

WELCOME

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Piscataway High School with the hope and desire that you enjoy a meaningful, productive and healthy experience. Your cooperation is needed so that Piscataway High School might continue to improve and develop a reputation for which we can all feel a sense of pride.

You are encouraged to become involved in the process of education so that your personal goals might be realized. Educational programs have been designed to assist you in establishing and attaining these goals. The staff, school, and all its facilities are dedicated to this end. Your high school years are very important in preparing for the future - make them the very best you can!

This handbook has been prepared to acquaint you with the various policies, procedures, and activities that have been developed in order to maintain and support a good educational environment. This handbook is an attempt to answer most questions that will be raised. This handbook is not intended to be a comprehensive list of rules and regulations contained in the policies of the Piscataway Board of Education. It is expected that other points, not mentioned, will be brought out in other ways. Teachers, counselors, and administrators are always available to assist you in any possible way.

Have a good year!

*The Administrative Team
Piscataway High School*

HISTORY OF PISCATAWAY

The town of Piscataway drew its name from settlers who came here some 300 years ago from the Piscataqua River Valley in Maine searching for a freedom of religion that New England could not provide. The most acceptable translation of this Indian word is "It is getting dark" or "twilight."

During the American Revolution, General Washington brought his weary Continentals to Piscataway for a period of rest after the Battle of Monmouth. Arriving on July 2, 1778, the army encamped in the Hillcrest area, opposite Johnson Park.

Piscataway's rapid development in the present day has not yet obliterated all traces of its ancient past. Scores of houses dating from the eighteenth century still stand, especially along River Road. Old cemeteries along the roadside recall names once prominent in the area. The soil still yields an occasional arrowhead, musket ball, or continental soldier's button, reminding us of another time.

Piscataway's first high school opened to students on September 16, 1957, in an uncompleted building on a site crowded with construction equipment. Nothing but the classroom wing was usable. Lunches were eaten in classrooms and gym classes were held in a circus tent. The first class to graduate from Piscataway High School numbered 128 students. The high school has grown steadily in size and to such proportions that we are one campus comprised of a unified building consisting of three wings: East, West and South.

ALMA MATER

Brightest Star! Our noble Alma Mater!
Like a golden lantern in the night
Lead us ever - ever will we follow
Follow truth encouraged by your light
As our song tells how the heart rejoices
Sound afar your glory and your fame
May our love shine softly in our voices
May our lives add honors to your name.

SCHOOL PEP SONG

Fight on Piscataway!
Team of the Black and Gold
March on to victory
For our glory you'll uphold.
Fight on you loyal Chiefs
And you will win this game today.
With every score, we'll shout for more.
Let's fight, team, fight.



SCHOOL MASCOT, COLORS AND SEALS

The Piscataway High School mascot is the Chiefs. The school colors are black and gold and the seal contains a Native American wearing the headdress symbolic of the chief.

VIRTUAL BACKPACK

The Piscataway High School Virtual Backpack contains flyers, letters, forms and other notices that are sent home with your child from the school's main office. This allows you the opportunity to keep up-to-date with school activities and announcements with the just the click of your mouse.

We continually update our high school website, so please check it often at

<http://phs.piscatawayschools.org/>

to see what is happening in our school.

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Superintendent of Schools.....	Teresa Rafferty
School Board Secretary/Business Administrator.....	David Oliveira
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HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION PRINCIPAL

Jason Lester, Principal

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Grade 9.....	Jonathan Bizzell
Grades 10 & 11.....	Joi R. Fisher
Grade 12.....	Dr. Matthew Ritchie

HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CHAIRS

Counseling.....	Theresa Edmondson
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Mathematics.....	Jaclyn Puleio
Practical Arts.....	Thomas Wolverton
Science.....	Gita Manchanda
Social Studies.....	James Knox
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Dean of Students 10.....	Keith Brunson
Dean of Students 11.....	Tracey McGowan
Dean of Students 12.....	Drew Calvo

PISCATAWAY HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULES

2017-2018

A=red B=orange C=yellow D=green E=blue F=purple G=white

A-G DAY SCHEDULE

60 Minute blocks, 27 minute lunches

Warning Bell 7:09

Block 1 7:15 to 8:15

Block 2 8:21 to 9:21

Block 3 9:27 to 10:27

Lunch A/HR A 10:33 to 11:00

Lunch B/HR B 11:06 to 11:33

Block 4 11:39 to 12:39

Block 5 12:45 to 1:45

After School 1:51 to 2:35

X DAY BELL SCHEDULE

41 minute classes; 27 minute lunches

Warning Bell 7:09

Period 1 7:15 to 7:57

Period 2 8:03 to 8:44

Period 3 8:50 to 9:31

Period 4 9:37 to 10:18

Lunch A/HR A 10:24 to 10:51

Lunch B/HR B 10:57 to 11:24

Period 5 11:30 to 12:11

Period 6 12:17 to 12:58

Period 7 1:04 to 1:45

After School 1:51 to 2:35

HALF DAY BELL SCHEDULE

38 minute classes; 27 minute lunches

Warning Bell 7:09

Block 1 7:15 to 7:53

Block 2 7:59 to 8:37

Block 3 8:43 to 9:21

Lunch A/HR A 9:27 to 9:54

Lunch B/HR B 10:00 to 10:27

Block 4 10:33 to 11:10

Block 5 11:16 to 11:53

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BE CANCELLED

DELAYED OPENING SCHEDULE

36 minute classes; 27 minute lunches

Warning Bell 9:11

Block 1 9:15 to 9:51

Block 2 9:57 to 10:33

Block 3 10:39 to 11:15

Lunch A/HR A 11:21 to 11:48

Lunch B/HR B 11:54 to 12:21

Block 4 12:27 to 1:03

Block 5 1:09 to 1:45

After School 1:51 to 2:35

PISCATAWAY HIGH SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND EXTENSIONS

Main Number	732-981-0700
<u>Reception Area FAX</u>	
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West Wing (George S. Patton)	732-981-1685

ADMINISTRATION

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	Secretary - Helen Fallivene	X2200
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	Clerk - Melissa Galati	X2208
	Reception Secretary - Kathy Cucciniello	X2207
West Wing	Assistant Principal (Grades 10&11) - Joi Fisher	X2818
	Clerk - Miriam Reale	X2818
	Assistant Principal (Grade 12) - Dr. Matthew Ritchie	X2217
	Clerk - Sharon Doll	X2217
	Deans - Grade 9 - April Hurt	X2072
	Grade 10 - Keith Brunson	X2030
	Grade 11 - Tracey McGowan	X2212
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PISCATAWAY HIGH SCHOOL

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Reid	PE/H	mreid
Reynolds	Soc.St.	preynolds
Reynoso	Soc.St.	greynoso
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Taylor	Science	dtaylor
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Chapter 1

PHILOSOPHY

The philosophy of Piscataway High School stems from a belief in the dignity of human beings, the need for personal fulfillment, and the acceptance of one's responsibility as a member of a democratic society.

The central support and nurturing of these concepts rests ultimately with the family; yet, their enrichment and full growth can be encouraged in many settings. Primary among these settings is the school. The school's many components strive diligently to realize the school's philosophy.

The teacher, well qualified in a subject area, stimulates students' interest in the subject matter, motivates them to achieve to the best of their ability, promotes high quality thought, and positively enhances self-image. In addition, the teacher encourages open lines of communication among students, parents and others, and enriches the total learning experience. The administration supports the efforts necessary to produce desired goals and expects the same from students.

The students become involved in the high school's educational process, and this important involvement allows for the presentation and exchange of ideas. This process encourages students to value their dignity as human beings and to respect the individual ethnic, physical, and social differences of others. The concept of dignity supports students' understanding and appreciation of the ideals of our democratic ways of life. As members of a world community, they also receive exposure to cultures, beliefs, and ways of life different from their own. They evaluate and accept their responsibilities as members of a family, a community, a state, a nation, and a world, thus helping to develop moral and ethical values in our pluralistic society.

An array of programs is offered for the personal fulfillment of the students. The mastery of certain fundamental facts or ideas which have proven useful during the course of time is essential for the fulfillment of the "basic" concepts so important in today's educational thinking. The students' education requires a mastery of this very basic data in all disciplines useful to modern society. To thrive in the highly technological 21st century, this process must come to grips with change, debate, and argument, and must encourage an open willingness to listen to others, to react imaginatively and creatively. Thus, students are encouraged to develop their intellect to capacity, to think critically, to evaluate, to utilize information, and to recognize and solve problems.

MISSION STATEMENT

Piscataway High School, a large and diverse community, prepares all students to develop their intellectual, aesthetic, social, and physical abilities by providing outstanding, comprehensive learning opportunities through which students define skills and concepts, acquire knowledge, achieve personal excellence, realize their unique gifts, and become responsible citizens.

ACCREDITATION

Piscataway High School is an accredited member of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The high school maintains standards of instruction, scholarship and achievement that entitles its college preparatory graduates to the same rights and privileges for college admission as those accorded the graduates of all other accredited high schools in the United States.

BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND HAZING

At Piscataway High School it is the right of every student to learn and grow in a caring, respectful, and peaceful environment. Therefore, hazing and bullying are unacceptable at all times on school premises and at school sponsored events.

Hazing means the performance of any act or forcing another to perform acts of initiation into any class, club, or activity.

Bullying is any physical or verbal abuse of another person or group.

Harassment is disturbing, annoying, or tormenting another individual or group.

Any student who witnesses or experiences any hazing, bullying, or harassment activity on campus should immediately report the incident to their grade level administrator or to the dean of students.

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

At Piscataway High School, the best available educational opportunities are offered to all students, and an important part of a comprehensive, well-rounded education is prepara-

tion for citizenship. Individual and group responsibilities that accompany the benefits of citizenship should and must be assumed by the student body.

The basic democratic principles that each person is responsible for his or her actions and individual rights are best exercised when they do not interfere with the general welfare of the group must be followed.

Prior knowledge of impending inappropriate activity (such as fighting) should be reported to an authority and is a factor in disciplinary consequences.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The education of young people is a cooperative effort involving students, school, and parents. Informed parents make fine partners in the educational process. While every effort will be made to keep parents informed, parental initiative to know their child's program and status is strongly encouraged.

Parents should regard it as their responsibility to send their children to school in the proper state of health, clean and well groomed, and appropriately dressed, and to provide a proper home environment and adequate time for students to study and to complete homework on a daily basis. Encouraging positive attitudes toward learning as well as respect for school personnel and other students is another important step parents can take toward ensuring a child's success.

Throughout the year, parents should work cooperatively with school personnel to maintain and/or improve student attitudes and behavior, motivate students in their quest for excellence, and promote involvement in extracurricular activities.

Together, we can support students as they confront new challenges and responsibilities, and encourage them to become proud members of the Piscataway High School student body. If a circumstance should occur, where parents may disagree with a decision made by the school administration, the grievance policy outlined on page 16 of this handbook should be adhered to.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

The Board of Education explicitly forbids any conduct or expression that may be construed as the sexual harassment of a pupil by an employee of the district or by another pupil.

The sexual harassment of pupils includes all unwelcome sexual advances or suggestions, requests for sexual favors, and verbal or physical contact of a sexual nature whenever such conduct has the purpose or effect of intimidation or tends to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment.

The Superintendent shall direct the instruction of all pupils in their right to be free of sexual harassment and innuendo and shall encourage pupils to report to the high school's Affirmative Action Officer or to their grade level administrator any incident of sexual harassment.

Chapter 2

General Information

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

The official start of each school day is at 7:15 a.m. when all students must be in their assigned first block class for attendance, instruction, and other school-related matters. Any student not in class or who arrives to school after 7:15 is late to school.

Upon arrival at school, students are to remain in or about the wing in which their first block class is located. Unauthorized presence in the other wing is strictly prohibited and is subject to suspension and or other disciplinary action. *After **three (3)** lates to school, a student is subject to a disciplinary consequence at the discretion of the grade level dean/Assistant Principal.

DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

The official end of the school day is 1:45 p.m. All students are expected to proceed to their bus/ride/route home/school sponsored activity after being released from their final class. All students are expected to be with their club/activity advisor or off campus by 2:05 p.m. The “holding area” is for students who are awaiting or have completed a meeting with an approved club/activity. Any student found to be remaining on campus without administrative approval will be subject to a disciplinary consequence.

AUDITORIUM PROTOCOL

The protocol below will be used at all Piscataway High School functions:

All audience members are expected to:

- sit as close to the front as possible or sit in assigned seats
- remove all headgear
- remain in their seats at all times
- remember that feet are not permitted on chairs
- refrain from talking
- remember that no electronic devices are allowed (Ipods, Cellphone, etc.)
- refrain from chewing gum, eating, or drinking
- remember to focus attention on the performers/speakers
- remember that the only appropriate response is applause; yelling or calling out is inappropriate behavior.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

All graduates must attend graduation practice in order to participate in the commencement ceremony.

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

In our time, the use of technology is essential. **Students will be permitted to use electronic devices during lunch and in the classroom for instructional purposes at the discretion of the teacher.** All classrooms will have a red light/green light flip sign that will designate whether or not the use of electronic devices is permitted that day. If a student is found using an electronic device in an unauthorized area/manner, the student will be asked to turn the device off and put the device away (out of sight/appropriate location). **If a student refuses to turn off or put the electronic device away, a referral for violating the policy will be completed and submitted to the appropriate grade level dean.** The unauthorized use of cameras and/or audio/video recording devices or the viewing of inappropriate material at any time is not permitted and will be subject to disciplinary action. Electronic devices are never permitted in a testing room at any time. **THE SCHOOL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ARTICLES.**

BYOD

As part of our ongoing efforts to provide Piscataway High School students with an education that meets the needs of the 21st century workplace, Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) has been put into place.

BYOD will provide students with the opportunity to utilize their personal device on the PHS Wi-Fi similar to that of your local coffee shop, library, or other “Hotspot”. BYOD is not about the device itself; it is about creating a constructive change

in teaching practices and empowering students to make decisions regarding how they will learn in class.

Our BYOD initiative is designed to help students keep up with the technological demands of the 21st century. Helping students become responsible digital citizens will enhance not only what we do in the classroom, but also give students the skills and experiences that will prepare them for college and career. Please note that a device is not mandatory, but desirable due to the nationwide changing educational landscape.

To ensure a smooth transition to our BYOD environment, students will be granted access using the following tiers:

As your child moves into the BYOD environment at PHS, the following bullets are individual system minimum requirements that will allow your child's device to interact well with our network:

- Any Windows 7 or higher tablet/laptop with Virus and Malware protection
- Any Apple MacBooks with OSX 10.9 or above
- Any Apple iPad w/ iOS 7 or above
- Any Android tablet with Android 5.0 or above
- Google Chromebooks
- Smartphones are acceptable, however please consider screen size for effectiveness of work being completed.

DRIVING PRIVILEGE AND USE OF PARKING LOT

Parking privileges will be granted to seniors and juniors. Permission to drive to school will be given to senior students in good standing and on adherence to the following rules and regulations:

- The car must be registered with the Reception Area of the high school. Registration forms and decal permits may be obtained free of charge in the Reception Area. Unregistered cars may be ticketed and/or towed away at the owner's expense. A \$5.00 fee will be charged to replace any parking permit.
- A copy of the student's driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance must be submitted when registering the vehicle with administration.
- Decals issued will be placed on the rear window. No duplicate decals will be issued unless there is a change of car registration.
- Speed limit of 15 miles per hour on school property must be observed.
- Vehicle is to be parked in the student parking area only. Students will not park in areas assigned to faculty and visitors, in the parking lot between wings, nor in the dirt parking lot opposite the Patton Wing.
- The person obtaining the permit assumes all responsibility for the car that bears the decal.
- During the first semester, from 2-5 p.m., all vehicles must be removed from the designated band practice area.

Violations may lead to the revocation of students' driving privileges. The period of revocation is at the discretion of the administration. Common violations are as follows:

- Parking in areas other than designated for student parking.
- **Returning to car from the building without permission or leaving the school grounds with such vehicles without permission.**
- Presence in parking lot during school hours without permission.
- Speeding and reckless driving.
- Driving permit may be revoked for students not in good standing as follows:
 - Tardiness to school
 - Truancy
 - History of disciplinary actions
- Drivers are reminded that pedestrians and bicyclists have the right of way.

Vehicles illegally parked on school property may be towed away at the owner's expense. The student associated with such a vehicle will be subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to removal of driving privileges.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING/ DELAYED OPENING

Check district web site: www.piscatawayschools.org or
"No School Today" or "Delayed Opening" will be announced on:

WCTC 1450 AM www.wctcam.com

WMGQ 98.3 FM

NJ 101.5 FM www.nj1015.com

Global Connect

PISCATAWAY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT.

Emergency closing times are determined by unique circumstances that may arise.

SAFETY DRILLS AND PROCEDURES

Fire drills are necessary for the safety of students and staff. All building occupants should know the specific direction for reaching a point of safety from any assigned area. Directions for fire drills are posted in each room. General rules to follow are:

- Students must follow designated exit instructions by walking to the appropriate exit and meet at the predetermined assigned location for that classroom. **Students must refrain from running or talking.**
- When instructed to do so, students will return to assigned classrooms in an orderly fashion.

Teachers will remain with their classes during the entire drill.

To be effective, lockdown procedures must be practiced. The high school community will practice lockdown procedures on a regular basis to familiarize all involved with the process. When a lock down drill is announced, all faculty, staff, and students must abide to the directions distributed by school administration. A chart that outlines the directions for lockdowns and other important safety drills should also be posted in each classroom.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR STUDENTS

Every student has the right to file a grievance, providing the proper procedures are followed. T

- **Personal Grievance** - Complaint against an individual dealing with grades, discipline, etc.:

- Step 1* - Submit grievance in writing to the individual named in grievance;
- Step 2* - Submit grievance in writing to the department chair and to the student's guidance counselor;
- Step 3* - Submit grievance to the Grade Level Assistant Principal;
- Step 4* - Submit grievance to the Principal;
- Step 5* - Submit grievance to the Superintendent;
- Step 6* - Submit grievance to the Board of Education.

- **Athletic Grievance** - Complaint against an individual dealing with an athletic team, coach, etc.:

- Step 1* - Submit grievance in writing to the appropriate head coach;
- Step 2* - Submit grievance in writing to the Athletic Director;
- Step 3* - Submit grievance to Principal;
- Step 4* - Submit grievance to Superintendent;
- Step 5* - Submit grievance to Board of Education.

- **Policy Grievance** - Complaint against a policy, rule, or regulation:

- Step 1* - Submit grievance in writing to Student Government and advisor;
- Step 2* - Submit grievance to Grade Level Assistant Principal;
- Step 3* - Submit grievance to Principal;
- Step 4* - Submit grievance to Superintendent;
- Step 5* - Submit grievance to Board of Education.

When the policy or personal grievance cannot be resolved at any of the above steps, it will automatically be submitted to the next highest level. If the grievance policy is not followed in the manner that has been detailed above, the grievance will automatically be delegated to the appropriate first step.

LOST AND FOUND

Any found articles should be taken either to the Custodian's Office or to the Reception area where they may be claimed by the owner. All lost articles should be reported to the Reception area. **THE SCHOOL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN PROPERTY.** Students are urged not to bring valuables or large sums of money to school. Items left in the lost and found are periodically donated.

PROM

PHS students in good academic and behavioral standing will be eligible to purchase prom bids, which will allow them to attend. All guests are subject to administrative approval. Guests of Piscataway High School seniors attending the prom must be between the ages of 14 and 20. Guests must provide valid identification upon request. Prom attendees may be excluded from the prom for inappropriate attire at the discretion of the high school administration. The prom is a school-sponsored event, and as such ALL students attending the prom must attend school for a FULL DAY on the day of the prom. All school and district policies will be enforced. Students are not permitted to leave the prom earlier than a half-hour before the scheduled concluding time.

SCHOOL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

School insurance is available to each student at the beginning of the school year. Forms will be distributed in each homeroom for students to take home and must be returned indicating an affirmative or negative choice.

SECTION 504 NOTIFICATION

The Piscataway Township Public School District does not discriminate in admission or access to, or employment in, its programs and activities on the basis of handicap in violation of Section 504 and its implementing regulations. The District official responsible for coordinating compliance with Section 504 and its implementing regulations is Deidre Ortiz, who may be reached at the following address and telephone number:

Piscataway Township Schools
 Administration Building
 1515 Stelton Road, P.O. Box 1332
 Piscataway, NJ 08855-1332
 Telephone Number: 732-572-2289, Ext. 2554

SENIOR AWARDS ASSEMBLY

A special awards assembly will be conducted prior to commencement to honor all students receiving scholarships and various academic awards. The awards assembly is normally scheduled on the first Wednesday in June, in the PAC of the West Wing.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Pep rallies, assemblies, dances, field trips, etc. are provided to enhance school spirit,

academics, and to allow for social interaction of students. It is the school's desire to provide these activities depending upon available resources. Continuation of these activities depends on everyone's cooperation. Students suspended from school are excluded from school-sponsored activities for the term of their suspension. This includes games/events that take place off of school grounds/at other designated locations. Students should be advised that all school rules are in effect during field trips and any other school-sponsored activities. Attendance at school-sponsored events is restricted to current Piscataway High School students with a valid school ID.

STUDENT AFTER-SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT AND WORKING PAPERS

The Board of Education believes it is the responsibility of parents to judge the potential detriment of part-time work on the academic progress of their children. Parents should be aware of the following:

Minors under sixteen years of age may not be employed

..... *before 7 a.m. nor after 6 p.m.*

..... *for combined hours of school and work exceeding eight (8) hours per day;*

Minors 16-18 years of age may be employed

..... *not more than eight (8) hours a day;*

..... *not more than forty (40) hours a week;*

..... *not before 6 a.m. or after 11 p.m.*

..... *not more than five (5) hours continuously without a 30-minute lunch period.*

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOTAPING

While electronic communication plays an important role in our lives today, please note that photography and/or videotaping of student activities and events are for personal use only. Students and families are advised not to post to social networking sites that are public, including, but not limited to Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, etc. Such posting may invade the rights of other students and may pose a security risk for students. Failure to adhere to the above stated policy, which prohibits the **unauthorized** photography/videotaping of students and school events, will result in a disciplinary consequence at the discretion of the grade level dean and administrator.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

Cameras have been placed in corridors, hallways, and cafeterias throughout the school. These cameras are in place for the security and safety of all.

VISITORS

Parents of Piscataway High School students are encouraged to come to school either on official business or as visitors. Arrangements may be made through a student's assistant principal. Parents wishing to meet with their child's teachers or to shadow their child must make arrangements at least twenty-four hours in advance.

- Visitors to Piscataway High School may enter through two locations: West Wing Main Entrance and East Wing Main Entrance.
- Upon arrival, visitors will ring the buzzer and the secretarial staff will request that the individual display identification in the camera.
- After providing identification, visitors will be admitted and will report directly to the office (secretary will maintain visual contact) where they will then sign in and receive a "Visitor's Pass". This pass must be WORN in a clearly visible location for the ENTIRETY

of their visit.

- The reception office will call a security guard who will escort the individual(s) to their appointment location.

Exception: Visitors arriving at the West Wing requesting to go to the attendance office. After verification of identity, will wait at the office until the attendance clerk steps into the hall and establishes a line of vision.

- At the end of their visit, visitors must report to the same location as where they entered to sign out and return their pass to the secretarial staff.
- During lunches and last block of the day visitors will be escorted by the individual with whom they have the appointment.

Visitors Without Identification

- If a visitor does not have identification, he/she will remain in the main office until a staff member is located who can identify the person.

****Students from other high schools or relatives and friends of Piscataway High School students are NOT PERMITTED to visit Piscataway High School when school is in session.****

Chapter 3

Academics

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

A pupil's academic transcript will include, but not be limited to, the pupil's name, address, date of birth, name of parent(s), telephone number, citizenship, record of daily attendance, grades, classes attended, level completed, year completed, and sex of the pupil (N.J.A.C. 6:3-6.3), as well as grade average, entry, withdrawal, and graduation dates.

The transcript will include all courses and grades completed and/or attempted by a student since entering high school. The following will also be included on the transcript:

- all standardized test results including but not limited to NJ standardized testing requirement for high school graduation.
- a listing of student's activities since entering high school.

ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS

Parents have the right to access and review their child's cumulative file (pupil educational records) in the presence of certificated school personnel. A 24-hour notice is requested prior to the review of records.

Parents and students may access records according to the following conditions: (N.J.A.C. 6.3-6.5)

- The parent of a pupil under the age of 18 and the pupil who has the written permission of such parent;
- Pupils are at least 16 years of age who are terminating their education in the district because they will graduate secondary school at the end of the term or no longer plan to continue their education;
- The adult pupil (18 years old and over) and the pupil's parents who have written permission of the pupil. Please note that the parents shall have access to pupil records without consent of the pupil so long as the pupil is financially dependent upon the parent and enrolled in the public school system or if the pupil has been declared legally incompetent by a court of appropriate jurisdiction. The parent of the financially dependent adult pupil may not disclose information contained in the adult pupil's record to a second or third party without the consent of the adult pupil;
- Copies of student files are available with appropriate notification and payment of the following fee:

- 75 cents (first 50 copies) per page;
- 25 cents per page thereafter.

FINES

Students are responsible for ensuring that any outstanding fines on their student account are paid and/or the material in question has been returned to the appropriate party. Students with unpaid fines may be prohibited from purchasing a prom bid, attending Project Graduation, or having transcripts sent upon graduation/leaving school.

CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM

Honesty and integrity are valuable qualities for all individuals. Cheating and plagiarism are forms of dishonesty and reveal a lack of integrity in the character of an individual. The following consequences have been established for those who are involved in cheating/plagiarism on tests, homework assignments, projects, compositions, etc.

- A zero will be given for the test or project. Parents will be notified by telephone.
- Disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct if a student is involved in buying, selling, giving, or receiving copies of tests, projects, or assignments. These situations will be handled by the grade level administrator.

CLASS RECOGNITION AND GRADE CALCULATION

Piscataway High School does not calculate a rank in class for students. The high school counseling department will only share a class rank if one is required by an institution for a scholarship application, college admission application, and/or an award/recognition application. The high school counseling department will communicate the class rank directly to the institution.

A weighted grade point average representing academic achievement in all courses will be calculated at the end of each semester. Honors and Advanced Placement courses receive additional credit and are reported in whole number percents reflective in our grading system. Beginning with the class of 2016, honors courses will receive 5 points additional credit and AP courses will receive 10 points. Students can attain a GPA greater than 100. Grade point average on a 4.0 scale can be provided if necessary. Seniors' final grade point average will be calculated at the conclusion of the 7th semester. A copy of the student's transcript which includes the grade point average will be sent to each college to which the student applies. In addition, a school profile containing a weighted GPA distribution graph will be sent with each transcript.

Students who attain a grade point average that places them in the top quartile of grade point averages will be recognized at graduation with the wearing of a Black and Gold cord signifying this achievement.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

Expectations and appropriate proficiency levels have been developed for all courses. A passing grade in a course is generally dependent upon:

- attendance in class;
- class participation;
- completion of assignments according to given timelines;
- satisfactory completion of reports and projects as assigned;
- satisfactory test and exam grades.

More detailed information on proficiency levels for each course is available in the appropriate department chair's office.

The New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards require all students to "write a research paper that synthesizes and cites data" (NJCCCS 3.2.B6). At Piscataway High

School, this requirement is fulfilled in English IV; therefore, no student can receive credit for English IV without successfully completing the research unit.

COURSE SELECTION

The course selection process begins in February of each school year and is based on teacher recommendation. Students meet with their counselors to complete a course request form. After July 31, no changes will be made to a student's schedule with the exception of the following:

- student was placed in the inappropriate course level
- student was placed in the wrong course due to a clerical error
- student is scheduled to retake a course with the same teacher

Once school has begun, the deadline for course change(s) requests is September 16. All requests must go through the student's counselor, and approval must be obtained from the department chair.

DESTRUCTION OF PUPIL RECORDS

Pupil records (cumulative file) are retained in their entirety for four years following the student's graduation from high school. The cumulative file is destroyed four years after graduation in accordance with the Destruction of Public Records Law, N.J.S.A. 47:3-15 et seq. Parents or adult students may request copies of records prior to the destruction. A reasonable fee may apply.

The cumulative file is not to be confused with the Academic Transcript which is kept in perpetuity. Parents or adult students may request copies of the Academic Transcript and must sign a release for distribution.

STUDENT INFORMATION DIRECTORY

"Student information directory" means a publication by a district board of education which includes the following information relating to a pupil: the student's name, address, telephone number, grade level, date and place of birth, dates of attendance, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities, weight and height relating to athletic team membership, degrees, awards, the most recent educational agency attended by the pupil and other similar information.

This student information directory may be released to educational, occupational, and military recruitment programs. Parents who do not wish this directory information to be released must submit within a 10-day period of receiving this handbook, a written statement to the chief school administrator prohibiting the school district from including any or all types of information about the student in any student information directory. (N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19.1)

GRADING & EXAMINATIONS FOR STUDENTS

Student Grades will be comprised from the following system:

-Each marking period grade will be worth 22% of the final grade, while the FINAL EXAM will account for 12% of the final grade.

MP1 (22) + MP 2 (22) + MP3 (22) + MP4 (22) + FINAL EXAM (12) = 100

- Exams are an important aspect of the educational program and provide an overview of the student's level of mastery of the subject matter. A thorough review of the material should be undertaken before each exam.
- Only seniors in a full year course (5 credits or more) receiving at least a 90% in each marking period will be exempt from the Final Exam.
- Exams will be two hours in length. Regular morning bus schedules will be in effect.
- Teacher discretion may be utilized in determining the outcome of borderline situations.

Early Exams: Students requesting early exams must submit their acceptance letter from a certified educational program to the grade level assistant principal at least two weeks in advance.

Make-up Exams. Make-up exams are permitted when extenuating circumstances prevent a student from taking the regularly scheduled exam. A request stating the circumstances concerning missed exams must be made to the appropriate grade level assistant principal. Approval to take a make-up exam will then be determined by the appropriate grade level assistant principal. This request must be made within two days after the administering of the regularly scheduled exam. Written requests should include a statement of the extenuating circumstances, a doctor's note and/or other supporting documentation.

GRADING SYSTEM

The grading policy reports grades in whole numbers with the minimum-passing grade being a 65%. Whole numbers will appear on student transcripts with Honors and Advanced Placement courses remaining weighted at 5points for Honors courses, and 10points for Advanced Placement courses.

95-100	Outstanding
90 -94	Excellent
85-89	Very Good
80-84	Above Average
75-79	Average
70-74	Fair
65-69	Below Average
0-64	Not Passing

A grade point average on a 4.0 scale can be provided, if necessary.

Failure: In addition to normal grade averaging, a student who has demonstrated ability and who because of...

- lack of cooperation
- lack of class attendance
- lack of effort
- lack of academic productivity
- failure to take a final exam

....fails the second or fourth marking period of a semester or year course may fail either the first or second semester, respectively. Students have the responsibility to perform the legitimate tasks assigned by their teachers and to consistently strive to achieve excellence. Grades may be affected due to cuts, lateness to class, and unexcused absences.

Course Retakes: *Students are allowed to retake up to three (3) courses in their high school career for grade replacement if they have earned a grade of 65 – 79. The course can be re-enrolled during the subsequent school year or during the summer months following the initial completion of the course for English and World Language. All other courses can be re-enrolled at any time during the student's high school career. If the course is taken through an approved online provider or approved traditional summer school it must be for original credit not for abbreviated credit; this will be at no cost to the district. All courses proposed for grade replacement must be approved by student's counselor and the course department chair. Student's new grade will be replaced on the transcript and no additional credit will be earned. Application for grade replacement is available through the student's counselor. If the grade replacement is taken for NCAA eligibility, please check the eligibility center website and discuss with your counselor.*

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation requirements established by the Board of Education and/or mandated by the State of New Jersey are:

- Each student must carry a minimum of 30 credits per year.
- For purposes of promotion to the next grade, the following amount of credits must be attained by September 1.

Grade 10	30 credits
Grade 11	60 credits
Grade 12	90 credits
Graduation	125 credits

- Required courses:
 - English - four years or eight semesters; (one full-year course or two semester courses must be taken each year);
 - U.S. History - two years or four semesters;
 - World Cultures - one year;
 - Science - three years or 6 semesters;
 - Mathematics - three years or six semesters;
 - Physical/Health/Driver's Education - each year in as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:35-5, 7&8;
 - Financial Literacy
 - At least five credits in visual/performing arts, at least five credits in 21st century life & career arts, and at least five credits in world languages;
 - A passing grade must be achieved on the New Jersey State Graduation Assessment;
 - All debts, fines, obligations, etc., relating to school must be satisfied prior to the issuance of a high school diploma and/or transcripts. This is the responsibility of the student!

GRADUATION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Subject	Credits
English	20
U.S. History	10
World Cultures	5
Physical Education/Health/Driver's Ed.	20
Visual or Performing Arts	5
21st Century Life & Careers	5
Science	15
World Languages	5
Mathematics	15
Electives	22.5
FINANCIAL Literacy	2.5
TOTALS	125

HOME INSTRUCTION

When a student is expected to be absent due to extended illness or injury in excess of ten (10) days, home instruction will be provided by the Board of Education. The following procedure should be utilized when requesting home instruction:

- Parent/guardian must submit a letter of request for home instruction to the child's counselor.
- Parent/guardian must obtain a doctor's note indicating the nature of the illness and the anticipated length of absence.
- Parent/guardian must complete and sign all needed documents.
- When the student is notified that home instruction is to be provided, a time schedule will be arranged for the home instructor to visit the student.

Home instruction will begin after the fourth day of consecutive absences. Home instruction must be confirmed with the home instruction coordinators (Ms. Hurt, ext. 2212, or Ms. Severino, ext.2228).

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES RELATED TO POSSIBLE LOSS OF CREDITS

The school has a responsibility for communicating with parents of students whose attendance patterns may lead to loss of credits. In order to ensure that parents and students are aware of the serious ramifications of excessive absences, the following procedures shall be followed in notifying parents/guardians of students whose attendance patterns could result in the loss of credits. When a student has been absent the Grade Level Assistant Principal will notify the parent or guardian by mail according to the schedule below:

- *three (3) days:* The Grade Level Assistant Principal will notify the parent or guardian of the developing pattern of excessive absences or possible loss of credit.
- *five (5) days:* The Grade Level Assistant Principal will notify the parent or guardian of the developing pattern of excessive absences or possible loss of credit.
- *eight (8) days:* The Grade Level Assistant Principal will inform the parent or guardian that due to “excessive absences” credit is being denied for all *semester courses* in which the student is enrolled. The I and RS process might begin now.
- *ten (10) days:* The Grade Level Assistant Principal will inform the parent or guardian of possible loss of credit due to “excessive absences” if additional unexcused absences occur. At the same time, it will also be stressed that a continuing pattern of “excessive absences” will only further the possibility of the student failing for the year.
- *fourteen (14) days:* The Grade Level Assistant Principal will notify the counselor. The counselor in turn will contact the parent for a conference to discuss the possible failure for all courses in which the student is enrolled due to “excessive absences.”
- *sixteen (16) days:* The Grade Level Assistant Principal will inform the parent or guardian by mail that due to “excessive absences” credit will be withheld for all courses in which the student is enrolled.
- Loss of credit may be appealed through the Grade Level Assistant Principal within five days of receipt of the letter.

RETURNING OF TESTS

Research has shown that when parents are involved with their child’s total educational experience, the child achieves, understands, and succeeds at a higher level. In an effort to foster higher levels of achievement, Piscataway High School established the following procedure for the return of graded tests:

- All **tests and quizzes (excluding quarterly and final examinations)**, including the questions, will be returned to students.
- Students will be permitted and are encouraged to take tests home for parental review.
- The only time tests will not be sent home will be if a child’s teacher is maintaining a student portfolio. Parents can request a specific test to review and return to the teacher.

SCHOOLGY AND PARENT MODULE

You can access teacher sites via schoology. Teachers post calendars, student assignments, and other information on their schoology pages, and teachers update these sites on a regular basis. Parents are encouraged to contact the school to obtain a schoology account, if they do not have one already.

Parents can access their students’ current grade information by signing into Genesis Gradebook using the parent module account. Parents can contact the school to obtain a Genesis account as well.

STUDENT OPTION

In addition to the traditional program, members of the senior class will also be able to choose one of the following options when selecting courses for their senior year:

- **Internship program** - an unpaid internship in some aspect of the adult world of government, business, or the service professions that is designed by the student and approved by their supervisor;
- **Concurrent credit program** - teachers at Piscataway High School become adjunct professors for local colleges and universities. Students will take a college-level class at Piscataway High School for college credit. The cost of tuition is absorbed by the student's family. Dual credit is awarded after successful completion.
- **Off-site college courses** - students enroll in courses at a local college with the cost of tuition absorbed by the student's family.

Applications are available in the reception area, counseling office, or media center.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks issued to students should be cared for with pride, since they are the student's temporary personal property and responsibility.

- Students must print their names in the proper place on book covers. Teachers' names will be written or stamped in the place provided.
- Lost books must be paid for immediately. If the book is found, money will be refunded to the student upon return of the receipt. *NO FINAL REPORT CARD, SCHEDULE, OR TRANSCRIPT WILL BE FORWARDED FOR ANY STUDENT WHO FAILS TO PAY FOR A LOST OR STOLEN BOOK.*
- Fines will be issued for returning a book with any of the below stated (but not limited to) conditions. All fines are not to exceed the cost of the book.
 - a. Torn pages
 - b. Pencil/ink marks
 - c. Torn/broken binding
 - d. Lack of cover continuously
 - e. General dirtiness
 - f. Torn cover/holes in cover
 - g. Book rendered unusable or lost book-replacement cost.
- At the conclusion of the school year/semester, students will be expected to return any textbook issued by the school. Any damage to the book is the responsibility of the student. Costs to repair damages/replace the textbook will be at the discretion of the Department Chair.
- Textbooks may be periodically checked by teachers.

TRIPS

Participation in School-Sponsored Field/Class Trips

Participation in school-sponsored field/class trips is a *privilege*. As the safety of all students is of paramount importance, consistent appropriate behavior is a requirement to qualify students to participate in such trips.

All school rules regarding conduct and attire will be enforced on trips. Additionally, students who are chronically absent from any class or who are chronically tardy may not

be eligible to participate. Students who acquire more than five (5) disciplinary referrals or are involved in a serious incident involving disciplinary action will not be eligible to participate in field trips. Excessive unexcused absences from school and/or class will also disqualify students from attending field trips. A letter of appeal must be written by the parent or guardian to the grade level administrator if they wish to have the decision of ineligibility reviewed.

Chapter 4

Attendance

AFFIDAVITS

Affidavits are documents that verify the residency of those students who:

- are living with residents of Piscataway other than their legal parents/guardians and are fully supported by same.
- are living with a Piscataway resident in conjunction with their parent/guardian.

These affidavits must be renewed yearly. Failure to do so will result in students being dropped from the rolls.

ABSENCE AND LATENESS POLICY

A student must be present in school for a minimum of four hours in order to receive credit for a given school day. Absence from school precludes students from fully engaging in the prescribed course of study and violates the statutes requiring children to attend school. Every parent, guardian, or other person having custody or control of a child between six (6) and sixteen (16) years of age shall cause such a child regularly to attend the public schools of the district. (NJSA 18A 38.25-26). The interruption of the instructional process caused by frequent and/or repeated absence or lateness is a major concern of all involved. It is with this concern in mind that the following attendance regulations exist.

Absence: The non-attendance of a student enrolled in the school district.

Discretionary Absence: Discretionary absences are defined as student-elected absences due to participation in school-approved activities such as, but not limited to: assemblies, rehearsals, class trips, blood drives, etc. Students **MUST** get their work ahead of time from all classes being missed. Additionally, students are responsible for all pre-scheduled assignments on the day that they are assigned. These include any tests, projects, presentations, and papers.

Excessive Absence: Excessive absences are the total of unexcused absences for any reason from school: **16 days** in a full year course or **8 days** in a semester course, or **4 days** in a quarter-year course. Those students who are excessively absent will receive no credit for the course in which they are absent.

Four hours of school attendance on any one day are necessary in order for a student to be marked present. Students must be marked present to be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities for that specific day.

- Students who are absent from school will not be able to participate in school functions or activities for that day.
- If a student is absent from school, it is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher to make up assignments. The work must be handed in within the length of time (number of days) of the absence, e.g. one day absent, one day after the return to school to make up the work.
- Parental notes which document or verify absences due to extended medical treatment, and/or other extenuating circumstances will be considered under the appeals process. ***Parent Notes must be submitted using the "Student Absence Form" which can be found in the attendance office or can be downloaded from the school's website. If the correct form is not used to document an absence, the Grade Level Administrator may not review the student's absence(s).***

Excused Absence: The non-attendance of a student enrolled in the school district will be excused for the following reasons:

- Student illness or accident verified by a doctor's note. The note must be signed by a licensed medical physician, and **must disclose the specific illness or injury preventing school attendance, and the specific days of absence required.**
- A parent note is acceptable for an absence of no more than two consecutive days, **twice per marking period.**
- Death or serious illness in the immediate family (verification submitted);
- Attendance required in court (verification submitted);
- Administratively approved absence;
- School sponsored education activities, sanctioned or approved by the grade level assistant principal.
- College Visitations (verification submitted);
- State approved religious holidays.

The parents of students absent from school are to inform the Attendance Office Ext. 2275 in the West Wing between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Excuse notes (medical, religious, etc.) **MUST BE submitted within ten days upon returning to school.** Upon the students's return to school from an excused absence, the note will be placed in the attendance office to be filed for future reference.

Unexcused Absence: Non-attendance at school for reasons other than stated above; are as follows:

- Vacation - The school cannot condone students or their families scheduling vacations while school is in session. This type of absence is considered unexcused and could lead to mandatory credit recovery hours to obtain credit for the course(s). The staff is not required to provide assignments nor make-up work for students who go on vacations while school is in session.
*Students who will be leaving the state/country for **more** than 10 school days must withdraw. The district cannot guarantee the same placement in class upon their return. The parent/guardian must re-register the student at the Administration Building.
- Student's illness not verified by doctor's note (**or parent note for the first 2 days**)
- Truancy
- Employment
- Visiting
- Shopping
- Driver's test without prior permission
- Seeking employment
- Baby-sitting at home or elsewhere
- Moving
- Working on any school activity without prior permission from the Principal
- Mechanical difficulty of private vehicle
- Other unexcused absences.

Lateness to school is defined as not being in first block class by 7:15 a.m. at which time the late bell is rung. The statutes require attendance at school for all days and hours that school is in session. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to see that his/her child is on time to school. It is the responsibility of the Attendance Office to monitor lateness to school.

Students who arrive after 7:15 will go to the East or West Wing entrance where a teacher on duty will sign them in and issue them a "time stamped" pass for their admittance to their first class. Students who have a span greater than ten minutes from when they receive this pass to when they arrive to class will be considered to be cutting. In addition, **3 unexcused lates equals 1 unexcused absence. When a student is late to school, he/she is subject to an immediate disciplinary consequence at the discretion of the grade level dean/Assistant Principal.**

- Arrangements must be made 24 hours in advance through the Attendance Office for the following appointments: medical, dental, religious, court appearance.
- Lates to school or late to class results in loss of class/instructional time. Unexcused

absences from morning classes due to “lates” may result in loss of credit for the course as per the attendance policy.

• **Disciplinary consequences, including suspension, for lateness is at the discretion of the administration.**

• **Excused Lates**

- Lateness due to emergencies such as power failure, auto accident, late arrival of school bus, or other valid emergencies are excused. Students must provide appropriate documentation to their Grade Level Assistant Principal.

LATES, CUTS AND ABSENCES IN BRIEF

LATE TO BLOCK:

1st to 3rd unexcused tardy

- teacher contacts parent
- third late = 1 unexcused absence from class

4th and 5th unexcused tardy

- teacher issues a referral to the grade level dean

6th unexcused tardy

- referred to dean to review evidence and present information to grade-level assistant principal
- dean contacts parents

CLASS CUTTING:

1st and 2nd offense

- teacher submits referral to dean; dean issues consequence, contacts parents and informs counselor in writing (following review of “cut appeal” form by student - form must be returned within 24 hours to dean for consideration)

3rd offense

- teacher submits referral to dean; dean holds conference with student, parent and counselor

4th offense

- teacher submits referral to dean
- credit for course dropped; attendance recovery file opened

ABSENCES:

Students lose credit for the course if total unexcused absences are reached - please see credit recovery explanation below.

16 day in a full year course

8 days in a semester course

ATTENDANCE RECOVERY

Attendance recovery is an option for students who have lost credit due to excessive absences, cutting and/or lateness but who still have a passing grade in a course. Students will be given the opportunity to make up the required seat time missed due to unexcused absences/lates/cuts, **beginning 4/16/18**. *Students cannot bank days ahead of time.*

Attendance recovery is just about meeting the mandated New Jersey requirement for seat time. The rigor, competencies and mastery levels of individual courses are established and maintained by the classroom teacher. **In order for a student to be enrolled in the program the following must be satisfied:**

1. Grade-level AP has removed credits due to attendance criteria
2. Student must have a passing grade in the course requesting recovery.
3. The student must have applied to the program and signed the contract so that they understand the requirements of the program, **including no additional lates to school for the remainder of the school year.**

Participation in the program is subject to the approval of the grade level AP.

After School Attendance Recovery lasts 2 hours in room 146 of the West Wing on designated dates at the culmination of each marking period (dates TBA). Saturday Attendance

Recovery lasts for 4 hours and is held in the Patton Cafeteria at the culmination of each marking period (dates TBA).

Any student participating in Attendance Recovery must make up the total amount of seat time missed. For example, if you are 2 absences over the maximum, you owe 8 hours. Absences as a result of excessive tardies, will result in one hour of required seat time per absence.

SEE THE GRADE-LEVEL DEAN FOR ATTENDANCE RECOVERY PROCEDURE.

- The second level of appeal is through the Attendance Appeals Board, which is established by the Grade Level Assistant Principal. The Appeals Board will be charged with the responsibility for rendering recommendations related to all appeals.
 - It is recommended that the Attendance Appeals Board be composed of the following:
 - Student's counselor
 - Administration
 - One (1) teacher
- The Administration will summarize the recommendations of the Attendance Appeals Board in writing.
- The successive order of an appeal should be as follows:
 - Assistant Principal who withdrew credit,
 - Appeals Committee, then Principal

LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE DAY

For the protection of all, students may leave school *ONLY* under the following conditions:

- Permission has been obtained from one of the administrators in cases of emergency.
 - Permission has been obtained from the nurse. See Health Services.
 - Notes requesting an early dismissal have been brought to the Attendance Office prior to 8:30 a.m. for verification.**
 - Arrangements have been made to be excused from school for medical appointments. The student should submit a note from the doctor, dentist, etc. upon return to school.
 - Involvement in special classes scheduled for vocational cooperative work programs. Students leaving school must sign out in the Attendance Office (West Wing). Students leaving school grounds illegally will be disciplined in accordance with the discipline policy.
- Attendance in school of at least four (4) hours is necessary for the student to be counted present for the day. Parents/guardians will be requested to present ID when signing students out. **More than five sign-outs per year are viewed as excessive. These issues will be addressed by the appropriate grade-level administrator with the student and the parent/guardian. Excessive signouts may result in loss of credits.**

NOTE: Early dismissals are permitted only with parental consent.

PASSES FROM CLASS

Students are to be excused from class only in an emergency for which a pass will be issued. Going to lockers for books, paper, pencils, etc., should be done during passing time. It is the responsibility of the student to come to class fully prepared.

PROCEDURE FOR EXCUSE FROM PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

All students are scheduled for physical education during the school year. The nurse will review all requests not to participate in physical education. An alternative assignment will be provided by the physical education teacher. In order to be excused from physical education, students must have:

- A detailed physician's note stating the limits of possible student activity and describing the extent of the injury or illness which can only apply to the immediate past absence or to current circumstances;
- The nurse's assessment that it is necessary to be excused for a single period.

A medical excuse detailing the limits of student activity is valid during the current school year only. Students will receive physical education credit only for the time they are active participants which can include assignments in keeping with the CCCS for Health and Physical Education.

The nurse may issue a "Physical Education Excuse" on the appropriate form which will then be presented to the physical education teacher by the student.

TRANSFER AND WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

Students who are transferring to another school or any student who is at least sixteen (16) years old and intends to withdraw from school may obtain a withdrawal card from the counseling office. Students must:

- Submit a withdrawal card **signed** by their parent/guardian.
- Submit release card to Counseling office **signed** by all appropriate teachers and House Assistant Principal verifying the return of all school property.

When the above procedure is completed, the school will forward all records including the student's discipline file, to any other school, prospective employer or the Armed Services.

Chapter 5

Discipline

CLASS CUTTING

A cut is defined as missing a class, or a portion of a class, without permission of the teacher of that class. The following are considered cuts:

- * Arriving ten or minutes late to class without a pass
 - Once a student is missing from class for more than ten minutes, the main office/security office will be notified.
 - * Leaving the room before the dismissal bell without permission
 - * Remaining out of the classroom for an extended period of time without good reason
- 3 TARDIES = 1 CUT**

DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES

There are measures used to enforce the discipline policies. Transportation to and from detentions is the sole responsibility of students and their parents/guardians. Students assigned to detention will not be permitted to ride the afternoon activity bus. When detention has concluded, students will be escorted out of the building by the teacher overseeing detention that day. Students participating in a school sponsored activity after detention must get to the appropriate location within six minutes.

- **Teacher Detention** - After school time is assigned to students and monitored by individual teachers for up to one hour. Failure to attend teacher detention will result in the assignment of a detention assigned by the Dean or Grade Level Assistant Principal.
- **Detention** - After school time is assigned to students by the Dean, administration, or the attendance coordinators for approximately two hours. Deans and Grade Level Assistant Principals may assign Detention(s) for a variety of disciplinary infractions. Students are to report to the detention room no later than 2:00 p.m. where they will be monitored by the detention teacher. Students who are absent

from school on the day of detention are responsible for meeting with their grade level dean before reporting to class on the day they return to school. Failure to report to Detention can result in an out-of-school suspension following a meeting with the Dean or Grade Level Assistant Principal.

- **ICE - Isolated Classroom Experience** - Students are assigned to the ICE program for part or all of the day. Instead of attending regular classes, students report directly to the ICE room where work will be provided. Parents are notified through written and verbal communication as to the reason their child has been placed in ICE. Every effort is made to make a follow up contact. A student's attendance in ICE may not exceed 6 days in one school year. After 6 days of ICE, all suspendable offenses will result in out-of-school suspension. **Out-of-School Suspension** - The student is not allowed to attend school for up to ten days. Students are not permitted on school grounds and are not eligible to participate in ANY school function while in suspension. This is considered trespassing. All students who are suspended from school are **required** to participate in a conference with their parent or guardian upon their return. Students will be required to sign a Co and Extra Curricular Suspension (CECS) contract upon readmit conference to explain conditions of possible loss of extra curricular activities.

Anyone removed from Detention/ICE for misconduct will be Suspended from school and will be required to serve the original consequence upon return to school. If a student is suspended and on school property for any reason he/she is trespassing and will be treated accordingly.

Suspensions and Loss of Privileges:

- Any student who has received a long term suspension, or change of placement, as a result of an egregious act, or has been suspended on 2 or more occasions during a school year will lose privileges for all extra curricular activities/privileges for the remainder of the school year. Participation in graduation ceremonies, the senior trip, project graduation, parking permits, the prom, and other such activities are not entitlements, they are privileges. Seniors may request an appeal of any loss of privileges for academic or disciplinary reasons within ten school days of notification of loss of privileges. The decisions reached by the appeals committee are final.
- Students failing to report to Detention may receive a Co-curricular and Extra Curricular Suspension (CECS) for a period of 5 consecutive school days. This will not count toward the 2 OSS allotment for loss of privileges. This includes all participation on teams, in clubs, etc. In addition, students may lose certain privileges for a period of time as a consequence of their behavior (i.e. bus transportation, co-curricular activities, etc.).
- Students who have obtained 20 or more tardies and/or 17 or more absences to school will surrender their ability to participate in any/all extra-curricular clubs/activities/athletics and will surrender all privileges.
- Students will also receive CECS for non-violent and non-drug related offenses in lieu of OSS.

OFF-LIMIT AREAS

Before, during, and after school hours the following areas are off-limits except during a fire or other emergency.

West Wing:

- Intersection located by the gym and counseling office suite.
- Stairwells.
- Any other unsupervised area.

East Wing:

- Stairwells

- Any other unsupervised area.

South Wing:

- Any unsupervised area.

The following consequences will be imposed if the above off-limit areas are violated.

- First offense - warning.
- Second offense - detention.
- Third offense - Referral to the Dean.
- Other repeated offenses may result in suspension.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

The following dress code has been established in an effort to bring about an atmosphere conducive to better learning, self respect, and a sense of responsibility. The dress code sets forth basic requirements for good grooming. Students representing the high school on field trips, public functions, etc. must adhere to this policy.

- Students (male and female) are NOT - except for religious observance - to wear head coverings in the building, e.g. hats, scarves, bandannas, headbands, sweat bands, wave caps, hoods, etc.
- Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times on school grounds and in school buildings. Students are cautioned about wearing shoes which may pose a safety hazard such as flip flops or stiletto heels.
- Low-cut tops are not acceptable, and should not be worn.
- See-through blouses, halters, bare midriffs, spaghetti-strap outfits, and sleeveless undergarments are not acceptable. Tank tops are permissible as long as the straps are at least two fingers wide. **SHIRTS OR BLOUSES MUST NOT BE CUT SO LOW/HIGH AS TO REVEAL CLEAVAGE, ABDOMEN/BELLY BUTTON, OR BACK.**
- Micro-miniskirts and short shorts are not acceptable. The hem of skirts/shorts must fall to at least the middle of the thigh (*equal distance from the hip and the knee*).
- No student shall be allowed to wear clothing or other apparel which can be used as a weapon.
- Slashed pants **SHOULD NOT BE WORN**. **Students may be asked to change.**
- Tights, leggings or other skin-tight or form-fitting garments **CAN NOT BE WORN unless they are covered by skirts or shorts that extend to the end of the fingertips with arms down and extended.**
- **THE BELT LINE OF PANTS MUST BE AT YOUR HIPS**
- Articles of clothing and/or buttons, etc. which have indecent, provocative, inflammatory, or profane writing, pictures, or slogans are not acceptable. Any clothing promoting or depicting substance use/abuse or weapons is inappropriate.
- Wearing of multiple fingered or over sized rings is not acceptable.
- Tinted glasses or sun glasses may be worn only if they are prescription lenses. No goggles are permitted.
- No gloves may be worn in class or in the buildings.
- Gang-like attire is not permitted.
- No pajamas are to be worn at any time. This includes "lounging pants." No slippers are to be worn at any time.
- Cheerleaders must wear tights on days when they wear their uniform skirts in school.
- No underwear can be worn as outer wear. No undergarments should be exposed.

Any student who is not in compliance with the Student Dress Code can be excluded from class and school activities, and will be required to change. Failure to change/adhere to the school dress code will result in a disciplinary consequence at the discretion of the grade level dean/Assistant Principal.

STUDENT SEARCHES

Students may be searched in accordance with the administrative guidelines. Copies of the guidelines are available in the Reception Area. (Board Policy 5145.12) **School lockers are the property of the Board of Education and are subject to search at any time.**

Student motor vehicles parked on school premises are also subject to search.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Students are prohibited from possessing, consuming or distributing drugs or alcohol in any form while at school, on school grounds, while attending a school related function on or off campus, and when coming to and going from school.

Infraction of these rules are cause for one or all of the following: suspension (four days first offense, eight days second offense), police report, counseling.

- Substance shall mean alcoholic beverages, controlled dangerous substances as defined in N.J.S.A. 24:21-2 or any chemical compound which releases vapors or fumes causing a condition of intoxication, inebriation, excitement, stupefaction, or dulling of the brain or nervous system, including, but not limited to, glue containing a solvent having the property of releasing toxic vapors or fumes as defined in N.J.S.A.2A:170-25.9.

- Any student suspected of being under the influence of a substance will be brought to the attention of an administrator. An immediate medical examination and drug/alcohol testing of the student needs to be administered for the purposes of providing appropriate health care and for determining whether the student is under the influence of any illegal substance. A written report of the medical examination and drug/alcohol tests shall be submitted to the administrator within 24 hours of the referral of the student for suspected alcohol/drug use.

- Under N.J.S.A.6A:16-4.3(g), a student's refusal to cooperate in the substance screening procedures will be treated as a "policy violation" and will be treated as a "positive" test. Appropriate discipline consequences will be rendered.

SUSPENSION/CUMULATIVE SUSPENSION POLICY

Serious or repeated violations of basic school rules and regulations will result in suspension. The school authorities reserve the right to press formal charges when a student's behavior is a clear danger to others or for other just cause.

Chronic Student Discipline Problems

A student who has not modified his/her unacceptable behavior after conferencing, counseling, parent notification and assignment of detentions and suspension, will be considered to be at the chronic discipline level.

Out-of-school suspensions will be the next resulting action and will be issued in accordance with the following schedule:

Level one: Student/parent/guardian notified in writing.

Level two: Short term out-of-school suspension.

Level three: Short term out-of-school suspension.

Level four: Long term out-of school suspension. Parent/guardian must have meeting with the Grade Level Assistant Principal. Student will not be permitted to return until the meeting is held.

After the next suspendable infraction, the student may be recommended for court action, alternative education placement, or withdrawal from school.

- * Students removed from a class due to chronic discipline problems will receive a grade of a WF on their transcript. The student will not be permitted to take the course in summer school and must wait until the next school year to retake the course.

- * It should be noted that acts of open defiance, disrespect, fighting, vandalism, or other serious offenses will result in immediate suspension of up to ten days, regardless of whether or not the student was previously deemed to be at the chronic discipline level.

CRITERIA FOR EXCLUSION FROM PISCATAWAY HIGH SCHOOL

Conduct which shall constitute good cause for suspension or expulsion of a pupil guilty of such conduct shall include, but not be limited to, any of the following:

- Continued and willful disobedience;
- Actively pursuing/observing inappropriate student behavior with the intent to encourage/observe.
- Open defiance of the authority of any teacher or person having authority over him/her;
- Conduct of such character as to constitute a continuing danger to the physical well-being of other pupils;
- Physical assault upon another pupil;
- Taking or attempting to take personal property or money from another pupil or from his presence by means of force or fear;
- Willfully causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to school property.
- Habitual use of profanity or obscene language/gestures.
- Vandalism of school property.

Potential Consequences:

- Interim 45-day placement in PS3/outside of PHS;
- Home instruction;
- One-year out-of-district placement;
- Recommendation for Child Study Team Evaluation;
- Piscataway Emergency Pupil Assistance Program Evaluation.

PS3: *Students are expected to behave in a manner that is conducive to our educational setting at all times. Those students who consistently display egregious behaviors can be recommended for our school's PS3 program. It is at the grade level administrator's discretion to recommend a student for the program. Pending the approval of the building Principal and Assistant Superintendent, a student can be placed in PS3*

When deemed appropriate the administration will also consider signing a complaint with the Piscataway Police in addition to recommending the student for exclusion. Schools must be safe for everyone; therefore, the administration will do everything possible to maintain a safe and secure environment (Title 18A:37-2).

PISCATAWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT GRADES 9-12

Introduction

The Piscataway School District is committed to providing every student with the opportunity to attend school in an environment that is safe, free of violence and drugs and conducive to learning. This goal is of the highest priority because excellence in education cannot be achieved unless schools and classrooms are safe and orderly. **The Code of Conduct was developed to foster positive student development and to define student behavioral expectations on school grounds, including on school buses and at school-sponsored functions and, as appropriate, conduct away from school grounds.** All students, staff, and parents of the district must fully understand the expectations for student behavior while in attendance in our schools, while attending school-sponsored activities, or while riding on transportation systems serving the school district.

When a student's behavior falls short of expectations, it must be corrected if all students are to obtain maximum benefit from our educational offerings. The Piscataway School District is prepared to assist these students with fair and consistent discipline strategies that are designed to change undesired behaviors while ensuring the rights of all. We

expect all students, staff, and parents to comply fully with the regulations and procedures contained in this Code of Student Conduct, so that our schools will be free of any activity that threatens the health, safety, or welfare of the school community.

We understand the importance of regular student attendance at school. Therefore, whenever appropriate, we will exercise a variety of disciplinary interventions to correct student misbehavior in lieu of exclusion from school. However, we understand that some misconduct is of such a serious nature that a student must be removed from the school in order to preserve the safety and order of the school and the well being of the student and others.

We entrust the safety of each of our children to the principals of our schools. We support the Principals’/Administrators’ efforts to maintain safe and caring learning environments where students and staff can interact free of disruption and unnecessary distractions. The Code of Student Conduct is applicable in all situations where principals and school staffs have jurisdiction over students while they are in our schools, on their way to or from our schools, on our school buses on our school premises, and at all of our school-sponsored events on and off premises.

The responsibility to create and maintain a safe school environment rests with the principal/administration in collaboration with staff, students, parents, and the school community. Effective schools have established practices and routines that teach and reinforce appropriate school and classroom behaviors. These practices and routines pertain to each school, and we anticipate that they will be fully supported by all members of the school community. The Code of Student Conduct represents a proactive approach to safe school development that encourages student self-discipline, thereby minimizing the use of exclusionary interventions for violations of the Code of Student Conduct.

Included with this introduction please find our 9-12 Code of Conduct Policy at a glance. The K-12 districtwide Code of Conduct Policy has been distributed in its entirety under separate cover to all families in our district.

These consequences are the **minimum** for the infraction listed; however, the building principal or Administration may enhance the penalty as necessary, in the reasonable exercise of their discretion, to reflect the severity of the offense. In exercising discretion whether to enhance the minimum penalty, the Administration may consider the entirety of a student’s disciplinary record throughout his or her enrollment in the school system, to the extent relevant to the proper consequence for the infraction at hand.

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND
Assault on a school employee - crime of violence against another person BOE Policy 5131.5	HS	Parent notification Long-term suspension Police notification Possible expulsion	Parent notification Police notification 45 day interim placement out of district Possible expulsion

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND
Bomb Threats – crime of initiation or accomplice to the execution of bomb threats on school grounds BOE Policy 5131	HS	Parent notification Long-term suspension Police notification Possible expulsion	Parent notification Police notification 45 day interim placement out of district Possible expulsion

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Bullying, Harassment & Intimidation/Hazing – any gesture or written, verbal or physical act perceived as motivated by race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or a mental, physical or sensory handicap or by any other distinguishing characteristic that takes place on school grounds, at any school sponsored function or while traveling on school transportation. BOE Policy 5131.1 (See full definition on page 12 and the Policy in the district website for additional consequences)	HS	Parent notification Meeting with counselor Conference with SRO	Parent notification Counseling Short-term suspension	Parent notification Long term suspension Police complaint Alternative Placement

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Bus Conduct – causing any disruption while traveling on school transportation which is against the school and student transportation guidelines. (See School Bus Rules and Safety Guidelines listed on the district's Web site.) BOE Policy 5131.5	HS	Parent notification One week removal from bus	Parent notification One month removal from bus	Parent notification Indefinite removal from bus Short Term Suspension

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Cheating – lying, deceiving, fraud, trickery, imposture or imposition to create an unfair advantage in one's own interest and often at the expense of others BOE Policy 5131	HS	Parent notification Short-term suspension Community service Loss of academic credit	Parent notification Short-term suspension Community service Loss of academic credit	Parent notification Long-term suspension Community service Loss of academic credit

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Cyber-Bullying – harassment by computer on school grounds or any off- campus activity that has adverse affect on the safety and well being of a student while on school grounds. Consequences may be adjusted based on nature of message. BOE Policy 5131 & 5131.1	HS	Parent notification Meeting with counselor Conference with SRO Detention	Parent notification Short-term suspension Possible Prosecution	Parent notification Long-term suspension Police complaint Possible prosecution

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Disorderly Conduct – any act or behavior that disrupts the orderly conduct of the school function, learning environment, poses a threat to the health, safety and/or welfare of students, staff or others BOE Policy 5131	HS	Parent notification Detention	Parent notification ICE Short-term suspension	Parent notification Long-term suspension Possible expulsion

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Disruption of school – any act or behavior that disrupts the orderly conduct of the school function, learning environment, poses a threat to the health, safety and/or welfare of students, staff or others BOE Policy 5131 & 5131.5	HS	Parent notification Detention	Parent notification ICE Short-term suspension	Parent notification Long-term suspension Possible expulsion

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Electronic Devices – open display or use of any electronic device not sanctioned by the school district BOE Policy 5131	HS	Item confiscated by teacher, given to student at end of class	Parent notification Item confiscated, parent pick up required	Parent notification Item confiscated, parent pickup required

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Extortion - Taking or attempting to take property or money from another individual by force or intimidation BOE Policy 5131	HS	Parent notification Meeting with counselor Conference with SRO Police complaint Detention	Parent notification Central detention Police complaint Short-term suspension	Parent notification Long-term suspension Police complaint 45 day interim placement out of district

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
False Allegations – claim made from deliberate falsehood against another. The age and developmental maturity of the student should be considered. BOE Policy 5131	HS	Parent notification Meeting with counselor Conference with SRO Detention	Parent notification ICE Short-term suspension	Parent notification Long-term suspension Possible expulsion

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Fighting –initiating or responding to physical confrontation BOE Policy 5131.5	HS	Parent notification Short-term suspension Community service	Parent notification Long-term suspension Community service	Parent notification Long-term suspension Community service

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Fire Alarms – tampering of district fire alarms BOE Policy 5131.5	HS	Parent notification Short-term suspension Police complaint 45 day interim placement	Parent notification Short-term suspension Police complaint 45 day interim placement	Parent notification Long-term suspension Police complaint 45 day interim placement Expulsion hearing

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND
Fireworks/Chemicals – criminal possession or activation of explosives or chemicals on school grounds BOE Policy 5131 & 5131.5	HS	Parent notification Short-term suspension Police complaint Possible prosecution	Parent notification Long-term suspension Police complaint 45 day interim placement Prosecution

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Food Fighting – inappropriate handling of food anywhere on school grounds BOE Policy 5131	HS	Parent notification Short-term suspension Community service	Parent notification Short-term suspension Community service	Parent notification Long-term suspension Community service

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Forgery – alterations made on any type of school material, e.g. Passes, notes, grades, etc. BOE Policy 5131	HS	Parent notification Teacher detention	Parent notification Detention	Parent notification In-school suspension

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Gambling – wagering of money or something of material value with the primary intent of winning additional money or material goods BOE Policy 5114	HS	Parent notification Detention	Parent notification Short-term suspension	Parent notification Long-term suspension

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND
Gang/Group Fight – a group of loosely organized individuals controlling a territory or turf with the readiness to use violence against others BOE Policy 5131 & 5131.5	HS	Parent notification Short-term suspension Community service Possible police charges	Parent notification Long-term suspension Police complaint 45 day interim placement

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Insubordination / Open Defiance – negative or inappropriate responses to reasonable request from any adult BOE Policy 5131	HS	Parent notification Short-term suspension	Parent notification Short-term suspension	Parent notification Short or Long-term suspension

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
High Tech Tampering – willful and deliberate access and tampering with district databases including any violations to the Acceptable Use Policy. BOE Policy 6142.10	HS	Parent notification Supervised computer usage Non-participation in school activities Short-term suspension Police notification	Parent notification Supervised computer usage Non-participation in school activities Short-term suspension Police notification	Parent notification Supervised computer usage Non-participation in school activities Long-term suspension Police notification Prosecution

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Plagiarism – representation of the words or ideas of another as one's own without their permission or knowledge BOE Policy 5131	HS	Parent notification Short-term suspension Community service Loss of academic credit	Parent notification Short-term suspension Community service Loss of academic credit	Parent notification Long-term suspension Community service Loss of academic credit

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Profanity/Inappropriate Language – use of obscene language, gesturing, profanity, suggestive comments, either written or verbal BOE Policy 5114	HS	Parent notification Teacher detention	Parent notification Central Detention	Parent notification In-school suspension Community Service

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Sexual Harassment – any unwelcome sexual advances or suggestions, request for sexual favors, and verbal or physical contacts of a sexual nature BOE Policy 5145.4	HS	Parent notification Meeting with counselor Conference with SRO	Parent notification Short-term suspension Police complaint	Parent notification Long-term suspension Police complaint 45 day interim placement

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Smoking/Possession of Tobacco Products – criminal possession or use of tobacco products on school grounds BOE Policy 5131.6	HS	Parent notification Short-term suspension Meeting with counselor	Parent notification Short-term suspension Meeting with counselor	Parent notification Long-term suspension Meeting with counselor

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Snowball Fighting – throwing of snowballs anywhere on school grounds BOE Policy 5131	HS	Parent notification Short-term suspension Community service	Parent notification Short-term suspension Community service	Parent notification Long-term suspension Community service

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Selling/Distributing of Alcohol or other Drugs – criminal possession, consumption or distribution of drugs or alcohol in any form any where on school grounds, while attending school sponsored activities or while traveling on school transportation BOE Policy 5131 & 5131.6	HS	Parent notification Short-term suspension Police notification	Parent notification Short-term suspension Police complaint	Parent notification Long-term suspension Police complaint Possible expulsion

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Substance Abuse – criminal possession, consumption or distribution of drugs or alcohol in any form any where on school grounds, while attending school sponsored activities or while traveling on school transportation BOE Policy 5131 & 5131.6	HS	Parent notification Short-term suspension Testing Meeting with counselor Police notification*	Parent notification Short-term suspension Testing Meeting with counselor Police notification*	Parent notification Long-term suspension Testing Meeting with counselor Police notification*

*As required by Uniform Memorandum of Agreement

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND
Terrorist Threats – criminal threat to commit one of the following offenses, homicide, assault, sexual assault, robbery, kidnapping or arson with the purpose of placing others in imminent fear BOE Policy 5131.5	HS	Parent notification Short-term suspension Police complaint Possible prosecution	Parent notification Police notification 45 day interim placement out of district Possible expulsion

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Theft – unauthorized taking of another’s belongings or school property BOE Policy 5131	HS	Parent notification Short-term suspension Community service	Parent notification Short-term suspension Community service Police notification	Parent notification Long-term suspension Community service Police complaint

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Truancy – being present on school grounds without signing in or being away from school or class without authorization BOE Policy 5114 & 6146	HS	Parent notification Detention Community service	Parent notification Detention Community service	Parent notification Conference with principal and Counselor Referral to truant officer Loss of academic credit

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND	3RD
Vandalism – deliberately damaging or defacing of school property or any individual’s property BOE Policy 5131 & 5131.5	HS	Parent notification Short-term suspension Community service	Parent notification Short-term suspension Community service Police notification	Parent notification Long-term suspension Community service Police notification

OFFENSE	LEVEL	1ST	2ND
Weapons and Dangerous Instruments – criminal possession or transmitting of any kind of weapon on school grounds. (See page 13.) BOE Policy 5131 & 5131.7	HS	Parent notification Short-term suspension Police notification	Parent notification Police notification 45 day interim placement Possible expulsion

Chapter 6

Services

CAFETERIA

Food services are available to all students and staff. All snacks and lunches, whether purchased at school or brought from home, must be eaten in designated areas. No food or drink may be consumed outside the cafeteria. No glass bottles will be allowed in the school at any time. Students may buy a variety of lunches. *Students may only eat breakfast in the wing in which they are assigned first period. Students must eat lunch in the wing to which they are assigned.* Students must remain in the cafeteria throughout their assigned lunch periods.

CAFETERIA PROCEDURES

The following procedures have been put into place to ensure the safety and respect the

rights of all individuals. We are instituting student service initiatives for exemplary cafeteria conduct. **9th and 10th grade students are expected to eat lunch in the Patton Cafeteria. 11th and 12th grade students are expected to eat lunch in the Anthony Cafeteria. Any student who is found to be in the wrong cafeteria will be subject to a disciplinary consequence.**

We do not tolerate the throwing of food or any other object at anyone or anything at anytime. **Violators of this policy will be subject to a 10 day out-of-school suspension.**

All food and drink must be consumed in designated areas. **Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action.**

Students are responsible for clearing their trays and disposing of any garbages on their tables. **Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action.**

Students purchasing food must stand in line and wait their turn. **Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action.**

Students must remove outer jackets or book bags before going in line to purchase food. **Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action.**

Students must pay for their lunch or use a debit account. Debit services are available to all students and can be purchased by check through the cafeteria manager. Any student who has a negative account balance on a given day should see their grade level Assistant Principal or Dean to discuss the inability to access Genesis, as well as other important documents such as interim and marking period report cards.

COMPUTER USE AND INTERNET ACCESS

Students will use their own devices as well as district computers as a tool during their high school careers. These technological devices will be used by teachers for instruction and by students in both directed and non-directed activities. **All students will need parent/guardian consent and agreement to use computers and the Internet. Only students who return a signed parent/guardian consent form may have access to computers at Piscataway High School.**

COUNSELING

The high school offers a comprehensive, proactive program of school counseling. Services include educational and career planning/support, prevention and intervention activities related to personal and social development and life skills training in such areas as decision-making, social problem-solving, and communication. The school counselors provide individual and group counseling sessions to assist young people in the areas of “learning to learn, learning to earn, and learning to live.”

Counselors also serve as consultants for teachers, administrators, and parents/guardians. This partnership is key to each student’s success in high school. Parent/guardian perceptions are important, and parents/guardians are encouraged to speak with the counselor on the phone or to arrange an appointment to meet in person. The counselor is also available to offer referrals regarding school and community resources, when necessary.

Each student is assigned a counselor who will work with the student and family for the entire four-year high school experience.

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENING ACTIVITIES

- Request forms must be submitted to the Assistant Principal in charge of activities and to the Bookkeeper for calendar maintenance.
- Notification and approval of any activity must be given two (2) weeks prior to the event.
- Adequate staff supervision and police protection must be arranged for and paid for by the sponsoring group.
- All school rules and regulations will apply.

- All activities should have a specific goal.
- A program proposal must be submitted to the Assistant Principal in charge of activities.
- **Absolutely no tickets may be sold at the door.**
- All tickets must be approved by the Assistant Principal in charge of activities before being copied/distributed. School rules must be printed on the back of all tickets.

THE HAVEN

Beginning in September 2010 Mental Health Counseling Services are provided to the Piscataway School District through a partnership with Rutgers University Graduate School of Applied Professional Psychology. The clinic is located in the East Wing of the high school. Referrals to the program are made by the school counselors.

HEALTH SERVICES

The high school has nurses to assist students who become ill or injured at school. A pass to the Health Office should be obtained from the teacher. Referral to the parent/guardian will be made for subsequent care as necessary.

It is imperative that the nurses have current telephone/cell numbers in the event that emergency contact must be made.

Only prescription medication may be taken in school and must be kept in the Health Office. Doctor's and parent's requests must be kept on file.

Students who are referred to the nurse because of health-related issues that occur during the school day will be sent home under the following circumstances:

- after assessment, the nurse has determined that the student is unable to continue with the school day;
- the student has a communicable disease which has not abated;
- the Administrator and the Nurse have determined that because of a health-related situation, the student's presence in the school should be terminated for the day.

Use of the elevator for disabled students must be arranged by the East and West Wing nurse.

ID CARDS

- ID cards are the official Piscataway High School identification card and are to be carried at all times while on the high school premises. The ID card is to be presented upon the request of an official or authorized representative of the school. Failure to do so is considered an act of insubordination/open defiance
- It will be necessary to use the ID card to check out books or materials from the Piscataway High School Library.
- Report lost ID cards to the Grade Level Assistant Principal/Dean. A replacement fee of \$5.00 is required.

IMMUNIZATION

Chapter 14 of the State Sanitary Code mandates and the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services regulates immunization requirements for attendance at school. Official documentation of the dates of immunizations must be submitted. No student will be enrolled provisionally without documentation of at least one dose of Diptheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, and Meningococcal for students born after 1/1/1997.

LATE BUSESSES

Three activity busses will leave the high school grounds at approximately 3:30PM and 4:30PM. Two busses, *Arbor and Williams Street*, will take students to the north end of town. The other, *Heights*, will service the south end of town. Students **must** obtain an activity bus pass in order to board the busses. Only students entitled to bussing per district/

state policy may ride the activity bus. Students participating in a school-sponsored after school activity can obtain a bus pass from their teacher/advisor only. "Teachers/advisors should release students from their club/activity no earlier than ten minutes before the late bus arrival time. Teachers/advisors are also responsible for escorting students to the designating holding area for late bus pick-ups. Students serving detentions are not permitted to ride the activity bus.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

The high school library media center is open to all students during and after school. The library in the East Wing will remain open until 2:55 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday for the following reasons:

Database and Internet Research;
Browsing, reading books, magazines, etc.;
Receiving help with references;
Making copies of material;

Responsibilities must be assumed by students for the return of material and equipment to the appropriate place, payment of book fines levied on overdue books, and for cooperation in maintaining respect and a dignified atmosphere. Tutoring is available in the library on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays after school.

LOCKERS

Locker assignments are made for each student for the entire school year. For students' own protection, no valuable articles should be left in the lockers, and the combinations should remain private information. Locker access should not be shared with anyone since students are responsible for any and all items found in their lockers. The Board of Education is not responsible for any personal items which may be stolen. Since the lockers are the property of the Board of Education, school officials do maintain a master list of all locker combinations. School lockers shall be the subject of periodic inspections by school officials to maintain the health, safety, and welfare of the school community. Students may not go to their lockers during lunch or when classes are in session.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

FOR THE CLASSES OF 2017 & 2018

Election to the National Honor Society is one of the highest academic honors attainable in high school. Seniors and Juniors with a grade average of 85% or better are eligible. These students must complete an appropriate information sheet and submit it to the faculty selection committee in accordance with published guidelines. The faculty committee will evaluate *character, scholarship, leadership, and service* to determine the quality and quantity of these activities. It should be remembered that the student will be considered for membership based on all four requirements.

Members must maintain the standards by which they were selected and meet other obligations as determined by the chapter. Failure to maintain these standards and to fulfill the chapter obligations may be reasons for dismissal. Other reasons for dismissal include a grade average that drops below 85%, violation of civil law or school rules, and academic dishonesty.

FOR THE CLASSES OF 2019 & BEYOND

Election to the National Honor Society is one of the highest academic honors attainable in high school. Seniors and Juniors with a grade average of 90% or better, and must have taken or be currently enrolled in at least 4 or more AP (Ad. Placement) or Honors courses are eligible. These students must complete an appropriate information sheet and submit it to the faculty selection committee in accordance with published guidelines. The faculty committee (comprised of the advisors, staff members from each department, and the school's counseling department) will evaluate *character, scholarship, leadership, and service* to determine the quality and quantity of these activities beginning in May of a student's Junior Year. It should be remembered that the student will be considered for membership based on

all four requirements. Students will be notified of their eligibility by mail and will receive instructions and a form to be completed as part of the selection process. Documentation of 30 hours of required community service must also be submitted. Additionally, candidates must be active participants of no less than five extracurricular activities by the completion of their junior year.

Members must maintain the standards by which they were selected and meet other obligations as determined by the chapter. Failure to maintain a grade average of 90% or better, the standards put forth by the society, or the inability to fulfill the chapter obligations may be reasons for dismissal. Students found to be in violation of civil law, school rules, or academic dishonesty will be subject to disciplinary action/expulsion from the organization.

Students have the right to appeal all decisions regarding the National Honor Society to the high school principal.

SUMMER SCHOOL AND SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Piscataway High School encourages students who fail courses to make them up in a PHS approved summer school program. However, if students receive a WF they will automatically be denied permission to attend summer school in a specific subject area. Students are allowed to enroll in two summer school classes with the permission of the student's counselor.

Students taking Mathematics or English summer school classes must take a competency exam at the high school after completing their summer courses in order to get credit for the course. Contact the counseling office for details.

Courses that are taken by students in summer school or online to show **grade improvement** will be noted on the student's transcript; however NO credit will be given and the grade will NOT be averaged in the GPA. The original course will remain on the transcript, maintain the credit and grade. Courses that are taken by students in summer school or online for **credit recovery**, and earn a passing grade including passing the district competency exam in English or Math, credit WILL be awarded on the student's transcript and the grade WILL be averaged in the GPA. The original course will remain on the transcript showing zero earned credits and a failing grade.

The Summer Enrichment Programs provide high quality academic reinforcement and enrichment classes for students. Interested students and their families can contact the counseling office for information.

TUTORING

Tutoring is available for all students Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school in the East Wing Library. A full complement of subject area teachers, Rutgers Tutors, and National Honor Society volunteers are available for tutoring.

Chapter 7

Formal Reporting/Testing FORMAL REPORTING

Students will receive a grade for each course at the end of every marking period as follows:

Marking Period	Interim Reports Sent	Marking Period Ends	Report Cards to Students
1st	10/10/17	11/8/17	11/28/17
2nd	12/19/17	1/30/18	2/13/18
3rd	3/6/18	4/13/18	4/27/18
4th	5/22/18	6/21/18	6/21/18

TENTATIVE EXAM SCHEDULE

Final and/or Semester Exams
6/13/17 through 6/20/18 - Half Days
All dates are subject to change.

SAT AND ACT TESTING DATES

SAT: 10/1; 11/5; 12/3; 1/21; 3/11; 5/6; 6/3

ACT: 9/10; 10/22; 12/10; 2/11; 4/8; 6/10

PSAT October 11, 2017

STATE TESTING 4/17/18 - 5/4/18

AP Examination Schedule 5/7/18 - 5/18/18

Chapter 8

Athletics, Clubs and Activities

ADVISORS

SGA: Ms. Chilakos

Senior Class: Ms. Dionisio

Junior Class: Mr. Hall

Sophomore Class: Ms. Pernell/Ms. Lupo

Freshman Class: Ms. Morris

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

A variety of clubs and activities are available to students throughout their high school career. Students are encouraged to explore and take advantage of these co-curricular activities. If several students have an interest in establishing a new activity, they may organize it by:

- Obtaining an interested faculty member to sponsor the activity, and
- Submitting a written request stating the goals, objectives, and purpose of the club to the Assistant Principal and indicating the desired dates and location for meetings of the group.

****A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL AVAILABLE CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES
CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AT
http://phs.piscatawayschools.org/activities/clubs_and_activities**

FUND RAISING

Fund raising is permitted for school-related activities. Each request for fund raising must be submitted in writing to the appropriate administrator for approval. If this procedure is circumvented, the product will be confiscated, and the student(s) will be subject to a disciplinary consequence.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Extracurricular activities are defined as those programs which generally take place after school hours and are under the supervision of either a paid or unpaid staff member. Specifically excluded are courses offered for high school credit.

Students participating in extracurricular programs are expected and encouraged to maintain a level of scholastic achievement which will enable them to graduate and succeed in the future. **Any student who has obtained 20 or more tardies (maximum of 10 per semester) will surrender his/her eligibility to participate in any and all extracurricular activities, including athletic teams for the remainder of the school year.**

To participate in extracurricular activities, pupils must have successfully completed the number of credits specified at the end of each academic year and have completed or be passing the number of credits specified at the *end of the first semester*.

	9th 1st Year	10th 2nd Year	11th 3rd Year	12th 4th Year
1st Semester	13.75	37.50	65.00	97.50

ATHLETICS

All students participating in athletic activities must have a sports physical on or after June 15 for the coming school year. To continue in another sport, students must complete and return another permission form to the Nurse's office in the wing in which they have homeroom. The nurse will review all forms in consultation with the school physician. Any student neglecting to turn in the permission packets on time will be denied permission to try out until forms are reviewed.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

We have a comprehensive athletic program involving girls and boys sports.

BOYS' SPORTS	GIRLS' SPORTS	CO-ED SPORTS
<i>FOOTBALL</i> Varsity, JV, FR	<i>FIELD HOCKEY</i> Varsity, JV	<i>FALL CHEERLEADING</i> Varsity, JV
<i>SOCCER</i> Varsity, JV, FR	<i>SOCCER</i> Varsity, JV	<i>WINTER CHEERLEADING</i> Varsity, JV
<i>CROSS COUNTRY</i> Varsity	<i>CROSS COUNTRY</i> Varsity	<i>GOLF</i> Varsity
<i>WRESTLING</i> Varsity, JV	<i>GYMNASTICS</i> Varsity	
<i>BASKETBALL</i> Varsity, JV, FR	<i>BASKETBALL</i> Varsity, JV, FR	
<i>WINTER TRACK</i> Varsity	<i>WINTER TRACK</i> Varsity	
<i>SWIMMING</i> Varsity	<i>SWIMMING</i> Varsity	
<i>BOWLING</i> Varsity	<i>BOWLING</i> Varsity	
<i>BASEBALL</i> Varsity, JV, FR	<i>SOFTBALL</i> Varsity, JV, FR	
<i>SPRING TRACK</i> Varsity	<i>SPRING TRACK</i> Varsity	
<i>TENNIS</i> Varsity	<i>TENNIS</i> Varsity	
<i>VOLLEYBALL</i> Varsity, JV, FR	<i>VOLLEYBALL</i> Varsity, JV, FR	

POLICY FOR TRANSPORTING STUDENTS FROM ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- A student may be transported from an athletic contest at the conclusion of the event by a parent or legal guardian if the next event is a school related activity.
- A student must accompany the team back to school for pick up if the next activity is not a school related activity.
- A student may not submit a note from the home giving him/her permission to accompany a teammate's parent or legal guardian to the next event at the conclusion of the first event.

POLICY FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

Athletes should be in top physical condition in order to participate, especially in competitions. This becomes increasingly important when an athlete has not been at practice or had sufficient time to warm up before competition. To maintain healthy and safe conditions for all athletes, the following policy is in effect and will be enforced at all levels of athletic competition:

- If an athlete misses practice for a period of time prior to a competition, his or her participation may be restricted at the discretion of the coaching staff.

New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association

Summary of Academic Rules for Student Participation in Athletics

- To be eligible for athletic competition during the first semester (Sept. 1 to Jan. 31) a student must have passed 25% of the credits (**30**) required by the State of New Jersey for graduation (120) during the immediate preceding academic year. Credits accumulated through the summer school will be added to the previous academic year credit total to satisfy the 25% requirement.
- To be eligible for academic competition second semester (Feb. 1 to Jun. 30) a student must pass or be passing the equivalent of 12.5% (**15 credits**) required by New Jersey for graduation (**120**) at the close of the preceding semester (Jan. 31). Full-year courses shall be equated as one-half of the total credits to be gained for the full year to determine credits passed during the immediately preceding semester.
- Students eligible at the beginning of a sport season shall be allowed to finish the season.
- It is recognized that students may accelerate their academic programs during their first three years of secondary schooling. Consequently, such students may be eligible in the second semester of their senior year even when they carry less than 12.5% of the State minimum (**15 credits**) during the first semester provided they are meeting their school district's graduation requirements and are **PASSING ALL COURSES IN WHICH THEY ARE ENROLLED AT THE START OF THE FIRST SEMESTER**. Seniors who withdraw from courses with a passing grade (WP) will be eligible provided they are carrying sufficient credits for graduation purposes.

SAT or ACT must be taken on a national testing date. Students may not use residual or regional tests to meet 14.3.

Students may combine SAT or ACT scores achieved on more than one national testing date to meet the test-score requirement.

Students can consult with the school counselor or contact the NCAA national office for the NCAA guide to the College Freshman Eligibility Requirements for NCAA Divisions I and II Institutions. The guide contains a detailed description of 14.3 requirements.

The following criteria and procedures have been approved in regard to the SAT and ACT text-score requirements of 14.3 as it relates to learning-disabled and handicapped students who are in need of nonstandard testing.

- The student must register for the nonstandard testing in the manner outlined by the testing services, which would require that the handicap or learning disability be diagnosed professionally and properly documented and confirmed.
- The testing procedures followed must be those outlined by the testing service, and the individual administering the test may not be a member of the high school's athletics department or a member institution's athletics department.

- A copy of all documentation forwarded to the testing service for purposes of registering for the test must also be forwarded to the NCAA national office, and a statement from the person administering the test that he or she is not a member of the high school's or a member institution's athletics department.

Upon receipt of appropriate documentation, the NCAA Academic Requirements Committee may approve the student's completion of the test-score requirement on a case-by-case basis.

Also, special high school courses for the learning disabled or handicapped may be used to meet the core-course requirement if:

1. The high school principal submits a written statement to the NCAA indicating that students in such courses are expected to acquire the same knowledge, quantitatively and qualitatively, as students in "regular" classes, and

2 years of Mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher)

2 years of natural/physical science (with 1 year of lab)

3 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science

2 years of social science

4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)

SEE YOUR COUNSELOR FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS.

2. The same grading standards are employed in such courses as those utilized in "regular" classes.

Documentation that those conditions have been met must be provided to the Academic Requirements Committee, which then may recommend approval of the use of such courses on a case-by-case basis.

Eligibility for financial aid at Divisions I, II, and III colleges may also be affected by Bylaw 14.3.

NOTE: Many colleges may also have additional requirements; consequently, parents/guardians, and students are urged to ask about and check for possible additions.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE STUDENT'S COUNSELOR AT 981-0700, Ext. 2230 or Ext. 2222.

NCAA Freshman -Eligibility Standards

DIVISION 1 AND 2 INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Division 1: 16 core courses. Beginning 8/1/2016, 10 core courses must be completed prior to the seventh semester (and 7 must be a combination of English, math or natural/physical sciences) - these ten courses become locked in after the seventh semester and cannot be retaken for grade improvement.

Beginning 8/1/2016, it will be possible for a Division 1 college-bound student-athlete to still receive athletics aid and the ability to practice with the team if he or she fails to meet the 10 course requirement, but would not be able to compete.

Division 2: 16 core courses. SEE YOUR COUNSELOR FOR MORE INFORMATION

TEST SCORES:

Division 1 uses a sliding scale to match test scores and core GPA. See your counselor for details.

Division 2 requires a minimum SAT score of 820 (essay not counted) or an ACT (Sum of English, Math, Reading, and Science) sum of 68.

SEE YOUR COUNSELOR FOR MORE INFORMATION

GRADE POINT AVERAGE:

Only courses that appear on your school's List of NCAA Courses will be used in the calculation of your core GPA. Use the list as a guide.

DIVISION 1 CORE COURSES:

(16 CORE COURSES)

4 years of English

3 years of Mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher)

2 years of natural/physical science (with 1 year of lab)

1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science

2 years of social science

4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)

DIVISION 2 CORE COURSES:

(16 CORE COURSES)

3 years of English

2 years of Mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher)

2 years of natural/physical science (with 1 year of lab)

3 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science

2 years of social science

4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)

SEE YOUR COUNSELOR FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS.

Piscataway High School

School Year 2017-18

School Goal #1

By June 2018, Piscataway High School will have a 5% increase of the identified students earning 74% to 79% at the end of MP 1, will have achieved a final grade of 80% or higher.

School Goal #2

By June 2018, discipline referrals will be reduced by 3% in the area of late to school measured in SY 16-17.

School Goal # 3

By June 2018, staff shall have documented ongoing communication to all stake holders that express the concerns and opportunities for improvement for all students identified at the end of MP1 earning 70% and below.

