

Hurricane High School Code of Conduct



Hurricane High School Mission Statement:

Preparing Students for Life.

Hurricane High School Vision Statement:

Provide a Safe, Caring, and Supportive Culture of Learning.

Welcome to Hurricane High School, Home of the Tigers!

The staff at Hurricane High School has established an educational environment in which students can comfortably learn at higher levels. Each student has the right to learn at Hurricane High School without disruption or antagonism from other students. The staff is committed to teaching and reinforcing appropriate student behavior. Courtesy, respect, and problem-solving strategies are practiced by all staff members and students. Students are encouraged to consistently follow school rules of conduct, set a positive example for others, and always be conscious of how their behavior affects others.

Together, our goal at Hurricane High School is to assure that each student achieves success and learns at higher levels so they are better prepared for life. We believe that parents, play an important role in helping their students achieve our Hurricane High expectations, both academically, and behaviorally. We appreciate your support and partnership in these avenues.

Student Academic Honesty

As members of the Hurricane High Tiger family we want to help you be successful in your learning. In order to help you learn, our teachers are committed to helping you work through the content and skills necessary for life. We expect each student to maintain academic integrity, which includes appropriate use of AI, and avoiding cheating & plagiarism. **YOUR INTEGRITY MATTERS:**

1. **Cheating:** Involves the use or the attempt to use unauthorized information, materials, and other aids in academic work. Cheating also includes providing others with said unauthorized aids, or preparing work for another student. Examples of cheating include, but are not limited to:
 - Passing examination questions or answers to others.
 - Copying another's work, or copying content from any AI source.
 - Providing materials for copying.
 2. **Plagiarism:** Involves the presentation of another person's (or group's) ideas or work, or portions thereof, and passing them off as the product of one's own work in any academic exercise or activity:
 - To steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own.
 - To use (another's production) without crediting the source.
 - To commit literary theft.
 - To present as new and original, an idea or product derived from an existing source.
-

Attendance

District Attendance Policy 2900

The Washington County School Board believes that student learning and achievement is directly related to attendance. WCSD strives to make every effort to be in compliance with state law, working together with parents and community resources to encourage the regular attendance of Washington County students. The District believes this to be in the best interest of the students and the community. The Board, together with Washington County Schools, is committed to work in harmony with parents/ guardian(s) and to assist them with their responsibility to have their children in attendance at school.

Absences: An absence is defined as any time a student is not in attendance in the classroom to which he or she has been assigned. In order for an absence to be considered an excused absence, the school must be notified by the parent in a timely manner, consistent with state law and this policy. *A student who has turned 18 years old, but enrolled at HHS still needs a guardian's permission to leave school.

Attendance Policy-Due Process:

All absences are per class, not total absences and all absences are considered in the total, excused and unexcused.

- **At 3 absences and failing grade:** Teachers communicate concern with students.
- **At 5 absences and failing grade:** HHS attendance secretary will send an email via PowerSchool to parents about our school's concern.
- **At 7 absences and failing grade:** A second email and/or phone call will be sent to parents by an adult mentor and/or administrator to discuss the concern and possible solutions.
- **At 9 absences and failing grade:** An administrator contacts the student's parent(s) to meet in-person with concerns, and possible solutions. The student *may* be placed on a contract, administration will discuss potential alternative placements due to attendance & academic negligence.
- **At 11 or more absences and with a failing grade:** Students may fail the class and be transferred to an online version of that class immediately to recover the credit with a \$20 fee for credit recovery.
 - If students recover the credit before the first day of the next quarter they may be reimbursed the \$20 fee as an incentive to quickly recover the credit. **This will replace the credit for graduation, not the F on the transcript.**
 - If the student does not recover the credit by the first day of the next quarter they will be enrolled in a Basic Academic Skills class in place of an elective until they recover the credit(s) for classes with graduation requirements.

Absences will be assigned the following letters on PowerSchool:

T-Tardy (right after the bell rings)	H-Homebound
W-Way Late (20 min. after bell rings)	A-School Related Activity
E-Excused Absence	O-Office Excused
X-Unexcused Absence (or 40 min after bell)	B-Bereavement
S-Skipped	L-Late Excused
M-Medical/Chronic Illness	V-Educational Travel
F-Flu	I-In School Suspension
R-Restitution	Z-Suspension

***A parent will be notified by automated phone or e-mail every time the parent's student is absent without excuse.**

Tardies: At HHS we expect our students to arrive on time to their classes. Our teachers plan meaningful and engaging lessons that reflect this expectation. Tardy students miss out on important instruction given at the beginning of class, and interrupt the learning process of students who arrived on time.

HHS Tardy Policy-Due Process: A student is considered tardy if he/she is not in the classroom when the tardy bell rings. Tardies will result in the following:

- **3 per class** - Teacher has a discussion with the student and creates a log entry.
- **5 per class** - Teacher emails/calls home to discuss tardy issues. Student will speak with the assistant principal. Potential detention/in-school suspension assigned.
- **10 or more in all classes** - Admin intervention. The student *may* be placed on a contract with a parent/admin meeting. Log entry completed. Lunch detention, in-school suspension or other interventions may take place, as per admin.

***Additional tardy discipline for 12+ tardies will be at discretion of administration.**

Truancy: A student will be marked truant if the student willfully chooses not to attend assigned classes. A truant student will spend time in in-school suspension or lunch detention, and will work with teachers to make-up missed school work.

LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY: If a student needs to check out during the school day, a parent must excuse the student by contacting the attendance office before the student leaves campus (except lunch). Phone calls from parents are acceptable for check out. Should a student miss school the day of an activity for illness, he or she may not participate in that day's activities – including athletic events and fine arts performances. A truancy will render a student ineligible for that day.

School Attendance Committee:

The *School Attendance Committee* consists of administrators, counselors, School Resource Officer and attendance secretary. The committee will meet as needed to consider steps to correct attendance problems for individual students. Committee members will also serve as part of the mediation process as agreed upon by parents.

***HHS Administration Attendance Rewards:** Students will be recognized and rewarded for perfect attendance and improved attendance.

School Truancy definition: A school age minor who is at least 12 years old and who is enrolled in a public school shall attend the public school in which the school age minor is enrolled. When a student is absent from the assigned class, without parental or school knowledge and this absence does not meet the standard of an excused or exempt absence, that student is considered truant.

Student Rewards Program

Hurricane High School works tirelessly to provide a safe and fun learning environment with students being the center of our focus. Our goal is to notice students doing positive things and reward them for their efforts. Our mission is to, "Prepare Students for Life" and in so doing, we strive to grow students' awareness of the positive things they do in life, and help create a shared culture of pride in our school.

HHS partners with many other local businesses to provide incentives for students demonstrating this positive behavior. Our incentives include monthly or weekly drawings, and daily giveaways for students demonstrating our values and by demonstrating high character, school spirit, and attending school functions and events.

Accessing Student Records **[FERPA - Administrative Letter No01](#)**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and [District Policy 3260](#) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. A brief summary of these rights are:

- 1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access.
- 2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate or misleading.

3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

[PPRA - Administrative Letter No02](#)

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232h, affords parents of elementary and secondary students certain rights regarding the conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. For a more comprehensive explanation please [click here](#).

WCSD Civil Rights Disclosure

[WCSD Civil Rights Disclosure - Admin Letter No03](#)

The Washington County Board of Education ensures an equal educational opportunity in accordance with several Federal Civil Rights Laws. For more information, please [click here](#)

Bullying/ Hazing

[Bullying/ Hazing Policy 3510](#)

The Washington County School Board is committed to protecting its students, employees and school guests from bullying or harassment of any type, for any reason. The School Board believes that all students, employees or guests are entitled to a safe, equitable and harassment-free school experience. Bullying or harassment in any form will not be tolerated and shall be just cause for disciplinary action. Conduct that constitutes bullying or harassment will be dealt with immediately and consistently.

"Abusive conduct" means verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a parent or student directed toward a school employee that, based on its severity, nature, and frequency of

occurrence, a reasonable person would determine is intended to cause intimidation, humiliation, or unwarranted distress. A single act does not constitute abusive conduct.

"Bullying" means a school employee or student intentionally committing a written, verbal, or physical act against a school employee or student that a reasonable person under the circumstances should know or reasonably foresee will have the effect of:

- (a) causing physical or emotional harm to the school employee or student;
- (b) causing damage to the school employee's or student's property;
- (c) placing the school employee or student in reasonable fear of:
 - (i) harm to the school employee's or student's physical or emotional well-being; or
 - (ii) damage to the school employee's or student's property;
- (d) creating a hostile, threatening, humiliating, or abusive educational environment due to:
 - (i) the pervasiveness, persistence, or severity of the actions; or
 - (ii) a power differential between the bully and the target; or
- (e) substantially interfering with a student having a safe school environment that is necessary to facilitate educational performance, opportunities, or benefits.

"Communication" means the conveyance of a message, whether verbal, written, or electronic.

"Cyber-bullying" means using the Internet, a cell phone, or another device to send or post text, video, or an image with the intent or knowledge, or with reckless disregard, that the text, video, or image will hurt, embarrass, or threaten an individual, regardless of whether the individual directed, consented to, or acquiesced in the conduct, or voluntarily accessed the electronic communication.

For a more comprehensive understanding of the Bullying/ Hazing policy please see the above link "Bullying and Hazing Policy."

Student Dress Code

[WCSD Dress Code Policy-2200](#)

Please wear clothing that is respectful to the learning environment and doesn't create a distraction for students or teachers. The district's most recent updates for 2025-2026 include:

- No clothing items that have profanity or suggestive slogans that promote or advertise for alcohol, drugs, gangs, illegal behavior or pornography will be permitted.

- No clothing may be showing any undergarment, and must cover the torso. No tube tops or tank tops.
- Piercings, Hair Color, Hairstyles – May not be distracting to the learning environment.

Students in violation will be asked to change into proper attire, if they don't have proper attire and a parent can't bring them proper attire, HHS will provide an alternative.

See the full district dress code policy [here](#) as well as the [WCSD Student dress guidelines](#).

Cell Phone & Electronic Devices Policy **Technology/ Acceptable use policy 3700**

Effective July 1, 2025, a new legislative mandate was passed to prohibit the use of cell phones and smartwatches in school. In an effort to help students reduce distractions and focus attention on learning, the following commitment is collectively in force at Hurricane High School:

Student use of electronic devices (i.e., cell phones, headphones, earbuds or other electronics) is prohibited during class time. If a student chooses to bring electronic devices to school, they must remain out of sight and in silent mode, or turned off during the entire class period. Students may, however, choose to access their electronic devices outside of the classroom, before school or during class changes, lunch, or after school. Smartwatches are allowed unless they become a distraction, and should be silenced during class.

Class disruptions involving electronic devices may result in the immediate confiscation of the interfering device.

HHS Cell Phone and Electronic Devices Policy - School-Wide Expectations:

1. Students' electronic communication devices (ECDs), including cell phones should be in a locker, backpack and not carried on the body. (They may be placed in a teacher- designated location when students enter the classroom, unless otherwise directed).
2. Headphones/earbuds should be removed and put away before entering the classroom. If worn, they may only be worn with the teacher's permission.

Teachers, administration, or any school official may confiscate a cell phone, earbuds, electronic device (including the power source) that are used inappropriately. The owner will be identified, the device labeled and then given to administration or office staff.

If a student intentionally uses or interacts with a device in a manner not consistent with this policy, the following consequences may follow:

Expectation: Student cell phone is put in teacher's caddy, or in backpack.

First Offense: Students will receive one warning prior to discipline for violation of this policy, as determined by the school.

Second Offense: Teacher **confiscates the phone until the end of class** and logs the infraction in PowerSchool. (Secondary Schools only)

Third Offense: Teacher **confiscates the phone until the end of the school day** and logs the infraction in PowerSchool.

Additional Offenses: The phone is **held in the office until the end of the school day** . Parents will be contacted and must pick up the phone at their earliest convenience.

4.1.2. Suspension from school may occur after the fourth offense for continued disregard for this policy.

4.1.3. If the student is **combative, defiant, or insubordinate** to staff or has repeated or severe violations, additional disciplinary measures—such as parent meetings, loss of personal device privileges and suspension may be assigned.

4.1.4. A student's penalties for violation(s) of an electronic device policy provision may vary depending upon: the intentional nature of the violation, other disciplinary actions the student may have received and specific circumstances of the violation.

To see the full policy visit the [WCSD Technology Policy](#). The applicable legislative mandate can be found by [clicking here](#).

Safe School Policies

Safe Schools Policy 2110

The Board of Education of the Washington County School District recognizes that every student in the school should have the opportunity to learn in an environment which is safe, conducive to the learning process, and free from unnecessary disruption. To foster such an environment the safe schools policy has been adopted. To read the WCSD Safe School Policy please refer to the WCSD website and search for policy # 2110. Grounds for restorative practices, suspension, transfer to an alternative educational setting, or expulsion from school include the following:

Gang Behavior A “gang” as defined in this policy means any organization, association, or group of three or more which have a unique name or identifiable signs, symbols, or marks, and whose members individually or collectively engage in criminal or violent behavior to persons or

property, or who create an unreasonable and substantial disruption or risk of disruption of a class, activity, program, or other function of a school. Because of identification and association with gangs, the following will not be permitted on school campuses or at school activities: bandanas or any article of clothing bearing gang symbols, names, initials, insignia, or anything else that signals gang affiliation.

Substances

Alcohol, tobacco, E-Cigarettes and drugs will be subject to restorative practices/programs and possible transfer from Hurricane High School. You could be referred to Hurricane Police, depending on the severity and frequency.

Pornographic Material or Inappropriate Sexual Behavior

The possession or use of pornographic material, or any sexual activity will be an automatic suspension and possible transfer from Hurricane High School.

Fighting, Bullying, Threats

Fighting and bullying will not be tolerated at Hurricane High School and will be grounds for suspension, temporary discipline transfer (TDT) with potential referral to Hurricane Police.

Destruction of School Property

Destruction of school property and vandalism will be dealt with severely. Students will have to pay for the materials that have been destroyed or vandalized, and can be suspended from school, referred to Hurricane Police, students could be transferred to another school program.

Theft

Hurricane High School has security cameras throughout the school. Please lock your personal items up, and don't tempt those that steal. If you are caught stealing, you will be suspended from Hurricane High School and referred to Hurricane Police.

Sexual Harassment Policy

[Sexual Harassment Policy 2116](#)

The Washington County School District is dedicated to cultivating an educational environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. No person on the basis of sex, shall be subjected to discrimination or sexual harassment under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. (20 U.S.C. 1681(a)). For further understanding of what could/ may constitute Sexual Harassment please refer to the policy linked above.