

# **Riverview High School Student Handbook 2023-2024**



**For Students of Riverview High School**

# **WELCOME**

Dear Students:

Welcome to Riverview High School. Whether you are new to our building or have previously attended we hope you will find Riverview High School to be welcoming and memorable. As a Ram we hope you take pride in your school and its environment. It is important that you take responsibility for reading this handbook so that you are ready for the first day of school. As you read, you will have a clear understanding of our expectations and what services and benefits you may expect from our school.

Sincerely,  
Erin Haughey, Principal

## **SCHOOL MISSION AND VISION**

### **MISSION**

Riverview High School is “Committed to developing skills and behaviors for student success.”







### **VISION**

Riverview High School is committed to meeting its mission by:

1. Offering programs and services that support the learning, interests, and personal goals of all our students. We believe there are many paths to success and happiness.
2. Operating in an environment that expects and promotes our RAM 4 values. Our values are shared by our students, staff, and families and permeate throughout our campus and programs.

## **PHILOSOPHY**

These rights apply to all persons – students and staff – throughout the entire school day, including to and from the school’s property.

-  The right to develop one’s own personality (so long as it does not interfere with the rights of others) without disrespectful criticism or pressure from cliques.
-  Freedom from physical abuse and mental abuse such as name calling, intimidation, or harassment.
-  Freedom from being set apart or mocked because of race, religion, physical strength, size, features, friendship groups, age, culture, handicap, financial status, clothing, classroom performance, or any other reason.
-  The right of privacy and freedom from being harassed in the classroom; the right to be treated respectfully.
-  The right to an education, which means that teachers are free to teach, and students are free to learn without being interrupted by inconsiderate or unruly students.
-  The right to have personal and school property respected. Our school is a safe place for property as well as people.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION ROLE</b>	<b>NAME</b>
<b>Principal</b>		<b>Erin Haughey</b>
Assistant Principal	Curriculum, Math	Kathy Wilks
Assistant Principal	Administration, Athletics, Arts	Jay Lorenz
Assistant Principal	IB, History, Student Alpha (IB)	Jessica Fuesy
Assistant Principal	World Language, CTE, Student Alpha A-K	Josh Grant
Assistant Principal	Science, Cyesis, ESOL, Student Alpha L-Z	Ashley Hernandez
Assistant Principal	English, ESE, Student Alpha (ESE)	Meredith Norris

Your administrative team is here to support you throughout your academic journey at Riverview High School. Guidance services are available for all enrolled Riverview students. Please request appointments to meet with your counselor. Services include assistance with educational planning, goal setting, career and college advisement, educational interpretation, social concerns, and/or personal issues. Guidance counselors and administrators are organized primarily by student last name.

## **STUDENT SERVICES TEAM– School Counselors, Registrars, Liaisons**

Counselor	A-C	Ciara Van Ness
Counselor	D-I	Vicki Hughes
Counselor	J-M	Kristen McMahon
Counselor	N-R	Katherine Borriello
Counselor	S-Z	Kathryn Sperber
Counselor	IBDP, A-Ma	Carla Harding
Counselor	IBDP, Mc-Z	Rose Beach
Registrar	A-L	Brittany Bendel
Registrar	M-Z	Blanca Lepow
Registrar	Cyesis	Tina Asadorian
ESE Liaison	A-K	Kim Belli
ESE Liaison	L-Z	Sarah Bland
ESOL Liaison		Elena Sandberg
Instructional Facilitator		Joe Bazenas

## **CAMPUS PRIDE**

We are very proud of our campus. The custodians work every day to keep our campus clean and neat. This is an impossible task without the students' help and support. Waste receptacles are in all areas and everyone should make a special effort to see that these receptacles are used. All trash should be put into these receptacles and not thrown on campus. This is your campus, so be proud of it. Riverview High School can only be as clean and neat as you make it.

## **CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Each student is responsible for the proper care of all books, supplies and furniture supplied by the school.

A student who vandalizes or does damage to school property or equipment will be required to pay for the damage done or replace the item. There will be severe consequences for vandalism, graffiti, and any other damages to RHS.

## **FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

A student owing money for library fines, textbooks, etc., must meet their obligations when due or plan with an Assistant Principal. Past due obligations will be placed in the student's file.

**Students with financial obligations will not be allowed to participate in the homecoming dance, prom, and/or graduation activities until fines are satisfied.**

## **TECHNOLOGY**

Riverview students have the privilege of accessing school owned technology throughout their school day. Staff trust our students to be responsible and care for all technology that is provided to them.

## **MEDIA CENTER**

Every student enrolled in Riverview High School has the privilege of checking out media materials. Three (3) items (not including textbooks) may be checked out for three weeks and are able to be renewed unless there is a request for the item. Fines are charged for overdue items. Computers with Internet access and Microsoft Office are available for research purposes and staff is always on hand to assist. Students need a Media Pass to enter the Media Center during the instructional day but are encouraged to utilize the Media Center before school, after school, and during lunch without a pass.

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Students may possess an electronic device at schools, however according to Florida House Bill 379 students may not use such devices during instructional time except when expressly directed by a teacher solely for educational purposes. Teachers shall designate an area for such devices during instructional time. The School Board is not responsible for preventing theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to electronic devices or technology brought onto its property or vehicles or used during or for a school-related purpose. Refer to Sarasota County School Board Policy 5.38. The regulation of electronic devices and other technology shall at all times be consistent with state and federal law.

- Students may not use any electronic devices or other technology during school, on school vehicles or property or at a school-sponsored activity to access and/or view websites that are otherwise blocked to students at the school. Students may never use School Board devices or technology to do so, regardless of location. In special circumstances, with permission from a supervising school district employee, a student may use an electronic device or technology for communication.
- Students may not possess any electronic device or other technology during testing, unless explicit authorization is given, regardless of the student's location during the testing or who owns the device, even if the device or technology is turned off or the student does not use it. Violation of this rule will result in the student's test being invalidated.
- If an electronic device or technology disrupts a class or students, for example by ringing, flashing, or vibrating, the student possessing the device or technology will be subject to disciplinary action. Any student who uses an electronic device or technology in a manner that materially disrupts classwork or involves substantial disorder or the invasion of the rights of others, including by threatening, bullying, harassing, discriminating against, or intimidating another student or district staff member through email, social network posting, or other electronic messages or technology, also will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the school administration.
- Personally-owned electronic devices and technology used in violation of school rules will be confiscated and returned to the student's parent or guardian.

## **SEARCH POLICY**

Upon reasonable suspicion of questionable student conduct, a search of any student property, in which illegally possessed items or objects could be concealed or stored, will be conducted.

F.S.S. 232.256

## **LOCKERS**

Lockers will be available to the students for a \$5.00 usage fee. The locker and lock are the property of the School Board. Always use only the locker assigned to you and keep it locked. Do not tamper with another locker or give your combination to another person. Lockers are provided as a service to students, and the school accepts no responsibility for the contents of any locker.

A student's locker or other storage area is subject to search, upon reasonable suspicion, for prohibited or illegally possessed substances or objects.

## **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

Any item, which may cause an interruption to the academic atmosphere or prove to be a safety hazard, will not be allowed on campus. If a student brings such an item to school, it will be taken and returned in accordance with our disciplining policies which may include participation in the Florida Department of Health Tobacco Prevention Program. Examples of disruptive or unsafe items would be:

- 🚫 E-cigarettes and vaping devices
- 🚫 Skateboards/roller skates/roller blades
- 🚫 Laser pointers
- 🚫 Knives/other weapons
- 🚫 Electronic communication devices
- 🚫 Chains

Tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs, and/or paraphernalia. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive.

## **HALL PASS**

No student should be outside the classroom during the school day without a proper pass. It is the student's responsibility to have a pass while outside the classroom.

## **BATHROOM PASS**

Students will get approval from each of their classroom teachers to use the bathroom. Upon getting approval, the student will sign out of the classroom by following each teacher's protocol and use the keycard assigned to the teacher. The student will use the bathroom closest to their class on the same floor to scan into the bathroom.

Students who have medical or other needs will communicate those needs to their counselor or assistant principal to ensure a plan is in place so that their needs are being met.

## **LUNCH**

Riverview High School is a **closed campus**. This means all students remain on campus during the school day.

Students who leave campus are subject to consequence including but not limited to suspension. Each student shall have 30 minutes for lunch. Students are permitted to eat in the cafeteria only. Violation of these expectations may result in discipline.

Due to long-standing regulations established by the National School Lunch Program and the Sarasota County School District, **the only food that may be purchased on school campuses by students, parents, or guardians is food that is sold in school cafeterias or other authorized locations on campus.**

**The school will not accept deliveries for students during school hours. Food delivery purchases may not be made by students or families on school campuses** until at least 30 minutes after the end of the school day.

## **ILLNESS OR INJURY DURING SCHOOL**

Any student too ill to remain in class should report to the school Health Office with a pass. The student may remain in the health office for only a brief period of time, otherwise, contact will be made with the student's parent or guardian for permission to leave school and go home.

The Health Office should be notified immediately concerning any injured students. A registered nurse provided by the County Health Department is on campus and will counsel any student on health-related issues.

## **INSURANCE (STUDENT)**

A group accident insurance policy is available to every member of the student body at a nominal cost. This school insurance is private coverage and not Riverview High School insurance.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **School Bus**

The State of Florida is a "No Fault" state and injuries sustained by your child on a school bus are covered under your Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage provided by your personal automobile policy. Please make sure you contact your automobile insurance carrier to report all injury claims.

## **Pick-Up / Drop-Off**

A student being picked up or dropped off by their parent or guardian must use the designated pick-up area.

## **Student Parking**

Seniors and other eligible students with parking permits will be allowed to park in specified parking lots. Parking permits are available through the Assistant Principal of Administration's office. The cost of a parking permit is \$35. Due to space, parking is limited to juniors and seniors only. Permits are sold on a first come, first serve basis.

## **Vehicles**

The vehicle the student drives to school must be the vehicle registered with the school. Vehicles parking illegally (without a permit) will be subject to fines of up to \$50 and/or revocation of permit. Please note that attendance and behavior concerns may result in revocation of parking permits.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Any student who finds lost articles is asked to take them to the Attendance Office where the owners can claim them.

## **REPORT CARDS**

Report cards are issued at the end of each nine-week quarter. Report cards are distributed electronically through the Parent + Student Portal online.

## **RELEASE OF STUDENT EDUCATIONAL RECORDS**

School Board policy prohibits the release of educational records (other than directory information) of a student without written consent of the parent/guardian or student if 18 years of age.

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

Homework is a regular part of every class. All students are expected to complete all assignments. Students with absences will have the same number of days absent to complete missing assignments (Example: If the student is absent for 6 school days, the student will have 6 school days to complete their missing assignments beginning on the first day they return to school) .



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## Student Responsibility

Riverview has a commitment to provide quality education to all its students. To achieve this goal, students must consistently attend school.

All students are expected to be in all classes. Attendance and promptness to class is the responsibility of each student and their parents or guardians. Attending classes and being on time allows students to benefit from Riverview's programming.






Continuity in the learning process is seriously disrupted through a student's excessive absences. Students who have good attendance generally achieve higher grades, enjoy school more, and are more employable after leaving high school. The lack of good attendance causes students to achieve a level below their potential, and these students frequently experience difficulty in school.

Therefore, to ensure the highest level of student success, Riverview High School will work cooperatively with parents, guardians, and students to promote increased student attendance. This policy will be based on state attendance standards, clear and enforceable guidelines, and positive motivation for good attendance.

It is the responsibility of students to ensure that they are meeting all graduation requirements. **Failing a graduation requirement requires the student to enroll online through Sarasota Virtual Academy, FLVS.net or, when available, through the PB Program during the school day.** Students, their families, and guardians are strongly encouraged to work closely with school counselors to ensure that you are maintaining a course of study that will enable you to meet all graduation requirements.

## Change of schedule

It is very important that you select your courses carefully. For more details, please review Sarasota County School's Student Progression Plan for your child's cohort. The **ONLY** schedule changes that will be allowed during the **FIRST** week of school are the following:

-  Students who have not taken a course pre-requisite
-  Students who have missing classes
-  Students who did not get required teacher approval of a course
-  Course level placement
-  Academic overload

See detailed chart regarding specific required courses for graduation:

<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Credits Required</b>	<b>Specific Required Courses</b>
English Language Arts	4 credits	Must be selected from core options
Mathematics	4 credits	Algebra I and Geometry
Science	3 credits	Biology
Social Studies	3 credits	World History, US History, American Government/Economics
Performing, Practical, Fine Art	1 credit	
H.O.P.E.	1 credit	H.O.P.E. class <b>or</b> two (2) years of J ROTC <b>or</b> two (2) years JV or Varsity Sport
Electives	10 credits	
26 credits required for graduation		
World Language*	2 credits	Required for entry into a 4-year university straight out of high school and the Bright Futures Academic/Medallion Scholarship *Not required for graduation.
Florida State Assessments		Pass grade 10 Florida Reading Assessment
Personal Financial Literacy*		Beginning with cohort, Class of 2027
Grade Point Average		Must have an unweighted G.P.A. of 2.0

## College Dual Enrollment

Students who meet the prerequisites may earn high school and college credit simultaneously by taking specified dual enrollment courses. Student eligibility requirements include a 3.0/3.3 unweighted grade point average and satisfactory scores on an approved placement examination.

To take a DE course on the SCF or USF campus, students must submit an SCF/USF application and test scores to the college by their designated deadline. Please consult the Guidance Pathways book on the district website under the Student/Parent tab for further details.

State College of Florida and the University of South Florida and the Sarasota County School District have an articulation agreement that permits individual high schools to establish courses, which meet state high school performance levels as well as community college standards. Upon satisfactory completion of a designated course State College of Florida or USF will award semester credit hours, which will be accepted by universities and colleges in Florida and, in many instances, institutions of higher learning outside of Florida.

Suncoast Technical College (STC) Co-ENROLLMENT Students who meet the pre-requisites may earn high school vocational credits toward graduation. Students will also earn credits toward certification in a vocational field. Students may apply to go to STC for their Junior and/or Senior year. Student eligibility requirements include a 2.0 unweighted GPA, good attendance, and passing scores on the FSA and Algebra 1 EOC. Most programs are two years in length.

### **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)**

The IB Program is a two-year university preparatory course of study, encompassing the last two years of high school. The program was originally established to fulfill the high academic standards of an increasingly more mobile society, as well as to foster global tolerance. In recent years, the IB has become even more valuable regarding the shifting of international curriculum standards, enhanced skills needed for university success, and, humankind's growing interdependence on one another. Because the IB Program is so rigorous, Sarasota County, like most other United States school districts, offers two years of additional study as preparation for the IB Program. Students enroll in Riverview's Preparatory IB program in grades nine and ten and then are candidates to advance to IB grades eleven and twelve.

### **International Baccalaureate Career-Related Programme (IBCP)**

The IB Career-Related Certificate Program incorporates the vision and educational principals of IB into a unique program specifically developed for students who wish to engage in career-related learning. The program's framework is comprised of at least two IB courses alongside career-related studies of International Business, Engineering, Computer Programming, JROTC, Marine Science or Theater Arts. The program offers students the opportunity to earn college credit through the IB examination process and industry certification in their career area. Students will apply to enter the IBCP program in their Junior year.

**Career and Technical Education Program sequences for IBCP:** Can be started in the 9th grade. Students may take pathways in the following areas: Computer Programming, Engineering, Digital Media, Marine Science, Theatre Arts, Construction.

## 2023 – 2024 REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

<b>Period 1:</b> 7:45 – 7:47 (Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence) 7:47 – 7:50 (Announcements) 7:50 – 8:37 (47 minutes)		
<b>Period 2:</b> 8:41 – 9:28 (47 minutes)		
<b>Period 3:</b> 9:32 – 10:19 (47 minutes)		
<i><b>Period 4 Lunch Scenario</b></i>	<i><b>Period 5 Lunch Scenario</b></i>	<i><b>Period 6 Lunch Scenario</b></i>
<b>Period 4 Lunch:</b> <b>10:19 – 10:49</b>	Period 4 Class: 10:23 – 11:10 (47 minutes)	Period 4 Class: 10:23 – 11:10 (47 minutes)
Period 5 Class: 10:53 – 11:40 (47 minutes)	<b>Period 5 Lunch:</b> <b>11:10 – 11:40</b>	Period 5 Class: 11:14 – 12:01 (47 minutes)
Period 6 Class: 11:44 – 12:31 (47 minutes)	Period 6 Class: 11:44 – 12:31 (47 minutes)	<b>Period 6 Lunch:</b> <b>12:01 – 12:31</b>
<b>Period 7:</b> 12:35 – 1:22 (47 minutes)		
<b>Period 8:</b> 1:26 – 2:15 (49 minutes)		

## EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

In keeping with the School Board rule regarding employability skills, attendance will now become part of every student's grade. Twenty percent (20%) of the grade will be based on the development of the following positive work habits: attendance, punctuality, bringing required materials, maintenance of an assignment notebook, completion of homework, appropriate dress for class, attitude of cooperation with staff and students, and time in class devoted to the appropriate task.

These skills will be clearly outlined in a course Fact Sheet developed by the instructor of every course. The Fact Sheet will define teacher expectations and methods of documentation.

## ATTENDANCE

All students must attend a full day of instruction unless approved otherwise by the principal in consideration of extenuating circumstances. Students enrolled in the Sarasota County schools are obligated to attend classes regularly and punctually and to participate in classroom activities.

**Tardiness-** Students must report to all classes on time. Students who are excessively tardy will meet with their Assistant Principal to determine if an attendance intervention plan will be created with the student's parent or guardian.

**Excused Absence** – (1) Documented illness of the student; (2) Documented major illness in the immediate family; (3) Death in the immediate family; (4) Duration of a religious holiday of the specific faith of the student; (5) Special and unique situations approved by the principal. Students can give notes up to nine days a semester before a doctor's note is required.

**Unexcused Absence** – (1) Inadequate or unacceptable reason for the absence; i.e., car trouble, oversleeping, alarm and power failures are all unexcused (2) Results from school disciplinary action; (3) Truancy.

A student has 3 school days to bring in a note from a parent or guardian regarding an absence. Anything brought in after that time period will be regarded as an unexcused absence. This note should be given to the attendance office. Per state statute, students under 18 can lose their driver's permit and/or license with excessive unexcused absences. Please check Sarasota County Schools website for more information.

**Make-up Work** – a student, who has an excused absence, or an unexcused absence resulting from suspension, shall be expected to make up the work missed. Students on suspension should complete all work upon their return to school. In the case of all other unexcused absences, students may receive limited for all work missed. A student must complete all work missed within a time frame equal to the number of days absent.

**Passports (Pre-arranged absences for 2-10 days)** – In order for a student to obtain a passport, an approved parent note must be submitted to the Attendance Office 48 hours prior to the requested date(s). All passports must be signed by the student's teachers and returned to the Attendance Office before the intended absence.

**Early Dismissals** – All early dismissals are to be obtained from the Attendance Office. The note from the parent should be taken to the Attendance Office before school on the day of the dismissal. The office opens promptly at 7 a.m. Every effort will be made to contact the guardian. The student must sign out when leaving and sign in upon return. Students must prearrange dismissals between 1:45- 2:15pm.

**Special Note (Pre-arranged absences for more than 10 days)** – If the student will be out for more than 10 days, the student will be sent to the Guidance Office and withdrawn from school for attendance purposes. The student must report to the Guidance Office for reinstatement upon return to school.

## **DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

Directory information is information about students that is defined by Florida law as public information. It includes the student's name, address, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height (if an athletic team member), the name of the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended, dates of attendance at schools in the district, grade level, and diplomas and certifications received.

Directory information other than the student's address may be published by the school district in conjunction with news about academic awards, performances, honor rolls, athletic events, and other school-related activities. All directory information also may be released to individuals or organizations in response to public records requests.

Parents, guardians, and adult students may block public access to directory information pertaining to their children or themselves by withholding permission when they enroll in the district or by notifying their school in writing at any later time. The district is required to notify parents, guardians, and adult students annually of their right to withhold permission to release directory information. Marking No to Directory Information excludes student picture and name from the yearbook or any publication.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS / TELEPHONE**

The student must inform the Registrar if a change of home address or telephone number occurs. Transportation will only bus to the official home address.

## **DISCIPLINE POLICY**

Actions and behaviors by students may result in disciplinary office referrals being written. Riverview High School believes that restorative actions as well as consequences need to be in place for students who behave in ways which take away from the learning environment.

Riverview also believes in progressive discipline for similar behavior patterns. A complete list of disciplinary measures is available on the Sarasota County Schools website for reference. All incidents are looked at in totality and within the context of the situation when determining consequences and/or restorative actions.

In the event a parent does not agree with the disciplinary consequences from an Assistant Principal they may appeal the discipline to the Assistant Principal of Administration. This appeal will not dictate whether the behavior occurred but rather the level of the discipline given in the situation, unless disregard to details from the Assistant Principal is found.

## **SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

### **Student ID's**

Students are REQUIRED to wear IDs at all times. Student IDs are issued at orientation at the beginning of the year. IDs are also issued from Mark Kidd in 5-131 after orientation.

- If students do not come to school with their ID's, they will be issued a new ID and charged \$5 to their school account.
- Students are expected to wear IDs at all times while on campus from 7:00-2:15.
- Students are expected to scan IDs for school transportation, purchasing items in the cafeteria, and checking out at the media center.

**The Sarasota County School District has established procedural guidelines for student dress, in accordance with School Board Policy 5.37.**

Riverview High School students have choices when it comes to expressing oneself through their dress and appearance. To best prepare students for success beyond high school, it is a student's responsibility to follow the expectations for appropriate clothing and appearance while on school grounds during regular school hours.

Administrators, teachers, and students worked together to establish a dress code that is both reasonable and appropriate for the school setting. We appreciate you supporting our mission to provide a learning environment that empowers students to be respectful and responsible citizens. **The principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress will be final. Refusal to comply with the school's dress code policy is an infraction under this code.**

### **Students have a RIGHT to:**

- Wear appropriate clothes or the school uniform, as long as those clothes or the way the clothes are worn are appropriate for the school setting, adhere to the school dress code, are not dangerous to health or safety, and do not disrupt the learning environment.
- Learn without a disruption to the school or classroom environment.

**Students have a RESPONSIBILITY to:**

- Comply with the school dress code.
- Wear their current/valid student ID (visible at all times).
- Be respectful of their peers at all times regardless of what they are wearing.
- Come to school fully clothed and wear clothes which are not dangerous to health or safety, do not disrupt the learning process, and stay within the school dress code.

**Dress in a way not offensive to others at school or at school-sponsored events, including, but not limited to:**

**At all times, no:**

- exposed undergarments
  - jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants worn below the hips
  - jeans, shorts, skirts, dresses or pants with rips above the mid-thigh
  - excessively short skirts, shorts, or dresses that at any time expose underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner
  - pajamas or slippers excessively low-cut tops
  - see-through clothing (includes mesh material mid-thigh and above) clothing of an ethnic or racially offensive nature
  - items or markings which are offensive, suggestive, indecent, or associated with gangs; as identified by the Florida Gang Intent Act of 1990.
  - items which encourage the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, violence, weapons, or support discrimination on account of race, color, religion, ethnic or national origin, age, disability, veteran or military status, marital status, pregnancy, sex, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by federal or state law or School Board policy.
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- Clothing must cover the mid-riff when standing naturally
  - Sleeveless shirts must have straps with a minimum width of one inch (about two fingers) and the gap below the armpit cannot be excessive of three inches (about four fingers)

## **VISITORS**

A student is not allowed to bring visitors to school. Parents are always welcome and are encouraged to make an appointment for any visitations or conferences. All visitors are subject to any state laws governing the state of Florida. All visitors must immediately report to the front office.

## **ATHLETICS**

### **Student Conduct at Athletic Events**

Students are expected to exhibit proper behavior at both home and away events. This includes no fighting, booing, heckling, throwing, loitering in the immediate area before or after an event. School policy prohibiting the use or possession of illegal substances such as e-cigarettes, vapes, alcohol applies at all events in which the school is involved regardless of the site. Students on out-of-school suspension may not attend any school-related activity.

### **Athletic/Interscholastic Activities Eligibility**

To be eligible for athletics and interscholastic activities, a student must remain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in all courses taken which are required for graduation. A student's eligibility is determined after each semester (not a nine-week grading period).

### **Athletic Participation**

Prior to participating in athletics, the Florida High School Athletic Association requires that a student must complete an athletic packet, which can be found on the website or picked up in the Athletic Department office.

All student-athletes and parents must sign an acknowledgement form from the Student-Athlete Handbook. Students will be given the form on the first day of practice and will have 3 days to turn in the signed form. If students do not turn in the completed form within 3 days, they will be excluded from practice until it is complete. All forms must be turned in to the Athletic office.