

POINT PLEASANT BOROUGH
HIGH SCHOOL

Student Handbook
2018-2019



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Quick Access Phone Numbers:

High School – 732-701-1900 add extension below:

Attendance Line to report absences/lates – ext. 2244 **Do not report sign-outs on this extension!**

Attendance Officer – ext. 2200

Athletics – ext. 2227

CST Offices – ext. 2328

Guidance Services – ext. 2208 or 2209

Health Office/Nurse** – ext. 2215**

LDTC Office – ext. 2231

Main Office – ext. 2206 or 2251



**POINT PLEASANT BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
POINT PLEASANT, NEW JERSEY
2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR**



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
SEPTEMBER (18 STUDENT DAYS)						
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						
OCTOBER (21 STUDENT DAYS)						
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
NOVEMBER (17 STUDENT DAYS)						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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DECEMBER (15 STUDENT DAYS)						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					
JANUARY (20 STUDENT DAYS)						
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

- SEPTEMBER**
3 - Labor Day Weekend -- Schools Closed
4 - Orientation/Staff Development
5 - First Day of School
- OCTOBER**
5 - Staff In-Service Students Off
8 - Columbus Day
- NOVEMBER**
7 - Staff In-Service Students Off
8-9 - NJEA Convention Schools Closed
21 - Half Day
22-23 Thanksgiving Recess
- DECEMBER**
21 - Half Day
24-31 - Winter Break
- JANUARY**
1 - New Year's Day -- Schools Closed
2 - School Reopens
18 - Staff In-Service Students Off
21 - Martin Luther King Day
- FEBRUARY**
15-18 - President's Weekend
- MARCH**
- APRIL**
19-26 - Spring Recess -- Schools Closed
29 - School Reopens
- MAY**
27 -- Memorial Day
- JUNE**
20 -- Last Day of School

	Students First Day
	Holidays/Vacation Days
	Half-Day, No PM Daycare
	Staff Development - Students Off
	Last Day of School
	180 = Total Number of Student Days
	184 = Total Number of Teacher Days

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
FEBRUARY (18 STUDENT DAYS)						
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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24	25	26	27	28		
MARCH (21 STUDENT DAYS)						
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APRIL (16 STUDENT DAYS)						
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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28	29	30				
MAY (22 STUDENT DAYS)						
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JUNE (14 STUDENT DAYS)						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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TWO DAYS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THIS CALENDAR IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER. IF THE EXTRA DAYS ARE NOT USED, THEY WILL BE ADDED TO MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND OR SPRING BREAK. ADDITIONAL INCLEMENT WEATHER-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS MAY RESULT IN HAVING MAKE-UP DAYS TAKEN FROM PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND AND/OR SPRING BREAK. IN ADDITION, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO ADD DAYS TO THE SCHOOL YEAR OR SCHEDULE SATURDAY SESSIONS.

THIS SCHOOL CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

MARKING PERIODS 2018-2019 (subject to change)

<u>1st Marking Period</u> Sept 5- Nov 13	<u>2nd Marking Period</u> Nov 14 -Jan 31	<u>3rd Marking Period</u> Feb 1 – April 8	<u>4th Marking Period</u> April 9 - June 20
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EXAM DATES (subject to change)

Midterm exams – January 29, 30, 31, 2019

Final Exams – June 18, 19, 20, 2019

EARLY SIGN OUT

Board of Education Policy No. 5230

**** Please do not ask us to violate this policy ****

No student may be permitted to leave the school before the close of the school day unless the student is signed out IN PERSON at the main office by his/her parent/guardian or a person listed as an emergency contact on the students' attendance information.

List the name(s) of contact individuals who are ABLE TO SIGN YOUR CHILD OUT DURING THE SCHOOL DAY on the attendance form. Phone calls, faxes, emails and notes are unacceptable means of early sign out. We are responsible for the well-being of your child and obligated to follow Board regulations.

To avoid disruption of teaching time, please schedule early sign outs at the beginning or end of a period. Please consult the below bell schedule. Ill students must report to the nurse prior to dismissal.

BELL SCHEDULE (regular)

Two-Hour Delay Bell Schedule

Period 1	7:10 - 7:55	Period 1	9:25 – 9:55
Period 2	8:00 - 8:45	Period 2	10:00 – 10:30
HOMEROOM	8:45 - 8:50	Homeroom	10:30 – 10:35
Period 3	8:54 - 9:39	Period 3	10:39 – 11:09
Period 4	9:43 - 10:28	Period 4	11:13 – 11:43
Period 5	10:32 - 11:17	Period 5	11:47 – 12:17
Period 6	11:21 - 12:06	Period 6	12:21 – 12: 51
Period 7	12:10 - 12:55	Period 7	12:55 – 1:25
Period 8	12:58 – 1:44	Period 8	1:29 – 1:59
Period 9	1:48 - 2:33	Period 9	2:03 – 2:33

A.M. vocational school will be cancelled. P.M. vocational school will be held. Students transported to out-of-district placement will have their school day cancelled.

ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS

PPBHS is committed to providing students with opportunities to succeed academically at the highest level possible. Although not common, some extraordinary students do not need a full year of a course to attain mastery of the content. These students may be capable of acquiring these skills and knowledge by attending summer classes, working with a tutor or studying independently. Students who choose this option will be provided an opportunity to “challenge” out of a course by demonstrating proficiency in the content. **To demonstrate proficiency, the student will need to take the mid-term exam and final exam of the course and receive a score of 70% or higher on both assessments.** Students who do so will receive a “P” on their transcript and be permitted to enroll in the next sequential course in that subject.

For example, a student who just completed Algebra I may opt to challenge out of Geometry. The student will be provided available resources, such as study guides and a textbook, and will be required to take the Geometry I mid-term exam and final exam. If the student scores 70% or higher on both of these assessments they will be enrolled in Algebra II. If a student intends to take *Honors* Algebra II then they must take the *Honors* Geometry mid-term and final exams.

Students who wish to challenge out of a course are required to schedule a meeting with their guidance counselor to discuss their intentions. Guidance will then refer the student to the appropriate department supervisor. The supervisor will meet with the student and provide helpful resources such as a course syllabus, textbook, and study guide. The supervisor will give the “*Academic Advancement Form*” to the student that **MUST** be signed by the parent or guardian. This form will state the parameters for challenging a course and inform the parent that the student is responsible for returning any resources borrowed from the school (i.e. textbook).

It is the student’s responsibility to schedule an appointment with the department supervisor when they are ready to take their exams. It is recommended to contact the department supervisor no later than July 15th as **all exams must be completed by August 15th** to allow time for grading and scheduling.

ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

Students may enter the building, prior to the start of the school day, via the front entrance or “senior doors,” located on the side of the building, adjacent to the auxiliary gym.

Period 2 begins at 8 a.m. (Period 1 begins at 7:10 a.m.) Students are expected to be in their seats and ready to learn at these times.

School drop-off traffic is heavy in the morning. *It is strongly suggested that students arrive no later than 7:50 a.m. (7:00 a.m. for period 1 students) in order to visit their lockers in the morning and be seated prior to the start of class.*

ATTENDANCE POLICY No. 5200

PARENTS MUST CALL 701-1900 EX. 2244 TO REPORT ALL ABSENCES and LATES TO SCHOOL. (This is NOT FOR SIGN OUTS)

****Failure to report a student absence may result in a truancy and disciplinary action****

Calls are recorded and may be made 24 hours a day. These calls are for absences only, NOT FOR SIGN-OUTS, which must be done in person.

The attendance policy promotes students attending school each day on time. It is crucial that we maximize instructional time in order to provide our students with the best possible opportunity for

successful completion of their educational program. Educational studies have indicated that chronic absenteeism has a direct correlation to the student drop-out rate.

The high school has procedures to maintain communication with students and parents. These may include the following; conferences with students, emails to parents, attendance notification letters, phone calls to parents, “Honeywell instant alert” notifications, and parent conferences.

****While the high school is committed to notifying parents and students of attendance concerns, the responsibility for maintaining proper attendance lies with the parents and the student. Parents may access Genesis Parent Portal at any time to review their child’s attendance in detail. ****

Important benchmarks of the attendance policy:

- Students are allotted **14 days** for unexcused absences – i.e. parent reports their child is absent; no documentation is required. The parent must call **ext. 2244** to report the absence, or it may be considered a truancy.
- **Students who exceed 14 unexcused absences in a class will be subject to loss of course credit. *(Semester class – exceed 7 absences.)**
- **Students who exceed 20 unexcused “lates to class” will be subject to loss of course credit. *(Semester class- exceed 10 lates.)**

What is the difference between an “unexcused absence” and an “excused absence”?

- **Unexcused absences** are at the discretion of the parent when they believe their child should remain at home. Students are allotted 14 unexcused absences without an impact on course credit. The school is to be notified at ext. 2244 so the student is not marked truant. (ext. 2244 is NOT FOR SIGN OUTS).
 - Family vacations are *unexcused* absences and will accrue within the 14 allotted days. We acknowledge that parents may not have the same vacations as their children. However, we ask that parents please consider carefully when scheduling vacations during the school year, as absences impact the educational process and vacations will accrue within the 14 allotted unexcused absence days.
- **Excused absences** fall under the following reasons and are subject to administrative approval:
 - a. Student illness as documented by a medical or dental note, signed by a physician. **Submit notes to the Main Office immediately upon the students return to school. The school nurse reserves the right to verify the documentation.**
 - b. Death in the family.

- c. College visits for juniors and seniors (2 will be excused; documentation from the college/university is required). Underclass siblings who may attend are not excused. If the **college requires** further visits, documentation is required.
- d. Interviews with an admissions officer of an institution of higher education for juniors and seniors (2 will be excused, documentation is required). If the **admissions office** requires further visits, documentation is required.
- e. Religious observance.
- f. Student suspension from school.
- g. Student required court appearance (documentation is required).
- h. Driver's license test. (Bring documentation to the main office upon returning).
- i. Necessary and unavoidable medical or dental appointments that cannot be scheduled at a time other than the school day. The student should make every effort to return to school. (Documentation is required).
- j. Student is sent home by the school nurse, Mrs. Barry, RN.

❖ **Late to School (is also late to period 2 class):**

Students must be seated in their period 2 class and ready to learn at 8:00 a.m. sharp. (Period 1 students must be seated by 7:10 a.m.) Traffic is very heavy at the school, beginning at 7:45 a.m. Please plan accordingly!

Note: If you drop your child off at 7:55 a.m., there is not enough time for your child to visit their locker and take their seat in the classroom by 8 a.m. We strongly recommended that students be dropped off at the high school no later than 7:50 a.m. (7:00 a.m. for period 1 students)

Students who walk or ride bicycles to school should plan to enter the building by 7:50 a.m. (7 a.m. for period 1 students)

A. Parents are to call ext. 2244 to report their child arriving late to school. *This call does not excuse the tardy but informs the school you are aware your child is tardy.*

B. Students arriving after 8:50 a.m. must report to the security booth for sign-in. Parents will be contacted for verification if the attendance line was not called prior to arrival.

C. The following may constitute an excused late to school at the discretion of the administration.

- A. Religious observance.
- B. Medical or dental appointments (documentation required).
- C. Court appearance (documentation required).
- D. Take Your Child to Work Day (for a portion of the school day).

❖ **Lates to Class:**

Late students not only miss instruction but also disrupt the learning process for their classmates and the teacher. Timely arrival to class is a priority for all students.

****PLEASE NOTE, THERE IS NO APPEAL PROCESS FOR LOSS OF CREDITS DUE TO LATE ARRIVAL TO CLASS****

- A. Students who arrive less than 10 minutes to class are late. Discipline is as follows:**

- a. 4 and 8 lates to class receive an afterschool detention.
 - b. 12 lates receives 2 afterschool detentions
 - c. 16 lates receives a Saturday detention.
 - d. 21 lates or more – loss of course credit. There is no appeal process.
 - e. Students arriving late from lunch will receive discipline as outlined above as well as suspension of out-to-lunch privileges.
 - f. There is no appeal for loss of credit due to lates.
- B. Students who arrive more than 10 minutes late to class will receive an unexcused absence or cut for the class, as per the grade level administrator’s decision.

Definitions:

- **Absence** - A student will not be present for the day.
- **Unexcused absence** – parent calls x2244 to report their child absent. (14 allotted days). (Do not leave a message for a sign-out; they must be done in person).
- **Excused absence** – documentation provided (medical, dental, legal, bereavement, religious).
- **Truancy** – Absence from all or a part of the school day *without the knowledge of the parent*. Discipline assigned. Recorded as a **cut** in missed classes. A truant student may be suspended or expelled for trancies in accordance with Policies Nos. 5610 and 5620.
- **Cut** - A student has been in school but does not attend a particular class(es). (unauthorized). Discipline assigned. Three cuts results in full loss of course credit.
- **Late to Class** - Reporting for class after the beginning of the period, ten minutes or less. Discipline assigned.
- **Late to School** - Entering school after the start of the school day. Missed classes prior to entering school will be recorded as absences. Discipline assigned.

Denial of Curriculum Credit Due to Violation of the Attendance Policy:

1. **Curriculum credit is denied when a student exceeds 14 absences in a class. (7 in a semester course) and/or exceeded 20 lates, (10 in a semester course), WHATEVER THE REASON FOR THE ABSENCE, (excluding religious absences, Take Your Child to Work Day, and suspensions).**
 - a. Exceptions to this rule may be made for pupils whose absences have been marked “excused” (see “excused” absences above) or pupils who have demonstrated through completion of home instruction that they have mastered the proficiencies established for the curriculum of study.
 - b. If a student exceeds the number of absences allowed during a course he/she will be placed in a non-credit status. A student who remains in a class for the remainder of the year, on a loss of credit status, and continues to satisfactorily complete coursework, is eligible for an online credit recovery course at the expense of the parent. A student who does not remain in the class, may enroll in an online full course at the expense of the parent. Information can be found on the High School website, under the Guidance Services tab, “**Educere.**”

Appeal for Denial of Course Credit Due to Violation of Attendance Policy:

1. A student who has been denied curriculum credit for excessive absences may appeal that action in accordance with the following procedures:
 - a. Student or parent contacts the office of the vice principal to schedule an appeal.
 - b. Any pertinent documentation regarding the absences is to be brought to the appeal meeting.
2. If the student/parent is not satisfied with the decision of the appeal he/she may submit a written request to the principal. The principal will notify the student/parent within 7 days of the decision.
3. The student may appeal an adverse decision of the principal to the Superintendent, Board of Education, and the Commissioner of Education, in that order.
4. At the high school level, disruption in the class or absences in excess of thirty (30) days may result in immediate removal from the class and a complete loss of online course eligibility.
5. **If a student has three or more cuts/truancies, the teacher will be notified to withdraw credit. If cuts/ truancies continue, the student may be removed from the class with a loss of online course eligibility.**

ABSENCE – MAKE UP WORK

Students are required to make up the work they missed during an absence as directed below. **Students and parents are to check the Genesis Parent Portal on the school website for missed assignments.**

- a) Make-up work must be completed by the end of the second day of return to school.
- b) If absent two (2) or more consecutive days, one day for each day absent and one additional day to complete missing assignments, quizzes and tests will be allotted.
- c) All work missed because of absence must be completed within five (5) days of the end of the marking period.

Absences due to co-curricular activities, field trips, meetings, etc. are the student's responsibility. Students have prior knowledge of these absences and must request work before the absence and it must be completed the next day after the absence. **It is the teacher's prerogative to determine the amount of time that each student be given to make-up work missed for absences. It should be understood that family vacations, school trips and similar types of absences that are discretionary and/or pre-arranged might be given different consideration than absences caused by illness.**

EXTENDED ABSENCES BY PARENTS

Parents/guardians must contact the main office (ext. 2201) when children are left in the custody of other persons and provide with the names, addresses and home, work and cell telephone numbers of such persons.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Board of Education Policy Number 5701.1 HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The Point Pleasant Board of Education believes that academic honesty and integrity are essential to excellence in education. This policy addresses academic integrity at Point Pleasant High School.

Education is based on learning specific skills, forming lifelong work habits, and developing mature coping skills according to each student's unique abilities. Each student, parent, and staff member has a responsibility to promote an academic culture that respects and fosters individual achievement.

An Academic Integrity Day will be held in the beginning of the school year. On this day, teachers in English, Social Studies, Science, Math and World Language will explain to students that plagiarism and cheating have no place in their class and how incidents of plagiarism or cheating will be addressed in their specific class. Additionally, all teachers in other subject areas will define what plagiarism and cheating are in the context of their specific class.

Plagiarism/Cheating

Plagiarism or cheating demonstrates a lack of integrity and character that is inconsistent with the goals and values of Point Pleasant Borough High School.

Excellent written expression of well-formulated ideas is a fundamental skill for academic and career success. Plagiarism and cheating interfere with the assessment and feedback process that is necessary in order to promote academic growth. Academic dishonesty provides the teacher with a false view of a student's strengths and weaknesses. It may prevent further instruction in areas of weakness and delay the student in reaching his or her potential.

1. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:
 - A. taking someone else's assignment or portion of an assignment and submitting it as one's own;
 - B. submitting material written by someone else or rephrasing the ideas of another without giving the author's name or source;
 - C. presenting the work of tutors, parents, siblings, or friends as one's own;
 - D. use of a computer or other means to translate an assignment/homework from one language into another language and submitting it as an original translation.
2. Cheating includes but is not limited to:
 - A. copying, faxing, emailing, or in any way duplicating assignments/homework that are turned in, wholly or in part, as original work;
 - B. exchanging assignments/homework with other students, either handwritten or computer generated, whether it is believed they will be copied or not;
 - C. using any form of memory aid during tests or quizzes without the express permission of the teacher;
 - D. using electronic devices to obtain information for class assignments and/or assessments without having explicit permission from the teacher to do so;

- E. giving or receiving answers during tests or quizzes - it is the student's responsibility to secure his or her papers so other students will not have the opportunity or the temptation to copy;
- F. accessing a test or quiz for the purpose of determining the questions in advance of its administration.

No student needs to plagiarize or cheat. Point Pleasant Borough High School provides numerous support services for students to help them achieve success honorably. Students, who advocate for themselves and seek appropriate help when they need it, will not need to cheat or plagiarize. If any student is found in violation of the Academic Integrity Policy, the following procedures and consequences will be followed.

Violation Categories

1. Homework

Homework assignments are classified as assignments that count toward the homework grading category. Students found to be cheating or plagiarizing on a homework assignment will be given a zero and the teacher will contact the parent/guardian and guidance counselor.

If a student is found to be cheating or plagiarizing on two (2) homework assignments within the same class, the student will be in violation of the Academic Integrity Policy. In addition to the consequences outlined on page three (3), violators of the policy will be subject to grading implications as stated in the Student Handbook. See “Grading Implications for Violations of the Academic Integrity Policy” in the Student Handbook for more information.

2. Major Assignment or Assessment

A major assignment is defined as projects, essays, lab reports or anything else that does not count toward the homework grading category.

An assessment is defined as a quiz, test, midterm, or final.

If a student is found to be cheating or plagiarizing on one major assignment, or on an assessment, the student is in violation of the Academic Integrity Policy. A grade of zero (0) will be given and the teacher or supervisor will contact the parent/guardian. In addition to the consequences stated below, violators of the policy will be subject to grading implications as stated in the Student Handbook. See “**Grading Implications for Violations of the Academic Integrity Policy**” in the Student Handbook for more information.

Violation Consequences

Violations of the Academic Integrity Policy will be cumulative throughout the student’s high school career.

1. First Violation

- Students currently enrolled in National Honor Society (“NHS”) will be recommended to be removed from NHS pending a formal hearing in front of the Faculty Council.

2. Second Violation

- Students who receive a second violation are ineligible to apply for the NHS and also are ineligible to hold any leadership position within the school (for example, captain, drum major, officer of a club, etc.).
- Any student currently holding a leadership position will be removed after his/her second violation.
 - a. A student who does not receive any subsequent violations within two years of his/her most recent violation will be eligible for consideration of a leadership position at the high school.
 - b. A third violation would prohibit a student from any leadership position at the high school.

Appeal Process

The student involved is required to attend any scheduled appeal hearing being requested by his/her parent/guardian.

1. If the parent does not agree with the decision that his or her son/daughter violated the Academic Integrity Policy as determined by the teacher and subject area supervisor, an appeal can be filed with the building principal.
 - The appeal must be submitted in writing within five (5) calendar days of the meeting held with the teacher, subject area supervisor, student and parent.
 - The principal will schedule a meeting to hear the appeal within five (5) calendar days of receiving the parent request in writing.
 - Upon hearing the parental appeal, the principal will have five (5) calendar days to render his/her decision and notify the parent in writing of said decision.
2. If the decision of the principal is unsatisfactory to the parent, an appeal can be filed with the Superintendent of Schools.
 - The appeal to the Superintendent of Schools must be filed in writing within five (5) calendar days of the principal’s decision.
 - The Superintendent will have five (5) calendar days from receipt of the parent’s appeal in writing to notify the parent of a meeting date.Once the meeting has taken place, the Superintendent will render a decision in writing and transmit it to the parent within five (5) calendar days.

3. If the Superintendent's decision is unsatisfactory to the parent, an appeal can be filed with the Board of Education.

- The appeal to the Board of Education must be submitted in writing within ten (10) calendar days from the date of the Superintendent's decision in writing. The appeal must be submitted to the Superintendent's Office.
- A hearing before the Board of Education will be scheduled as soon as possible following the receipt of the parent's appeal in writing to the Board of Education.
- The Board of Education will render a decision in writing and transmit it to the parent within five (5) days of the hearing before the Board of Education.

A request for an appeal that is submitted after the stated calendar days in 1, 2 and 3 above will not be granted and the matter will be considered closed.

Adopted: June 19, 2017

ACCIDENTS

Accidents that occur in school are to be reported to the teacher in charge. Every other accident in the building, on school grounds, at practice sessions, or at any athletic event sponsored by the school must be reported immediately to the person in charge and to the school nurse.

ACTIVITIES AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

Students must be in school four (4) hours in order to participate in any after school activities (PROM, BALL, athletics and/or extracurricular clubs or activities). *Students who are absent or suspended will not be permitted to participate in sports practice or games or other extra-curricular activities for the duration of the suspension.*

It is essential that all students leave the building at the close of the school day. Exceptions include students involved in school sponsored extracurricular activities, those using the media center, or those receiving assistance from the teaching staff.

Students attending school sponsored activities either after school hours or off-school premises are subject to the same rules and regulations of proper conduct that apply during regular school hours. **It is to be firmly understood that students who remain after school must be under the direct supervision of a staff member at all times. Students who fail to comply with the above will be subject to disciplinary action.**

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

It is the policy of the Board of Education of Point Pleasant Borough Schools to maintain a positive, wholesome educational environment for the children of the district. The goals of education are concerned with the transmission of values, ethics, attitudes, and traits associated with responsible citizenship. **Any form of harassment and bias will not be tolerated and should be reported to the school administration immediately.** Severe disciplinary action will be taken.

**Dr. Susan Ladd
District Affirmative Action Officer
2100 Panther Path
Point Pleasant, NJ. 08742
732-701-1900 Ex. 2418**

ASSAULT/THREATS

The threat of physical or sexual abuse, the use of force, or the expression of intent to do harm may result in suspensions of up to **10 school days** for each participant.

- I. A violent act such as assault or battery by one or more students against another student may result in suspensions of up to ten (10) days for each participant. The police may be notified.
- II. In severe situations, the participants may face a Board of Education expulsion hearing.
- III. Any student who commits an assault upon a teacher, administrator, board member or other employee of a board of education acting in the performance of his/her duties shall be immediately suspended from school pending expulsion proceedings before the Board of Education. (N.J.S.A:37-2.1)

ATHLETICS ext. 2227

Attention all Spectators: Backpacks and water bottles of any kind are not permitted at any athletic event.

Point Pleasant Borough High School is a member of the Shore Conference and competes in the following interscholastic sports:

Fall

Football
Boys Cross Country
Girls Cross Country
Girls Field Hockey
Boys Soccer
Girls Soccer
Girls Tennis
Cheerleading
Gymnastics

Winter

Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Boys Bowling
Girls Bowling
Boys Winter Track
Girls Winter Track
Wrestling
Cheerleading
Swimming
Ice Hockey

Spring

Baseball
Golf
Girls Softball
Boys Tennis
Boys Track
Girls Track
Boys Lacrosse
Girls Lacrosse

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY (See Course Selection Guide for details)

The Board of Education adopts those eligibility standards set by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association for Borough students. To be eligible for athletic competition during the fall and winter seasons, students must have passed 30 credits at the conclusion of the preceding school year. There is no credit requirement for incoming students from middle or elementary school (8th grade) during the first semester. To be eligible for athletic competition during the spring semester a student must be passing 15 credits at the conclusion of the first semester. This applies to all students including ninth graders.

ATHLETES

Athletes represent Point Pleasant Borough High School. Athletes are held to a high standard of behavior on and off the playing field. Those who violate team or school rules will be subject to disciplinary action by the coach and/or administration. Athletes who take or attempt to take, personal property, school issued equipment or money from teammates or opposing teams will be subject to disciplinary action by the coach and/or administration. Police may be notified.

BICYCLES

Bicycles **MUST BE LOCKED** in racks provided adjacent to the gymnasium. Locked bicycles are not stolen! **PLEASE NOTE:** Taking another student's bicycle at lunch ***without their express***

permission/knowledge is considered theft and will be reported to the Point Pleasant Police Department, even if the bicycle is returned. Discipline will be assigned.

All students must lock bicycles securely. Do not give the key or combination to others. THE SCHOOL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY OF BICYCLES. Thefts can be reported to the Point Pleasant Police Department.

CELL PHONES/iPods (Policy No. 5516)

Cell phones, iPods, pagers, or other electronic devices **are not permitted during instructional time, unless with the express permission of the teacher.** Electronic devices can be extremely disruptive to teaching and impede the learning not only of the owner but also of the other students in the classroom. (N.J.S.A. 2C:33-19 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.8).

THIS ADMINISTRATION IS ADAMANT THAT THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO OUR STUDENTS WILL NOT BE DISRUPTED BY CELL PHONES OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES. CELL PHONE CALLS/TEXTS FROM A PARENT WILL NOT NEGATE THIS POLICY.

- At the first violation, the student will be sent to the office to turn over the device to an administrator and will receive a central detention. Parents will be notified and *students* will be allowed to retrieve the device after school.
- At the second violation, the student will be sent to the office to turn over the device to an administrator and will receive two central detentions. *Parents* will be called to retrieve the device at the high school from the grade-level administrator.
- At the third violation, the student will be sent to the office to turn over the device to an administration and will receive a Saturday detention. *Parents* will be called to retrieve the device at the high school from the grade-level administrator.
- Upon the **fourth and all subsequent violations**, the student will be suspended. An additional day of suspension will be added for each additional infraction. *Parents* will be called to retrieve the device at the high school from the grade-level administrator.
- **Electronic devices are not school-sanctioned materials. Thefts will be directed to the Police Department.**

PARENTS ARE ASKED NOT TO CALL/TEXT THEIR CHILD'S CELL PHONE DURING CLASS TIME. PARENTS MAY CALL THE MAIN OFFICE AT ANY TIME (EXT. 2206 OR 2251) IF THEY NEED TO CONTACT THEIR CHILD. CELL PHONE CALLS/TEXTS FROM A PARENT WILL NOT NEGATE THE ABOVE POLICY.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

Parents/guardians must immediately report any change of address or telephone number to the main office.

CLUBS/ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education believes that the educational goals and objectives of the district are best achieved by a diversity of learning experiences, which may be offered in and out of the classroom. In that light, all students are encouraged to join one or more activities offered by the school district.

Freshman Class	Sophomore Class	Junior Class	Senior Class
Art Club	Audio Visual	Band	Chess Club
Color Guard	Forensics (drama)	Future Business Leaders (FBLA)	Yearbook

Gardening Club
Key Club
National Honor Society
Student Ambassadors

Guitar Club
Leo Club
Newspaper
Student Council

Interact
Literary Magazine
Quiz Bowl
Vocal Music

Italian Club
Math League
Spanish Club

Eligibility:

Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing.

Disciplinary Standing:

Students will follow the district's code of conduct.

Students shall not be eligible to participate while serving a detention or suspension.

Attendance

Students must be in compliance with the attendance policy and *in school for at least 4 hours to participate.*

COMMENCEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Only students who have met the academic requirements for graduation shall participate in commencement. No student shall be permitted to participate in commencement if he/she has willfully disregarded the school's published rules and regulations. All school rules apply for commencement. Students not in compliance with school rules will be immediately removed from the ceremony. (*See Commencement Attire, next section.*)

COMMENCEMENT ATTIRE

Graduation is a formal occasion. Appropriate attire is required for participation. Those who do not comply with the rules will not be permitted to participate. (Legal Reference: N.J. Statutes Title 18A:11-7)

- No writing, tape, decorations, etc. will be permitted on graduation gowns or hats.
- Boys will be required to wear long pants.
- Jeans, sneakers, and high-heeled shoes will not be permitted.
- There is considerable walking. Students should wear stable shoes (no high heels).

COMPUTER USE POLICY (Policy 2361)

Students must use technology according to District Board Policy 2361. All computer users must return the completed technology agreement form before being granted computer and Internet access. The Board provides access to computer network/computers for educational purposes only. The Board retains the right to restrict or terminate pupil access to the computer network/computers at any time for any reason. The Board retains the right to have district personnel monitor network activity, in any form necessary, to maintain the integrity of the network and ensure its proper use. Violations of district /school rules may result in loss of computer privileges. See www.pointpleasant.k12.nj.us for the complete policy.

CREDITS/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Refer to the Guidance Services *Course Selection Guide* for information on the Guidance Services web page.

CUTS- UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCE FROM CLASS

A student's first cut from class(es) or school will result in detention. A second cut will result in Saturday detention or suspension from school. A third cut will result in student being suspended from school and **loss of credit for a full year course(s) upon the third cut.** In a *semester* course(s), students will lose credit upon the second cut. The student will remain in the class to be eligible for

summer school, unless behavior becomes disruptive or cutting continues. **ANY ASSIGNMENTS, INCLUDING TESTS AND QUIZZES, MISSED DUE TO CUTTING WILL RECEIVE A 20% GRADE REDUCTION.**

CYBERBULLING (Policy 5512.02)

A safe and civil environment in school is necessary for pupils to learn and achieve high academic standards. Cyber-bullying by a pupil in the district directed toward another school district or pupil or school staff member is conduct that disrupts both a pupil's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate its pupils in a safe environment.

The Board of Education prohibits acts of cyber-bullying by school district pupils through the use of any school district owned, operated, and supervised technologies. The Building Principal or designee may report allegations of cyber bullying to law enforcement authorities.

Cyber-bullying is the use of electronic information and communication devices, to include but not limited to, e-mail messages, instant messaging, text messaging, cellular telephone communications, internet blogs, internet chat rooms, internet postings and defamatory websites that:

1. deliberately threatens, harasses, intimidates an individual or group of individuals; or
2. places an individual in reasonable fear of harm to the individual or damage to the individual's property; or
3. has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

Any pupil or school staff member who believes he/she has or is being subjected to cyber-bullying, as well as any person who has reason to believe a pupil or school staff member has knowledge or reason to believe another pupil or school staff member is being subjected or has been subjected to cyber-bullying shall immediately make a report to the Building Principal or designee.

DANCES

All attendees at school dances are subject to school rules that apply during the school day. Students will not be admitted to a dance one hour after start time. If students leave before the dance ends, re-admittance will be denied. **Guests are not permitted. PPBHS students must show their ID card to gain admittance.**

DISCIPLINE

The administration and faculty enforce school rules, which foster mutual respect for students and teachers alike. The goal is to further the development of self-discipline on the part of the students. Students are expected to take responsibility for their own behavior. The following disciplinary actions will be taken based on the infraction:

I. Court Actions:

Children under 16 years are required to attend school (N.J.S.A. 18A: 38-25). Students under 16 years of age who are consistently truant will be referred for court action. Court action will be instituted for other violations such as trespassing, assault, inducing a person(s) to use narcotic drug(s), smoking, malicious destruction or damage to property, carrying concealed weapons and any other violation of New Jersey Statutes.

II. Detention:

Teachers may assign detention for infraction of school rules. This is served with the teacher at the teacher's discretion and with adequate notice to the student. Administrators may also assign detention. It is held daily from 2:40 to 3:25. In certain instances, Saturday detention may be assigned. Saturday detention is from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Failure to report to detention will result in further disciplinary action. Students who miss Saturday detention will receive a day of out-of-school suspension and will be re-scheduled for the

next Saturday detention. Students are required to bring schoolwork to detention. Sleeping, eating, use of cell phones or inappropriate behavior will result in removal from detention and/or suspension from school. Students who arrive late will not be admitted and detention will be reassigned with additional consequences.

III. Community Service:

Community service, if available, may be assigned in lieu of detention or suspension at the discretion of the administration. Community service hours must be completed within the established timeline. Failure to do so will result in suspension.

IV. Suspension and Expulsion:

While the board believes that positive approaches to acceptable behavior are usually more effective, it is sometimes necessary to penalize students for violations of school regulations to ensure the good order of the school and to teach students the consequences of disruptive behavior. Students who indulge in disruptive behavior may be suspended or recommended to the Board of Education for expulsion.

A. Disruptive behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Continued and willful disobedience;
- Open defiance of authority of any teacher or person having authority;
- Actions that constitute a danger to the physical well-being of other students;
- Tumultuous behavior;
- Reckless behavior so as to endanger the safety of others;
- Physical assault upon another student, a teacher, or any school employee;
- Taking, or attempting to take, personal property/ money from another student or staff member by means of force or fear;
- Willfully causing, or attempting to cause, substantial damage to the property of other students, staff members, or the district;
- Theft of the property of other students, staff members, or the district;
- Falsifying a note (medical, legal, etc.) or any school document;
- Taking part in any unauthorized occupancy of a district facility and refusing to leave promptly when directed to do so by a person in authority;
- Inciting others to take part in an unauthorized occupancy;
- Inciting other students to truancy;
- Truancy and class cutting; leaving school property without permission;
- Poor attendance and lateness;
- Use or possession of unsafe or illegal articles (weapons, firearms, firecrackers, explosive devices, etc.)
- Use of any tobacco product/e-cigarettes on school property;
- Use, possession or sale of a controlled dangerous substance, illegal substance, anabolic steroids or alcohol;
- Use of profanity or abusive language;
- Turning in a false alarm;
- Arson
- Tampering with or damaging property of other students or staff members;
- Selling or buying lottery tickets or any other gambling

V. Eligibility for Special Events (i.e. school dances, Junior Prom, ALL Senior Events, including but not limited to Powderpuff, Senior Picnic, Yearbook Breakfast, Senior Ball, and Graduation Ceremony)

The above captioned events are a privilege extended to students, particularly seniors, in good standing. Students who have been suspended on three or more occasions during one school year or who have been suspended for a cumulative total of 10 or more days of suspension, will not be permitted to participate in these events.

Students under suspension are prohibited from participating in or attending any school-regulated activity during the period of their suspension. They may not enter the school buildings or grounds of this district without the permission of the Chief School Administrator. Any student under suspension who enters the school buildings or grounds without the permission of the Chief School Administrator may have the period of his/her suspension extended and risk trespass charges. The right to continue the suspension or to expel is reserved to the Board of Education, acting upon the recommendation of the administration.

Students who are suspended are required to make-up all work missed during the suspension. It is the student's responsibility to solicit make-up work from teachers.

A student who is suspended on the day preceding a weekend or holiday and/or the subsequent day following a weekend or holiday shall not be permitted to participate in school-sponsored activities, including interscholastic sports, during that weekend. In certain situations, students may be suspended from school pending a parent conference.

DRESS CODE

Point Pleasant High School is an institution of learning. It is not the beach or boardwalk. All students must be mindful of their attire for school and follow the dress code.

Inappropriate attire will not be permitted. Students who are dressed inappropriately for the school environment will be addressed by the administration and may be required to change clothing. Any pupil who is in violation of the dress code will be asked to correct the violation immediately or will be excluded from attending school until his/her attire conforms to the school policy.

The following items may serve as a guide to inappropriate school attire:

- Hats or other head coverings, except in the case of religious observance, may not be worn in the building.
- Clothing for school should not be too tight, revealing, or unsafe. Shorts/skirts must be an appropriate length. Bare midriffs, strapless tops, halter tops, or articles that expose cleavage, stomach, or the full back may not be worn. Singlet style or A-style tee shirts may not be worn.
- Objects that could be used as weapons, i.e. heavy chains, may not be part of student apparel.
- Apparel that promotes or endorses illegal substances, i.e., drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products, may not be worn. In addition, clothing with messages deemed offensive, profane, inappropriate, violent, or derogatory, is not permitted. Images of weapons are not permitted.
- Sunglasses may not be worn in class.

Classroom teachers have the major responsibility for interpreting and enforcing these standards for their individual classes. Teachers may refer students in violation of the dress code to the administration. Students are expected to cooperate courteously when teachers or administration

enforce these standards. Appeals can be made to the principal. The Chief School Administrator will have the final word.

DRIVING AND PARKING

Seniors wishing to park in the senior lot must first purchase a parking decal and fill out required paperwork (forms can be found on the website). Applications are handed in at the main office. Senior lot parking is on a first-come, first-served basis. Students are to practice safe driving at all times. **Students driving in a reckless or hazardous manner will be referred to the police and will be subject to disciplinary action. Seniors may lose parking privileges.**

Seniors who park without a parking decal are subject to a 30 day hold on their application upon the first offense, a 60 day hold upon the second offense and revocation of senior parking for the year upon the third offense. Disciplinary consequences will also apply.

Parking spaces may be revoked for attendance or disciplinary issues at the discretion of the administration. Seniors with a parking permit may be subject to random drug testing.

UNDERCLASSEMEN AND SENIORS WITHOUT A PARKING PERMIT WHO PARK ON CAMPUS MAY BE TICKETED/TOWED BY THE POINT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT WARNING. (18A:40-22)

****UNDERCLASSEMEN WHO PARK ON CAMPUS WILL HAVE A 30 DAY HOLD ON THEIR PARKING PERMIT AS A SENIOR FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE, A 60 DAY HOLD FOR A SECOND OFFENSE AND REVOCATION OF SENIOR PARKING PERMIT FOR THE YEAR UPON THE THIRD OFFENSE. DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES WILL ALSO APPLY. ****

EARLY SIGN OUT

Board of Education Policy No. 5230

**** Please do not ask us to violate this policy ****

No student may be permitted to leave the school before the close of the school day unless the student is signed out IN PERSON at the main office by his/her parent/guardian or a person listed as an emergency contact on the students' attendance information.

List the name(s) of contact individuals who are ABLE TO SIGN YOUR CHILD OUT DURING THE SCHOOL DAY on the attendance form. Phone calls, faxes, emails and notes are unacceptable means of early sign out. We are responsible for the well-being of your child and obligated to follow Board regulations.

To avoid disruption of teaching time, please schedule early sign out at the beginning or end of a period. Please consult the below bell schedule. Ill students must report to the nurse prior to dismissal.

BELL SCHEDULE

Period 1	7:10 - 7:55
Period 2	8:00 - 8:45
HOMEROOM	8:45 - 8:50
Period 3	8:54 - 9:39
Period 4	9:43 - 10:28
Period 5	10:32 - 11:17
Period 6	11:21 - 12:06

Period 7	12:10 - 12:55
Period 8	12:58 – 1:44
Period 9	1:48 - 2:33

EMERGENCY CLOSING

The following will announce school closing due to inclement weather:

WOBM	92.7 FM	1160AM	NJ12 TV
WADB	1310AM		
WJLK	94.3 FM		
NJ101.5	101.5 FM		

The school web site will post closings: www.pointpleasant.k12.nj.us.

***Honeywell Alert will be sent. Register with Honeywell Instant Alert on the district website.

EXAM DATES

Midterm exams – January 29, 30, 31, 2019

Final Exams – June 18, 19, 20, 2019

FINAL EXAMS – June 18, 19, 20, 2019

Students are expected to be in school for final exams.

Students who are absent from an exam will be given the opportunity for a make-up exam provided the following is followed:

- a. **STUDENTS MAY NOT TAKE EXAMS EARLIER THAN EXAM WEEK.** If a situation exists (other than illness) where a student will miss exams, the grade level vice-principal must be contacted. If there is just cause and approval granted, make up exams will be administered when the student **returns**.
- b. Students **may not** rearrange exams to take them at earlier periods during exam week. The only exception is, if a student has three exams in one day, the student may reschedule one exam in conjunction with the teacher.
- c. If the student is ill, a medical note will be required. If the absence is an emergency, the parent will be asked to speak with an administrator to explain the emergency; the administration will make a determination.
- d. Parents may also contact the school nurse (ext. 2215) for a determination concerning the student's health status. The student may be sent to the nurse.
- e. A doctor's note or other legitimate documentation approved by the administration will be required to *postpone* the final exam. Students who fail to take the final exam without a legitimate excuse may not be eligible to receive course credit.

If condition (c) or (d) is met, the student must immediately contact the teacher to reschedule the exam.

The following should also be noted:

- No additional time is provided if a student is late to an exam.
- If a student misses an exam without following this procedure the absence will be considered truancy. The student will receive a failing grade for the exam and risk losing course credit.
- Students who leave the exam without teacher permission will receive a failing grade for the exam.
- Students who are removed from an exam because of disruptive behavior will receive a failing grade for the exam.

Final Exam Exemptions

Exemptions from final exams are a privilege for students who have continued to work hard throughout the year.

- **First and foremost, ALL EXEMPTIONS will be at the discretion of the teacher. No exceptions.**
- **Each marking period (and midterms) must be at least an “A-.”**
- **There is no limit on the number of exemptions.**

FALSE ALARMS (N.J.S.A. 2C:33-3)

Placing a false alarm or a false 911 call is a Disorderly Persons Offense with penalties of up to six months imprisonment and/or up to a \$1,000 fine.

FIGHTING

Any student engaged in fighting may be suspended for up to 10 days. (See Discipline Policy for further details.)

FINES AND SCHOOL PROPERTY

All books, materials and equipment, including athletic equipment, are to be returned in good condition. Failure to return these items or return them in good condition will result in fines and assessments. These fines and/or assessments must be satisfied before graduation or participation in graduation ceremonies will be withheld. Underclass grades and schedules will be withheld until all obligations are satisfied.

FIREARMS & WEAPONS (ZERO TOLERANCE FOR GUNS ACT)

A pupil convicted of possession of a firearm or a crime while armed with a firearm or who is found to knowingly be in possession of a firearm on school property, on a school bus or at a school sponsored function, shall immediately be removed from the school’s regular instruction program pending a hearing before the Board of Education. (N.J.S.18A: 37.7.8)

Students are forbidden to bring any type of weapon to school. Students who violate this rule will be subject to disciplinary action, the police will be notified and the weapon turned over to the police. Legal action will result. Any object used for purposes other than that for which it was designed and used to inflict harm or injury, or the threat of harm or injury upon another person or persons, will be considered a weapon.

Weapons include (but are not limited to) firearms, knives, any ignited or explosive items (firecrackers or smoke bombs) and any objects of no reasonable use to the student at school which may be used to cause injury.

FIRE DRILLS

State statutes require timed fire drills while students are in the building. Students are to report with their teacher to a designated location. All persons, without exception, must exit the building.

FIRE FIGHTERS/FIRST AIDERS

Student members of local fire companies/local first aid squads wishing to fulfill their obligations during school hours must present notes from the fire chief/head of the first aid squad and their parents which specifically requires their attendance and which excuses these absences.

These students will not be required to sign out, but must notify the attendance secretary of their absence upon return from the obligation, and present documentation from the fire company/first aid squad.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance will be broadcast each morning. Students will show respect during the flag salute.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

Food and beverages are only permitted in the cafeteria. Students who disregard this policy will be asked to dispose of such and, if non-compliant, may be subject to disciplinary action. Repeat offenders will be referred to the administration.

GAMBLING

Gambling is not permitted on school property or while attending school-sponsored events or activities and will be subject to disciplinary action.

SUSPECTED GANG ACTIVITY (POLICY NO. 5615)

Pupils that initiate, advocate, or promote activities, openly or otherwise, and/or threaten the safety or well-being of others disrupt the school environments and are harmful to the educational process in this school district. Any physical or verbal harassing, intimidating, or bullying conduct by a pupil or group of pupils directed toward any school staff member or any other pupil or group of pupils anywhere on school grounds, at any school related or sponsored activity, on school busses, at a school bus stop, and any other place where pupils are supervised by school district staff will not be tolerated.

In the event the Principal or designee, believe any physical or verbal harassing, intimidating, or bullying conduct was, or is being committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with a group of three or more persons, the school staff will investigate further to determine if the conduct was committed by those pupils representing a gang as defined in N.J.S.A. 2C:44-3.h. If it is determined unacceptable conduct was committed by pupils representing a gang, the Principal or designee will assign appropriate disciplinary action and will notify the parents/guardians of the victim and the offender. The Principal or designee will also inform the Superintendent of Schools and local law enforcement.

To further insure the safety and well-being of all pupils in the district and to increase awareness within the school community regarding potential gang activity, pupils are prohibited from wearing on school grounds, at any school related or sponsored activity, on school buses, and any other place where pupils are supervised by school district staff, any type of clothing or accessory that would indicate a pupil has membership in, or affiliation with, any gang associated with criminal activities pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-9.

The parents/guardians of any pupil identified as being potentially involved in gang-related activities shall be notified by the Principal or designee. A pupil as identified as being potentially involved in gang-related activities shall be offered appropriate counseling by school district staff.

GRADES

Grades are an appraisal of progress toward established goals and a measure of student achievement. They are not to be modified or altered by disciplinary action except for those students found to be in violation of the Academic Integrity Policy. Such students shall receive a failing grade for the assignment. All incomplete grades must be made up within five (5) days of the end of the marking period.

Grading Scale

A+ = 97-100	B+ = 87-89	C+ = 77-79	D = 65-69
A = 93-96	B = 83-86	C = 73-76	F = 64 and below
A- = 90-92	B- = 80-82	C- = 70-72	

Failing Grade (F)

If a student scores below a 55% in the first or second marking periods, a grade of 55 will be reported. This is done to reduce the “power of the zero” for a student who struggles early in the year, but then shows improvement. We believe we have the responsibility to help every student achieve his or her best result and this is an attempt to give a struggling student an incentive to be able to pass a course for the year even if they have experienced difficulty early on.

Teachers must contact the parents of any student who fails the second and third marking period and who may be in danger of failing for the year. The teacher is to confer with the subject area supervisor to determine if a parent conference is also necessary. In the case of a senior who requires a passing grade in the course to graduate, a parent conference is mandatory.

Should a student fail the last two marking periods, he/she may fail the course for the year regardless of performance during the first two marking periods. The teacher shall consult with the supervisor on this decision. Students must take the final exam unless excused by policy and at the teacher’s discretion.

Grading Implications for Violations of the Academic Integrity Policy

The following consequences reflect violations that occur *within the same class*. The implications below are *in addition to* the consequences listed in the Academic Integrity Policy.

A. First Violation

1. Meeting held to include supervisor, teacher, student and parent/guardian.
2. Follow-up meeting between the guidance counselor and student.

B. Second Violation

1. Meeting held to include supervisor, teacher, student and parent/guardian.
2. Follow-up meeting between the guidance counselor and student.
3. Loss of a letter grade for the current marking period.

C. Third Violation

1. Meeting held to include principal, supervisor, teacher, student and parent/guardian.
2. Grade of “F” will be recorded for the current marking period.
3. Removal from the class if such class is an Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) class at the discretion of Administration.

GUESTS

Student visitors to school are not permitted to attend classes. All other visitors are to report to the Security Booth, provide identification, sign in, and request a visitor’s badge.

GUIDANCE SERVICES ext. 2208 or 2209
Director – Mrs. Kimberly Ferlauto
Student Assistance Counselor – Mr. James Foley

COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS 2018–2019

Counselor	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Ms. Schadewald	A-G	A-G	A-F	A-F
Ms. Salvatoriello	H-M	H-M	G-N	G-M
Mrs. Nydam	N-Z	N-Z	O-Z	N-Z
Mrs. Molyneaux	CST only	CST only	CST only	CST only

SECRETARIES – MRS. FERRARA AND MRS. O’GORMAN

Guidance Services provides students, parents and teachers with a variety of services that will enable the student to participate fully in their education.

Each student is assigned a guidance counselor. Conferences will be held periodically to aid each student in attaining his/her academic and personal potential. Any student or parent may request an appointment with a counselor. Please call **732-701-1900 ext. 2208 or 2209** with any questions, to speak to a counselor or to make an appointment.

Specific counseling services are offered to help students make more effective adjustments to the high school environment. The Guidance Services staff provides assistance to parents and students in academic planning, orientation to the school, assessment on both an individual and group basis, identification of learning problems, career counseling and planning, personal and social counseling, post-secondary planning and placement, and financial aid and scholarship services.

Counselors prepare passes to guidance. **Students must have their teacher's permission to miss a class to visit guidance.**

Working papers are available in the guidance office. These papers contain sections for completion by the employer and by a doctor. When these completed forms and a birth certificate are presented to guidance, working papers are issued.

PROHIBITING HARRASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING POLICY No. 5512.01

High School Anti-bullying Specialist – James Foley

Under New Jersey law, “harassment, intimidation or bullying” means any gesture, any written, verbal or physical act or any electronic communication, whether it is a single incident or a series of incidents, that is:

- a. reasonably perceived as being motivated by either any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or a mental, physical or sensory disability or:
- b. by another other distinguishing characteristic; and that
- c. takes place on school property, at any school-sponsored function, on a school bus, or off school grounds, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15.3, that substantially disrupts or interferes with the orderly operation of the school or the rights of other pupils; and that
- d. a reasonable person should know under the circumstances will have the effect of physically or emotional harming a pupil or damaging the pupil’s property, or placing a pupil in reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property, or
- e. has the effect of insulting or demeaning any pupil or group of pupils, or
- f. creates a hostile educational environment for the pupil by interfering with a pupil’s education by severely or pervasively causing physical or emotional harm to the pupil.

Pupils are required to conform to reasonable standards of socially acceptable behavior; respect the person, property and rights of others; obey constituted authority; and respond to school district teaching, support and administrative staff.

Consequences and appropriate remedial action for pupils who commit acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying may range from positive behavioral interventions up to and including short term or long term suspension or expulsion as set forth in the Board adopted Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-7.1. Consequences for a pupil who commits an act of harassment, intimidation or bullying shall be varied and graded according to the nature of the behavior, the developmental age of the pupil and the pupil’s history of problem behaviors and performance.

Suspected bullying should be reported to a member of the teaching or administrative staff. Preventive interventions may be conducted through the Human Relations Committee. For further information refer to Board of Education Policy 5131.9. **Students who feel they are a victim of bullying or have witnessed an act of bullying, are strongly advised to contact a staff member or administrator immediately to allow the school to act to reduce the chance of escalation.** The names of those reporting a bullying or harassment incident will remain confidential, as the law permits.

HEALTH OFFICE / NURSE ext. 2215 Mrs. Barry, RN

The health office is open to students from 7:30 AM to 2:45 PM daily. Students requiring the nurse’s attention must obtain a pass from a teacher. Students must sign in when they arrive at the nurse’s office and sign out when they depart. **Failure to sign in or out will result in a cut, truancy, or absence recorded on the student’s attendance record and may be subject to disciplinary action.**

No student is to bring any medication to school without the written permission of the physician. This includes over the counter medications, such as Tylenol, Midol, etc. All medications are to be kept in the health office. **If a student is found to be in possession of any medication he/she could face disciplinary charges.**

Students returning to school after being absent for an extended period and/or with a communicable disease must bring evidence of medical clearance to return to school in the form of a note signed by the attending physician.

HOME OR OUT-OF-SCHOOL INSTRUCTION (N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.1)

The Board of Education shall provide instructional services to an enrolled student whether a general education student or special education student up to age 21, at the student's home or another suitable out-of-school setting such as a hospital or rehabilitation program when the student is confined to the home or another out-of-school setting due to a temporary or chronic health condition or a need for treatment which precludes participation in their usual educational setting, whether general education or special education.

1. To request home instruction due to a temporary or chronic health condition the parent shall submit a request to the school that includes a written determination from the student's physician documenting the projected need for confinement at the student's residence or other treatment setting from 10 consecutive school days or 15 cumulative school days or more during the school year.
2. The school district shall forward the written determination to the school physician who shall verify the need for home instruction. The school physician may contact the student's physician to secure additional information concerning the student's diagnosis or need for treatment and shall either verify the need for home instruction or shall provide reasons for denial to the district board of education.
3. The school district shall notify the parent concerning the school physician's verification or reasons for denial within five school days after receipt of the written determination by the student's physician.
4. The school district shall provide instructional services within five school days after receipt of the school physician's verification or, if verification is made prior to the student's confinement, during the first week of the student's confinement to the home or out-of-school setting.

HONOR ROLL

High honor roll indicates at least an "A-" in all subjects. Honor roll indicates at least a "B-" in all subjects. Honor cards are available in Guidance Services at the end of every marking period. Honor cards confer free admission to most home athletic events for the time specified.

LOCKERS

Students are assigned a locker for use during the school year. **Students must not share lockers or locker combinations. Valuable property or money is never to be left in a school locker. The care of the locker is the student's responsibility.** Fines may be assessed for damage to the locker.

School lockers remain the property of the district even when used by pupils. Lockers are subject to administrative search in the interests of school safety. Lockers will be inspected as need requires and on a regular basis. The Board of Education and the school administration recognize that a locker may be used as a depository for substances or objects that are illegal or that constitute a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the occupants of the school building and as such, a student's locker may be inspected if a school official has reasonable grounds to suspect that a student has violated or is violating the laws of the State or the rules of the school and is depositing substances or objects that are illegal or that constitute a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the occupants of the school.

The Board of Education declares that all lockers are public places and that inspections shall be made at any time, without any reason, cause or notice. In the event that the student population exceeds the number of available lockers, some students may be required to share a locker.

LOST PROPERTY

The school is not responsible for lost or stolen property. **THEFTS OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES WILL BE REFERRED TO THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT.** All students have an individual locker with a combination lock. **LOCK all items in a locker. Do not share**

locker combinations as this will leave items unsecured. Do not leave items unattended. Report lost items to the teacher or coach. The *lost and found* is in the main office.

LUNCH PERIODS/CAFETERIA USE

Students may use the cafeteria until 7:45 a.m. and during their regularly scheduled lunch period. After finishing lunch, students must place trays and trash in the proper receptacles. Disruptive or insubordinate behavior in the cafeteria will result in exclusion and/or disciplinary action. All food and beverages must remain in the cafeteria.

Students are permitted to exit the school building during their regularly scheduled lunch periods only. They are to act appropriately in the community and return to school in time for their next class. Students who act inappropriately while off campus for lunch will be subject to disciplinary action.

Students who return to school during their lunch period are to enter the school through the **cafeteria doors only**. They are to remain in the cafeteria until the passing bell rings. Students are not permitted in hallways from lunch periods without a signed pass from a teacher or administrator.

MARKING PERIODS 2018-2019

(may be subject to change)

First Marking Period

Sept 5- Nov 13

Second Marking Period

Nov 14 -Jan 31

Third Marking Period

Feb 1 – April 8

Fourth Marking Period

April 9 - June 20

MEDIA CENTER

Mrs. Kim Manser, Media Specialist

The media center is open for all students from 7:20 a.m. until 3:20 p.m. Students must adhere to the following:

- Secure a pass from Mrs. Manser to visit the library during study hall. *This must be done between classes or on lunch.*
- **Sign into the media center upon arrival and sign out if leaving before the period ends.**
- Use of the media center during lunch is permitted with the librarian's approval and a pass obtained prior to the visit. *Remember, the media center is an area of study. Rules concerning behavior and use of materials are to be followed.*

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Students with a qualifying GPA have the opportunity to become members of the National Honor Society (NHS) in their junior year. Selections are made by the Faculty Council. Students not selected may reapply in their senior year, providing they still have a qualifying GPA. Applications are made available to students who meet the established academic criteria. In addition, students must demonstrate leadership, character, and service.

Leadership- The student successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility. Positions outside the school can be considered but do not hold the same level of significance. The student contributes to the civic life of the school through responsibility, initiative, and dependability.

Character- The student complies with school rules. He/she demonstrates the highest standards of honesty, integrity and reliability. (*See Academic Integrity Policy*)

Service- The student is a member of school and community based organizations that require the volunteering of his/her time. Organizations within the school hold more significance than those outside of school.

Students must provide strong evidence of qualification in all categories to be considered for admission. The advisor to NHS is responsible for overseeing the selection process and supervising the activities of the organization. Chapters are not legally or constitutionally obligated to share with parents and students information concerning specific students not selected for membership. The advisor can provide immediate feedback and direction in cases of non-selection. The principal is not a member of the Faculty Council. He/she may listen to the concerns of those not selected. In the unlikely event of a technical or procedural error **only**, the principal may reconvene the Faculty Council. Those wishing to challenge the principal's decision must appeal to the Superintendent of Schools.

OPTION II FOR ALTERNATIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION (OVERVIEW)

Please be advised that Option II provides students with the opportunity to meet New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in a setting other than the traditional classroom. Participation in activities such as gymnastics, dance, competitive swimming and interscholastic athletics can be used as an alternative to a 45-minute daily physical education class if the student can demonstrate that he or she is learning the standards that would be guiding the instruction developed by the physical education teacher.

If approved for Option II Alternative Physical Education, the student will receive a copy of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for Health and Physical Education. He/She should review Standard 2.1 Wellness, Standard 2.2 Integrated Skills, Standard 2.5 Motor Skill Development and Standard 2.6 Fitness. In order to grant credit under Option II, the Point Pleasant Borough School District requires the student to a) answer guided journal questions related to health and physical education based on their out-of-school activity or interscholastic sport b) create a portfolio, or c) design a project, where he/she documents the ways in which he/she is learning these standards. All students applying for an Option II Physical Education Program off campus (i.e. outside dance studios, travel soccer, all-star cheerleading) must complete a log of hours he/she participated in his/her activity and must have his/her coach/instructor verifying the participation hours. The Point Pleasant Borough High School Physical Education Teachers will provide the student with more information following approval of the request.

In addition, NJ State Statute 18A: 35-5, 7 and 8 requires 150 minutes of participation in physical education weekly. The PPBSD requires that the student must have the coach/instructor verify that the student was present for at least 150 minutes over a 3 day period each week.

Once approved, students are responsible for keeping track of hours and presenting documentation of their progress towards meeting the standards to their assigned Physical Education Teacher every two weeks. All forms must be turned in by the specified dates (see marking period calendar). A mid marking period check will be administered and an interim report will be given. The established protocol and specific forms are expected to be adhered to. Students are responsible for meeting the minimum of 150 minute per week requirement over at least a 3-day period, documenting physical activity on the **LOG FORM** as well as explaining the link to the Content Standards in their **ASSIGNMENT**. Students will receive a grade of "P" or "F" at the end of each quarter as well as mid-marking period progress. 100% compliance is required in order to receive a passing grade for the marking period. *Any late assignments during the marking period may result in failure for the marking period.*

In case of injury, sickness or the inability to participate in any physical activity, a doctor's note will be required and must be presented to the High School's nurse's office in order for the student to be excused. Parental notes for illness will not be accepted to excuse students from their activity.

Student Responsibility

Students are responsible for obtaining a signature every two weeks from their coach or advisor. This signature will verify the time requirement. The assigned Physical Education teacher will also sign the log to verify that your journal entries reflect completion of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Parent/guardian and students have sole responsibility for student learning, academic progress, liability, and submitting the proper documentation on the dates required. LOGS and JOURNALS/PORTFOLIO/PROJECT are expected to be handed to your assigned Physical Education teacher. *Any documentation that has been forged, plagiarized, or cannot be verified by the coach or advisor will result in a "F" for the marking period.*

Copying journal entries is considered a violation of the **Academic Integrity Policy** and is therefore prohibited. Students will receive a warning for a first violation of the policy and will have to rewrite the journal entries. A call home to the student's parents will be made by the Physical Education Teacher to inform the parent of the violation. If a second violation occurs, the Physical Education Teacher will arrange for a meeting with a building administrator, the student, and parents/guardians of the student. *A 2nd violation may result in failure for the marking period.*

Student grading will be similar to the process used when students have a medical excuse for part of the year.

- Students who take Option II for a full year will receive either a "P" or "F."
- Students who participate in the Option II program for one or two marking periods will be graded as such:
 - a. One marking period of Option II and two marking periods of regular Physical Education class will result in a numerical grade (%) for the year.
 - b. Two marking periods of Option II and one marking period of regular Physical Education class, in addition to the student's health class will result in a numerical grade (%) for the year.
 - c. Three marking periods of Option II and one marking period of Health will result in an Option II grade for the year ("P" or "F").

Steps to Approval

Eligibility (with NO exceptions)

- Option II opportunities only apply to the specified grade levels.
- Option II only occurs **after 9th grade**.
- Option II does **NOT** apply to students taking Health or Driver's Education unless approval is granted from the High School Principal.
- Option II applicants must meet all published dates and deadlines.
- Option II opportunities must be pre-approved by the student's Physical Education Teacher and by the Supervisor of Physical Education.
- Applications must have required signatures.
- All costs of the Option II Physical Education Program not normally covered by the Board of Education (i.e. "off campus" dance studios, travel soccer, all-star cheerleading) will be the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian.
- Students participating in interscholastic athletics on campus are eligible to participate in the Option II Physical Education Program during the following Marking Periods:
 - Fall Athletes- Marking Period 1

- Winter Athletes- Marking Period 2 or 3 (student athlete may choose)
- Spring Athletes- Marking Period 4

Application Process

1. Option II Physical Education Program applications are available in the Athletic Office.
2. The parents/guardians and student will complete an application and submit it to his/her Physical Education Teacher for signature and approval.
3. Student will submit signed approval form to the Supervisor of Health and Physical Education, Mr. Chris Ferrone, by the specified date (see supplemental sheet). Each application is reviewed by a case-by-case basis and can take as much as three weeks for approval.
4. In order for an Option II Physical Education Program to be considered for approval it must meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards.
5. In order for any “off campus” Option II Physical Education Program to be considered for approval, the coach/instructor **MUST** sign the Agreement between mentor/instructor and the Board of Education and provide a letter to the Supervisor of Health and Physical Education by the specified date. The letter must include the following information:
 - a. Weekly number of hours the student participates.
 - b. The rigor of the program.
 - c. Instructor’s credentials (must be certified by the appropriate state/national agencies) and will provide copies of certification upon request.
 - d. Affirm he/she will verify student’s participation and attendance in the program by signing the Activity Log.
6. Any student who fails a marking period (within the school year) will **NOT** be eligible for Option II the rest of that school year.
7. Any student applying for the Option II Physical Education Program **MUST** continue to participate in his/her Physical Education class until he/she is approved by the Supervisor of Health and Physical Education.
8. Any student that applies for Option II for the entire school year, participating in one sport/activity, **MUST** choose a different option to display his/her knowledge of the New Jersey Health and Physical Education Core Curriculum Content Standards.
9. A student’s failure to adhere to the requirements of an Option II Physical Education Program due to a non-medical reason will result in the immediate placement back into the student’s Physical Education class.
10. A student who is injured and unable to participate in their approved Option II Physical Education Program **MUST** inform the Supervisor of Health and Physical Education immediately.
11. Failure to provide the student’s Physical Education Teacher any of the above completed information (verification of hours, student evidence of meeting or exceeding the NJCCCS) on the last day of the marking period will result in a grade of (F) for the marking period.

12. The Supervisor of Health and Physical Education, when considering the student's application, may visit and assess the site of the Option II Physical Education Program.

Deadlines

(Dates may be adjusted due to district calendar adjustments)

If your proposed coursework will take place in:	Your application is due on:	You will be notified by:	You must submit final proof of experience by:
MP 1	September 12	ASAP	November 12
MP 2	October 31	November 14	January 24
MP 3	January 22	February 1	April 5
MP 4	March 25	April 8	June 14

Marking Period 1 Checks:

Current Work must be submitted to the student's Physical Education Teacher by 2:45 pm on:

September 17 // October 9 // October 29 // November 6

Marking Period 2 Checks

Current Work must be submitted to the student's Physical Education Teacher by 2:45 pm on:

November 26 // December 10 // January 7 // January 23

Marking Period 3 Checks:

Current Work must be submitted to the student's Physical Education Teacher by 2:45 pm on:

February 11 // February 25 // March 11 // April 3

Marking Period 4 Checks:

Current Work must be submitted to the student's Physical Education Teacher by 2:45 pm on:

April 29 // May 13 // May 28 // June 12

PASSES

Students are not permitted in the halls or lavatories during class time without a pass from the teacher, which lists the student's name, time of departure and destination. Students must sign out in each classroom. Students found in hallways or lavatories without a pass may be subject to disciplinary action. Students must exhibit proper behavior in the hallways at all times and respect teachers on hall duty when questioned for a pass.

JUNIOR PROM / SENIOR BALL INFORMATION

Pertinent information:

1. A completed permission slip is required.
2. No outstanding school fines in order to buy a bid for either event.
3. All attendees, *including period 1 students*, **MUST** be in school until 12:06 on the day of Prom/Ball in order to attend. **No Exceptions** (Board of Education Regulation #5200).
4. AM Vocational students must attend the required 4 hours at vocational school; parents have the option to pick up students from vocational school.
5. **Failure to report for the designated school hours will result in loss of privilege to attend Prom/Ball. Prom/Ball bid fees are forfeited.**
6. All juniors, whether attending Junior Prom or not, are excused at 12:06. All seniors, whether attending Senior Ball or not, are excused at 12:06.
7. No student who is attending Prom/Ball will be permitted to leave earlier than 12:06 p.m. No exceptions! *Schedule hair appointments, tux and flower pick-ups, etc. accordingly!*
8. The 12:06 departure applies to other grade level students attending Prom/Ball.
 - a. Other grade level students attending Prom/Ball may be signed out no earlier than 12:06 by a parent/ emergency contact, **in person**, at 12:06 p.m.
 - b. The attendance office opens at 7:30 a.m. and for convenience sake, parents are welcome to arrive between 7:30 a.m. and 12:06 p.m. to sign their child out for 12:06 departure.
9. The administration reserves the right to revoke Prom/Ball privilege with just cause.
10. Disciplinary infractions may affect a student's privilege to attend Prom/Ball. **See page 19, Discipline, V for exact information.**
11. GUESTS:
 - a. Guests must fill out paper work (see b and c below) and submit to the vice principal who will approve or deny the request. This decision is final.
 - b. Junior prom guests must be high school students. No exceptions. Guests must have a signed permission slip from a parent and a signed verification form from *their* high school administrator.

- c. **Senior ball guests must be under 21 years of age. No exceptions. A copy of the guest's driver's license must be provided to the main office as identification and at entrance to the Senior ball.**

REPELLENTS AND SPRAYS

Any type of spray repellent, pepper spray, mace or similar item is not permitted in school. They will be confiscated and the student will be subject to disciplinary action. Law enforcement authorities may be notified.

SCHOOL BUSES

For safety reasons, inappropriate, unruly, distracting and unsafe behavior cannot be permitted on school buses. Prompt disciplinary action will result. Repeated infractions may result in permanent loss of bus privileges.

SCHOOL FUNCTIONS - BEHAVIOR

All students attending school functions, activities and trips must file a completed permission slip with the appropriate teacher or advisor.

School rules and policies concerning student behavior will be strictly enforced. Inappropriate behavior, which violates policies and rules, will result in the student's removal from the activity. A parent or guardian will be contacted and be required to transport the student from the event or function. *Students appearing to be or under the influence of or possessing drugs or alcohol will be subject to the district drug policy.*

Graduation ceremonies, senior ball and junior prom, athletic events and banquets, academic ceremonies and similar events are student privileges. The privilege to attend these functions may be denied because of poor attendance, poor academic performance, unacceptable behavior in school or at school functions, violation of the district's alcohol/drug abuse policy, non-payment of fines, loss of school property or other significant violation of school rules and regulations.

SCHEDULES

Student schedules will be distributed on the first day of school during homeroom. The procedure for changing **ERRORS** in a schedule (i.e. missing courses or incorrect courses) will be announced in homeroom on the first day.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

The master schedule is built upon careful and deliberate on-time course selections made by students. During the course selection process, every effort should be made by students and parents to insure that the selected courses are appropriate for the students. Therefore there should be little need for change in a student's program. ***However, if a change is imperative, it is important to understand that a change may not be possible if it adversely affects appropriate class size. If a change is made, the student will be responsible to make up all previously assigned work and grades may follow if the student makes a level change.***

Please be aware of the schedule change deadlines below:

Changes to a higher level course must be made by **September 25, 2019** (within the first 15 days of school).

The deadline to change to a lower level course is **November 14, 2018** (the first day of the second marking period).

The deadline to add a new (non-level change) second semester course is **February 25, 2019** (15 days after the start of the third marking period – may change due to snow days).

If a course is dropped prior to the end of the first marking period, the course will be expunged (i.e. no record on the transcript). If the course is dropped after November 5, 2014, the transcript will indicate a W (withdrawn).

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

School officials are obligated to maintain an orderly and efficient school. If there is reason to believe that a student has dangerous, illegal, or stolen items in his/her possession, that student may be searched. Lockers, desks, and personal items therein may be searched when there is reasonable suspicion that they contain articles that are dangerous, illegal, or stolen or that it contains evidence that the student code of conduct has been violated. Vehicles parked on school property are subject to routine patrol and potential search. The use of dogs trained in detecting the presence of drugs may be used to patrol the school facilities and grounds including but not limited to the locker and parking areas. Use of dogs may, but will not necessarily be, unannounced and random. If a trained canine alerts to a particular vehicle, locker or container, it shall create reasonable suspicion to search that vehicle, locker or container.

SECURITY DRILLS

State statutes require security drills each month. Students are to report with their teacher as directed by protocol.

SIGN OUT - EARLY DISMISSAL

Board of Education Policy No. 5230

**** Please do not ask us to violate this policy ****

No student may be permitted to leave the school before the close of the school day unless the student is signed out in the main office by his/her parent/guardian or a person listed as an emergency contact on the students' attendance information, IN PERSON.

List the name(s) of contact individuals who are ABLE TO SIGN YOUR CHILD OUT DURING THE SCHOOL DAY on the attendance form. Phone calls, faxes, emails and notes are unacceptable means of early sign out. We are responsible for the well-being of your child and obligated to follow Board regulations.

To avoid disruption of teaching time, please schedule early sign out at the beginning or end of a period. Please consult the below bell schedule. Ill students must report to the nurse prior to dismissal.

SKATEBOARDS

Students are not permitted to ride skateboards on school property at any time as per Point Pleasant Borough Ordinance # 1999-20. Police will be notified; a summons may be issued.

SMOKING, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, “VAPING”

Board of Education Policy 5533 and Point Pleasant Borough Ordinance 2018-08

Smoking and/or “vaping” and/or the use of tobacco/nicotine products (i.e. electronic cigarettes, vaping devices) by students is not permitted in school buildings, on school property, within 100 feet of school property, on school buses, school trips or at any school-sponsored activity. School property includes all buildings, fields, parking lots, or property owned or maintained by the Board of Education.

Students violating the policy will be subject to the following consequences, *including a complaint filed with the appropriate Municipal Court or other agency with Jurisdiction as defined in N.J.A.C. 8:6-9.1(c) and Point Pleasant Borough Ordinance No. 2018-08.*

- On the first instance, students will be assigned a Saturday detention and will be excluded from all extracurricular events* for a period of 7 calendar days. The student will be referred to the Student Assistance Counselor. The student will also be issued a summons per Borough Ordinance No. 2108-0. The first offense – Up to fifteen (15) hours of community service at a place designated by the Municipal Court and/or a fine of up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- Upon the second violation of this policy, the student will be suspended from school for two (2) days and excluded from all extracurricular events* for 14 calendar days. The student will be referred to the Student Assistance Counselor. The student will also be issued a summons per Borough Ordinance No. 2108-08. The second offense – Up to thirty (30) hours of community service at a place designated by the Municipal Court and/or a fine of up to one hundred seventy five dollars (\$175.00).
- Upon the third violation of this policy, the student will be suspended from school for four (4) days and will be excluded from all extracurricular events* for the remainder of the school year. The student will be referred to the Student Assistance Counselor. The student will also be issued a summons per Borough Ordinance No. 2108-08. The third offense – Up to fifty (50) hours of community service at a place designated by the Municipal Court and/or a fine of up to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

*Extracurricular events include, but are not limited to, athletics, Performing Arts (band, choral, drama activities) clubs, activities, Prom, Ball, senior picnic, and participation in the commencement ceremony.

**Students in possession *only* of smoking/vaping electronic devices and/or tobacco/nicotine products will be subject to all of the above consequences except Borough Ordinance 2018-08.

SPORTSMANSHIP (POLICY NO. 5570)

Students are encouraged to support our athletic teams, arts programs, and academic teams. We are proud of Point Pleasant Borough High School and appreciate the efforts of those who represent us. We encourage our fans and audiences to be positive, enthusiastic supporters of school sponsored events.

We insist that our fans demonstrate good sportsmanship as spectators at sporting events and other activities. **All cheering must be positive and directed at our team, not opponents or officials. Ridiculing opponents, derogatory chanting, and/or the use of inappropriate language or gestures will not be tolerated. Violators will be ejected and face a possible ban from future events.**

Athletes who are ejected from interscholastic competition may face sanctions in addition to those imposed by NJSIAA. As well, when an athlete acts inappropriately while wearing the school uniform, he/she may be subject to school discipline, at the discretion of the administration that restricts participation in athletics.

STUDY HALL PROCEDURE

Requests for study halls are limited to junior and senior students and are assigned for the sole purpose of academic work. Requests are granted with administration approval. Students who do not use the study hall for academic purposes may be removed and assigned to an elective course at the discretion of the administration. Physical Education students assigned a study hall for medical reasons are expected to attend each day prepared with academic work and/or reading material.

Study halls are opportunities for students to prepare for classes and complete assignments. Study halls maintain a **QUIET**, orderly atmosphere and are not “social hours.” Cell phones and other devices, and food and beverages are not permitted. *Seating is assigned and attendance is taken daily.* Excessive tardies to study hall, cuts, and inappropriate/insubordinate behavior are disciplinary infractions and the student will be referred to the vice principal.

Students in study hall, as a rule, will not be permitted to leave to go to another location, except the Media Center. The Media Center has specific rules for obtaining passes **ahead of time** from study hall; Please see Media Center, page 17 for further information on obtaining passes. Make-up tests are to be given to the study hall teacher in advance and completed in the study hall classroom. Should a teacher wish to see a student during a study hall, the requesting academic teacher must fill out the **“REVERSE PASS”** shown below. Students will present this to the study hall teacher for approval.

REVERSE PASS		
_____ STUDENT NAME		_____ DATE
_____ REQUESTING STAFF SIGNATURE	_____ DESTINATION	_____ PERIOD

SUBSTANCE ABUSE - POLICY 5530

The Board of Education recognizes that a pupil’s abuse of harmful substances seriously impedes that pupil’s education and threatens the welfare of the entire school community. The Board is committed to the prevention of substance abuse and the rehabilitation of substance abusers by educational means, but will take the necessary and appropriate steps to protect the school community from harm and from exposure to harmful substances. Accordingly, the Board will establish and maintain a comprehensive substance abuse intervention, prevention, and treatment referral program in the schools of this district.

A. Discipline

Any violation of Board rules prohibiting the use, possession and/or distribution of a substance is a serious offense, and the pupil who violates a substance abuse rule will be disciplined accordingly. Repeated violations are more severe offenses and warrant stricter disciplinary measures. Pupils who violate the substance abuse rules will be disciplined as follows:

Disciplinary Action for First Offense:

1. Local police notified and informed of the violation.
2. The pupil(s) will be taken to their family doctor, school doctor or emergency room of the nearest hospital for examination, to determine whether or not they are under the influence of alcohol and/or other drugs.
3. The pupil(s), once determined as being under the influence and/or in possession, will be suspended from school for up to ten (10) days. Eligibility to return to school will be determined by Board policy.
4. The pupil(s), once returned to school will be evaluated by the school's Student Assistance Counselor (SAC) to determine the nature and extent of their involvement with alcohol and/or other drugs.
5. Extra-curricular Activities (sports, plays, clubs, etc.) -- Any pupil who violates the school's Alcohol/Drug policy and participates in extra-curricular activities will be removed from the activity (team, play, club, etc.) for a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days. This includes Junior Prom, Senior Ball and Senior Picnic if they fall within the fourteen day restriction.
6. Out to Lunch – this privilege will be revoked for a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days.
7. Senior Parking Privilege – will be revoked for the remainder of the school year, if applicable.

Disciplinary Action for Second Offense During the Same School Year or for Failure to Comply with a Mandated Referral Program.

For a second offense committed during the same school year, or for failure to comply with a mandated referral program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-12, the Board of Education may conduct an expulsion hearing.

1. If it is determined that the pupil has violated the school's alcohol and drug policy for a second time during the school year, the Board shall impose sanctions which may include expulsion from the Point Pleasant School District with the right to re-apply for admission, provided the pupil complies with conditions imposed by the Board, including a treatment program recommended by the Student Assistance Counselor (SAC) or, with the consent of the pupil and parents, the expulsion hearing may be continued subject to certain conditions which shall include a long-term suspension and compliance with a treatment program recommended by the Student Assistance Counselor, with the right of the Board to proceed with the hearing upon the pupil's failure to comply with all conditions imposed. Upon re-admission of the pupil or termination of the suspension based upon compliance with the conditions imposed by the Board, it is understood that any further violation of the alcohol/drug policy, or serious disciplinary infraction, will result in expulsion from the Point Pleasant School District without conditions or the opportunity for readmission.

2. Students who have violated the school's alcohol/drug policy and who shall have been referred to an appropriate program pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-12 and shall fail to comply with the recommendations of the SAC shall be subject to the same disciplinary action as set forth above.
3. Students who transfer to another school district or who drop out of school rather than comply with the school's alcohol/drug policy will not be allowed to re-enter the Point Pleasant School District for any educational offerings within the district.
4. Students who have violated this policy for a second time during the same school year, will be ineligible for all extra-curricular events (including Junior Prom, Senior Ball, Senior Picnic), activities, athletics, and clubs for the remainder of the school year.
5. Students who have violated this policy for a second time during the same school year will have their out-to-lunch privileges revoked for the remainder of the school year.

B. Reporting and Examination of Pupils Under the Influence of Anabolic Steroids

1. Whenever any teaching staff member, certified or non-certified nurse or other educational personnel have reason to believe that a pupil has used or may be using anabolic steroids that person must report the matter as soon as possible to the Principal/designee and the school nurse or the school physician or the SAC.
2. The Principal or designee, in response to every report, shall immediately notify the pupil's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and the Superintendent.
3. The Principal shall arrange for the immediate examination of the pupil by a physician selected by the parent(s)/legal guardian(s). If the physician selected by the parent is not available to perform the examination, the examination will be conducted by the school physician or another physician identified by the Principal. An examination conducted, at parental request, by a physician other than the school physician or another physician as identified by the Principal shall not be at the district's expense.
4. The pupil shall be examined as soon as possible for the purpose of determining whether the pupil has been using anabolic steroids.
5. The Superintendent/designee may, but need not, disclose to law enforcement authorities the identity of a pupil suspected or have used or who may be using anabolic steroids. The Superintendent shall disclose to law enforcement authorities the identity of a pupil reasonably believed to be in possession of anabolic steroids or related paraphernalia or a pupil reasonably believed to be involved or implicated in distribution activities involving anabolic steroids.
6. A written report of the examination of the pupil shall be furnished by the examining physician to the pupil's parent(s)/legal guardian(s), the Principal, and to the Superintendent.
7. If it is determined that the pupil has used anabolic steroids, an individual who holds the Educational Services Certificate with the substance awareness coordinator endorsement issued by the New Jersey State Board of Examiners or an individual who holds either the school nurse, school nurse/non-instructional, school psychologist, school counselor, school social worker or student personnel services endorsement on the Educational Services Certificate and is trained to assess alcohol and other drug abuse shall interview the pupil and others, as necessary, for the purpose of determining the extent of the pupil's involvement with and use of anabolic steroids and the possible need for referral for treatment. To make this determination, the school staff member(s) identified above may conduct a reasonable investigation, which may include interviews with the pupil's teachers and parents and consultation with experts in pupil alcohol or other drug abuse, as may be appropriate and necessary.

8. If the results of a referral for evaluation have positively determined that the pupil's use of anabolic steroids represents a danger to the pupil's health and well-being, the school staff member(s) identified in 7. above shall initiate a referral for treatment to appropriate community agencies as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.1(b), to out-of-State agencies licensed by the appropriate State regulatory agency for alcohol and other drug services, or to private practitioners certified by appropriate drug and alcohol licensing board.

C. Evaluation and Treatment of Pupils Under the Influence of a Substance Other Than Anabolic Steroids

1. Any educational staff member or other professional to whom it appears that a pupil may be currently under the influence of alcohol or other drugs on school grounds, including on a school bus or at a school-sponsored function, shall report the matter as soon as possible to the Principal/designee and the school nurse, the school physician, or the SAC pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-12.

2. The Principal/designee, in response to every report, shall immediately notify the pupil's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and the Superintendent/ designee.

3. The Superintendent/designee may, but need not, disclose to law enforcement authorities the identity of a pupil suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. The Superintendent shall disclose to law enforcement authorities the identity of a pupil reasonably believed to be in possession of a controlled dangerous substance or related paraphernalia or a pupil reasonably believed to be involved or implicated in distribution activities regarding controlled dangerous substances.

4. The Principal/designee, in response to every report, must arrange for an immediate medical examination of the pupil for the purposes of providing appropriate health care for the pupil and for determining whether the pupil is under the influence of alcohol, or other drugs, other than anabolic steroids. The medical examination shall be performed by a physician that is selected by the parent(s)/legal guardian(s). If the parent's/legal guardian's physician is not immediately available, the medical examination shall be conducted by the school physician. If neither the parent's/legal guardian's physician nor the school physician is immediately available, the pupil shall be taken to the emergency room of the nearest hospital for examination. The pupil shall be accompanied by the pupil's parent(s)/legal guardian(s) if available and by a member of the school staff appointed by the Principal. Parental/legal guardian permission is not required for the school's physician or emergency room examination. The parent(s)/legal guardian(s) may, but is not required to accompany the pupil to the school physician and/or emergency room. The Principal and/or designee will supervise the pupil while the pupil is waiting for the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) to take the pupil to the physician selected by the parent, or waiting for and receiving the examination by the school physician or in the emergency room. An examination conducted by a physician selected by the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) shall be at the expense of the parent and shall not be at the expense of the school district. An examination conducted by the school physician or by a physician at the emergency room of the nearest hospital shall be at the expense of the school district.

5. A written report of the examination of the pupil shall be furnished by the examining physician to the pupil's parent(s)/legal guardian(s), the Principal, and to the Superintendent within twenty-four hours of the referral of the pupil for suspected drug or alcohol use. The findings of the report shall verify whether the pupil's alcohol or other drug use interferes with his or her physical and mental ability to perform in school.

6. When the medical examination is performed by a physician other than the school physician or at the emergency room of the nearest hospital, the parent is required to verify within twenty-four hours of the notification that the pupil is suspected of alcohol or other drug use that the medical examination in accordance with this Policy was performed. The verification shall include, at a minimum, the printed name, address and phone number, date and time of the medical examination, signature of the examining physician and the date by which the written report of the examination will be provided.

7. If the written report of the examination is not submitted to the parent, Principal or Superintendent within twenty-four hours of the referral of the pupil, the pupil will be allowed to return to school until such time a positive determination of alcohol or other drug use is received from the physician.

8. If the written report of the medical examination verifies that alcohol or other drugs do not interfere with the pupil's physical and mental ability to perform in school, the pupil will be immediately returned to school.

9. If there is a positive determination from the medical examination, indicating the pupil's alcohol or other drug use interferes with his or her physical or mental ability to perform in school the pupil will be returned to the parent's care as soon as possible. Attendance at school will not resume until a written report has been submitted to the parent(s)/legal guardian(s), Principal and Superintendent from the physician who has examined the pupil to determine whether alcohol or other drug use interferes with his or her physical or mental ability to perform in school.

The report must verify the pupil's alcohol or other drug use no longer interferes with the pupil's physical and mental ability to perform in school. Removal of a pupil with a disability shall be made in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14.

10. Refusal or failure by a parent/legal guardian to comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-12 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.3 shall be treated as a policy violation of the Compulsory Education Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:38-25 and 18A:38-31, and child neglect laws pursuant to N.J.S.A. 9:6-1 et seq., and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-11. Refusal or failure of a pupil to comply with N.J.S.A. 18A:40A-12 and N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.3 shall be treated by the school district as a policy violation and handled in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.1(c)2.

11. While the pupil is at home because of the medical examination or after the pupil returns to school, the Principal or Superintendent may recommend or require alcohol and other drug assessment of the pupil or evaluation by appropriately certified or licensed professionals to make a positive determination of a pupil's need for programs and services which extend beyond the general school program, as necessary. The findings of these additional evaluations alone shall not be used to prevent a pupil from attending school.

12. If at any time it is determined a pupil's use of substances presents a danger to the pupil's health and well-being, an individual who holds the Educational Services Certificate with the substance awareness coordinator endorsement issued by the New Jersey State Board of Examiners or an individual who holds either the school nurse, school nurse/non-instructional, school psychologist, school counselor, school social worker or student personnel services endorsement on the Educational Services Certificate and is trained in alcohol and other drug abuse treatment referral shall initiate a referral for substance abuse treatment.

D. Presence of Substances on School Premises

1. A pupil's person, effects, or school storage places may be searched for substances in accordance with Policy No. 5770.

2. The Principal or other school officer conducting the search shall confiscate as evidence any substance found in the pupil's possession.

While the services described above are confidential and voluntary, if it becomes evident that a student has a substance abuse problem, that student may be required to receive assistance through an outside treatment center.

THEFT

*****IMPORTANT***** All thefts reported to and investigated by the administration have involved **UNLOCKED** bicycles and **UNSECURED** valuables. Locked bicycles and locked hallway lockers or locked PE lockers **have not been breached**. Students, not school personnel, are responsible for their own personal property.

- ✓ ****Taking another student's bicycle at lunch *without their express permission/knowledge* is theft and will be reported to the Point Pleasant Police Department, even if the bicycle is returned.****
- ✓ Students **SHOULD NOT BRING** valuable items (cameras, iPods, cell phones, etc.) or large sums of money to school.
- ✓ Students should not leave purses, wallets, or valuables unattended **AT ANY TIME**, including in classrooms, locker room, or cafeteria.
- ✓ **Each student is issued a locker- therefore students MUST NOT share lockers or locker combinations with other students.**
- ✓ **Do not leave ANY personal property unlocked in the gym locker rooms at any time! All students are assigned a P.E. locker with a lock.**
- ✓ Do not leave locker combinations set on the third number so that random turning will open it.
- ✓ Report thefts to appropriate grade level vice-principal. **Thefts of electronic devices will be referred to the local police department.**
- ✓ Students who take school property or the personal belongings of school employees or fellow students will be subject to disciplinary action. Police may be notified.

VACATIONS - PUPIL

Absences due to vacation are not excused and will count toward the allotted 14 days. We acknowledge that parents may not have the same vacations as their children. However, the practice of student absences from school for family vacations is strongly discouraged. We ask that parents please consider carefully when scheduling vacations during the school year, as absences adversely affect the educational process and vacations will accrue within the 14 allotted unexcused absence days.

VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM

The student and/or students, once determined as committing an act of violence or vandalism, may be suspended from school for ten days or as such time it is determined that he/she is not a threat to self or others. An act of violence is a physically aggressive act toward another person. Vandalism is willful destruction or defacement of property. Any student who vandalizes school property will be responsible for all costs of repairs. If it is determined that the action may be considered an assault, charges may be filed against the individual(s).

VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Students are required to use the transportation provided by the district to and from vocational schools. Students must maintain proper behavior and safety protocols at all times while on the school bus. Failure to do so could result in loss of transportation to and from vocational school for a period of time to be determined by the school administration as well as additional disciplinary action. **Use of private vehicles to drive or be driven to and from vocational schools is prohibited unless special permission is FIRST obtained from the vocational school and then approved by the high school principal.**