privacy.

SAMPLE COLLECTION

Samples will be collected at a mutually convenient time on the same day the student is selected for testing or if the student is absent on that day, on the day of the student's return to school. If a student is unable to produce a sample at any particular time, the student will be allowed to return later that same day to provide the sample. All students providing samples will be given the option of dong so alone in an individual stall with the door closed.

TESTING AGENCY:

The district will choose a qualified agency for the purpose of processing sample results and maintaining privacy with respect to test results and related matters.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

Students who are taking prescription medication may provide a copy of the prescription or a doctor's verification, which will be considered in determining whether a "positive" test has been satisfactorily explained. That documentation will be forwarded to the testing lab with instructions for the lab to consider the student's use of such medication to assure the accuracy of the result. Students who refuse to provide verification and test positive will be subject to the actions specified below for "positive tests".

SCOPE OF TESTS

The drug screen tests for one or more illegal drugs. The superintendent or his designee shall decide from week to week which illegal drugs shall be screened, but in no event shall that determination be made after selection of students for testing. Student samples will not be screened for the presence of any substances other than an illegal drug or for the existence of any physical condition other than drug intoxication. As a quality control measure, the school reserves the right to send any urine sample that appears unusual in color and/or consistency to a laboratory for testing and confirmation or non-confirmation.

LIMITED ACCESS TO RESULTS

The results will be reported only to the superintendent or to such person as the superintendent may designate in the event the superintendent is absent.

PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF A POSITIVE RESULT:
Whenever a student's test result indicates the presence of illegal drugs ("positive test"), the following will occur: If the sample tests positive, a custodial parent or legal guardian will be notified and a meeting will be scheduled with the Superintendent or his designee, the student, the custodial parent or legal guardian, and the student's principal and head coach or sponsor.

FIRST POSITIVE RESULT
For a positive result, the student will be placed on probation and not be allowed to participate in competitions, presentations, and activities of Perryville Schools for a period of twenty days. The student will be recommended for counseling, if any charge is incurred, it will be the responsibility of the parents.

On day twenty-one, or shortly thereafter, the student will be allowed to be retested (at the expense of parent-guardian). If the tests results are found to be negative, the student will again become eligible for competitions, presentations and activities relating to Perryville Schools. However, the student must submit to a mandatory drug screen or lab test on a monthly basis at the expense of the parent/guardian. The duration will be determined by the intervention program. (A maximum of six months.)

A student may NOT practice or participate in any activities.

SECOND POSITIVE RESULT

For the second positive result in the same year or any two consecutive calendar years, the student will be suspended from participating in activities for the remainder of the school year. If this positive test is in the spring semester, the student will not be able to participate during the following fall semester.

THIRD POSITIVE RESULT
For the third positive result, the student will be suspended from participating in activities for the remainder of his/her enrollment with the school. (may be appealed to the board)

NON-PUNITIVE NATURE OF POLICY
No student shall be penalized academically for testing positive for illegal drugs. The results of drug tests pursuant to this policy will not be documented in any student's academic records. Information regarding the results of drug tests will not be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities absent legal compulsion by valid and binding subpoena or other legal process, which the district shall not solicit. In the event of service of any such subpoena or legal process, the student and the student's custodial parent or legal guardian will be notified as soon as possible by the district.

OTHER DISCIPLINARY MEASURES
The District by accepting this policy is not precluded from utilizing other disciplinary measures set forth in the Student Discipline Policy and this policy does not preclude the District from taking disciplinary procedure and resulting action when founded upon reasonable belief and suspicion that a student has participated in drug related activities.

Perryville School District

2026 -2027

July 31-Aug 3 Flex Days
Aug 4-7 PD (No Students)
Aug 6 Open House
Aug 11 1st Day of School

AUGUST 2026

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Jan 1 Christmas Break
Jan 5 PD (No Students)
Jan 6 Students Return

Sept 8 Seasonal Break
Sept 28 Elem/HS P-T Conf
No Students

SEPTEMBER 2026

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Feb 16 Winter Break

Oct 2 Fall Break
Oct 9 End of 1st quarter (34d)

OCTOBER 2026

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Mar 19-26 Spring Break
Mar 12 End of 3rd Q (38d)
Mar 15 Elem/HS PT Conferences (No Students)

Nov 16 ** Monday School
Nov 20-27
Thanksgiving Break

NOVEMBER 2026

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Dec 14 ** Monday School
Dec 17 End of 2nd Q (36d)
Dec 18 Christmas Break

DECEMBER 2026

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MAY 2027

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May 21 End of 4th quarter (35d)
May 21 Last Day of School

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