

**WALTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**2017-18 HANDBOOK**

FOR

**WALNUT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL**



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**WGHS BELL SCHEDULES**  
**2017-18**

<b>REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Block</b>	<b>7:30 - 9:08</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Block</b>	<b>9:13 – 10:51</b> 10:25 -10:50 (ISS Lunch)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Block</b>	<b>10:56 – 12:57</b> 10:51 -11:17 (1 <sup>st</sup> Lunch) 11:24 -11:51 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch) 11:58 -12:25 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Lunch) 12:32 -12:57 (4 <sup>th</sup> Lunch)
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Block</b>	<b>1:02 - 2:40</b>

<b>Grade-Level Advisement Bell Schedule</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Block</b>	<b>7:30 – 8:45</b>
<b>Grade-Level Advisement</b>	<b>8:50 – 9:35</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Block</b>	<b>9:40 – 10:51</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Block</b>	(Regular Schedule)
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Block</b>	(Regular Schedule)

**ROTC SHUTTLE SCHEDULE**

**WGHS - MAHS**

<b>Block</b>	<b>Departs WGHS</b>	<b>Arrives MAHS</b>	<b>Departs MAHS</b>	<b>Arrives WGHS</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>9:05</b>	<b>9:25</b>	<b>10:33</b>	<b>10:53</b>

## **PARENT, TEACHER, STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)**

PTSO is a very active organization in our school. The PTSO provides additional services to our faculty and staff all during the school year. Membership dues will be assessed each year. Joining the PTSO will enable you to become more actively involved in your child's school. We encourage parents and teachers to join this group. Pick up more information from the front office. Annual dues are \$10. All funds go toward PTSO Scholarship Program.

## **MEDIA CENTER**

The primary responsibility of the Media Center is to implement, enrich, and support the educational program of the school. The media center provides a wide range of materials that represent varied levels of difficulty, cover a diverse range of subjects, appeal to all students, and present varying viewpoints. The media center provides comprehensive support, I-Pad support, instruction, and materials to all students and staff. Students using the media center are expected to work quietly on school-related assignments. The media center staff has the authority to recommend to an administrator that students who do not conduct themselves properly in the media center will be denied visitation privileges.

## **PERSONAL ITEMS**

The school is **NOT** responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal items. Students are advised to keep their belongings with them, or in their own locker. Students taking classes in the gym will be expected to keep belongings in a locker in the locker room. (See section regarding "prohibited items" in the following pages.)

## **MEDICATIONS**

Students may not carry medications at school unless they have documented permission by the nurse or administrators. If a student must have medications, the parent or guardian must deliver it to the nurse in the front office. Students found carrying medication, prescription or non-prescription, will receive a disciplinary referral.

## **VISITORS**

**Students are not allowed to bring visitors to school without prior administrative permission with at least a 24-hour notice.** Parents are always welcome and encouraged to make appointments to see teachers, administrators, or counselors, or to visit classrooms. **\*\* NOTE\*\* ALL VISITORS TO THE CAMPUS MUST FIRST CHECK IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE.** Persons found on campus without office permission will be considered in violation and will be asked to leave or face criminal ramifications.

## **DELIVERIES**

Students in Walton County Schools are not allowed to receive deliveries at school from outside vendors or their locations. This includes, but is not limited to: flowers, gifts, and food deliveries.

## **STUDENTS ON CAMPUS AFTER 3:00**

The school is NOT responsible for students on campus before 7:00 a.m. and after 3:00 p.m. unless they are participating in a teacher supervised extra-curricular sponsored activity. Any student who is found unsupervised after 3:00 will be subject to disciplinary actions. Repeated offenses may result in trespassing charges being filed. All students waiting for a ride need to wait outside of the building in the student pick up area.

### **TEXTBOOKS and SCHOOL-ISSUED MATERIALS**

Students are expected to care for their books, electronics, and other school property in a manner that will prolong their usefulness. Loss, unusual wear, or destruction of school property will result in the student being charged a replacement fee. The items will be listed in the main office.

It is each student's responsibility to return materials and textbooks to issuing teachers. Lockers will be cleaned out at the end of the year, and school books and materials retrieved through this process will **not** be considered returned by the individual students to whom they were issued.

Students who fail to clear outstanding fines as a result of a failure to return all materials assigned to them will not receive any grade reports or transcripts, and class schedules may be inactivated. In addition, students failing to return all materials may not be able to participate in extracurricular programs. *Students who fail to clear all fines will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies.*

### **CERTIFICATES of ATTENDANCE** (Requests must be made by Thursday at NOON.)

Requests for Certificates of Attendance must be submitted to the **front office** by 12:00 on Thursdays. These documents will then be available for pick-up on Friday of that same week. While there is no charge for the first certificate, there will be a fee for multiple requests.

### **TRANSCRIPTS**

Requests for transcripts should be submitted to the front office. The document will be available for pick-up on the third day following the request. There will be a fee for all transcript requests except for the final senior transcript. There will be an extra charge for mailing transcripts directly to post secondary institutions.

### **COPIES OF STUDENT RECORDS**

There will be a fee for copies of student records such as immunization documents, social security cards, birth certificates, etc. Requests for these documents will be available for pick-up on the third day following the request.

### **WORK PERMITS**

Requests for work permits should be submitted at the front office. Please allow a 24-hour wait period after request is made.

### **DEBTS/HOLDS**

Students are financially responsible for lost textbooks, library books, school-issued uniforms, cafeteria charges, fund-raising products, club dues, etc. Such debts should be paid immediately. New textbooks may not be issued until lost textbooks are paid for or

arrangements made for payment. Students who do not pay off their debts will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies. The list of dues is available in the front office.

### **LOCKERS**

Lockers are available on a rental basis. Excessive damage or abuse to lockers may result in additional costs to the student. Lockers may be searched by the administration at any time. Students are responsible for all items in their locker at all times. Students are encouraged not to share their locker with other students. Students taking classes in the gym will be given a locker in the locker room. They must keep valuables in a locker.

### **ADAP Cards**

Any student needing to replace a lost or stolen ADAP Card will be charged a \$5.00 processing fee.

### **STUDENT PARKING**

**DRIVING AND PARKING A CAR IS A PRIVILEGE.** Students who have valid driver's licenses and proof of insurance must purchase parking permits if they wish to park on campus. Students may only park in their assigned student parking area. Spaces designated for staff use are for staff use only. Students may not park in these spaces under any circumstances and may be subject to a fine if they do so. Also, the spaces marked "VISITOR" are not for student use.

Parking permits are available for purchase from the school. Students who wish to purchase parking permits must fill out an application form complete with parental signature and submit this form with payment. **ONE-DAY parking passes are available at the front office** for \$1.00 per day. If a driver is late to school excessively, his or her parking privileges may be revoked without refund of payment.

After parking their vehicles, students are to leave the vehicles and come into the building. Students are **not** to go to their vehicles during the school day unless approved by an administrator.

Reckless driving will not be tolerated, and students who abuse their parking privileges will be subject to disciplinary action and may include:

- Warning stickers applied to windshields of improperly parked cars.
- Police charges
- Fines for repeated infractions.
- Revocation of parking privileges for any period, ranging from 5 days to the rest of the year.
- Students can lose driving privileges if they do not pay their debts or fines in a timely manner. Students who leave campus in their vehicles without permission may have their parking privileges revoked for the remainder of the semester. Students who purchase parking permits in the fall and fail to meet the academic standard of passing three out of four may have their permits revoked for second semester.

- Students who have more than 10 unexcused absences from school will have their parking privileges revoked without refund of fees.

Students who continue to park on school property after their permit has been revoked will have **their vehicles towed at the owner's expense**. Vehicles found improperly parked or without parking permit will also be towed at the owner's expense. Any parking violation will result in parking privileges being revoked for the remainder of the semester.

**Any student whose parking privileges are revoked for any reason will not be entitled to receive a refund of parking fees.**

### **PROPERTY SEARCHES**

Cars on campus, school lockers, book bags, personal belongings and students are subject to being searched by school authorities at any time.

### **OFFICE TELEPHONE**

Students may use the office phone in an emergency. **Students requesting to use the phones in order to leave early due to illness must first be evaluated by the school nurse.**

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **ABSENCES**

Poor attendance is a major cause of a lack of student success in school. Students should strive to attend school every day.

After **any** absence from school, the student **must** bring to school a written excuse signed by a parent or guardian. The statement should give the reason and list the date of absence as well as the student advisor's name and student number.

The student should present the excuse to the attendance clerk, **Mrs. Pope**, following the return from an absence. **No parent excuse will be accepted after 3 school days following return from an absence.** These parent notes are kept on file in the office and are NOT returned to the student. All serious illnesses, doctor's notes, surgery, injuries due to accidents should be brought to the attention of the school nurse. Any diagnosed illness such as strep throat, mononucleosis, flu, conjunctivitis, etc. requires a note from the doctor admitting student to school and should be given to the school nurse when the student returns to school.

**It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with teachers to make up all work missed during an absence.** Students have 3 school days beginning with the date of return to turn in make-up work from an absence unless the classroom teacher has granted an extension. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange a time convenient for the teacher to receive any assignments immediately upon their return to school. Review individual course syllabus for detailed procedures for missed work.

An electronic call system may be used to immediately send calls regarding absences from classes.

Students who encounter long-term illness may be eligible for the **Hospital Homebound** program and should make application for this program when they anticipate being absent for 10 or more **consecutive** days. A physician's statement that the student is too ill to attend school for 10 or more days will be required to determine eligibility for the program.

Students who accumulate more than 10 absences in one school year may have their driving privileges revoked without refund of parking fee.

### **PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

In order to achieve a perfect attendance status, the student must be present in all 4 classes each day.

### **TARDY POLICY**

**1<sup>st</sup> period:** All students must be in class by 7:30 A.M. each day. All students arriving after 7:30 A.M. without an Excused Tardy Slip, will be counted as tardy.

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> periods:** All students must be in class when the tardy bell stops ringing. All students arriving after the tardy bell stops ringing, without an Excused Tardy Slip, will be counted as tardy.

**The following dispositions will be used in dealing with tardiness:**

<b>1-3 Unexcused tardies</b>	Warning from teacher
<b>4-6 Unexcused tardies</b>	After-school detention with teacher
<b>7 + Unexcused tardies</b>	Student will receive an Administrative Referral assigning student to ISS, OSS, Administrative Probation, and/or loss of Parking Privileges. Excessive lateness is considered a chronic problem.

### **Checking-In**

1. Student must sign in with the front office staff.
2. Tardiness will only be excused with a doctor's note.
3. If student signs in after **8:00** for 1<sup>st</sup> period the tardy will be counted as an unexcused absence unless they have a doctor's note for a doctor's appointment or a parent's note for an illness.

### **Checking-Out**

To check out of school early, a handwritten note signed by the parent or legal guardian must be brought to the front office **before 7:30 AM for verification**. Please do not send emails and faxes for student check-out. For security purposes, the handwritten note must contain the following information:

1. Student's full name, student number, and date of early check-out
2. Exact reason for checking out
3. Phone number at which parent or guardian can be reached during the morning. **If the parent cannot be reached by phone, the student will not be permitted to leave.**
4. Any student checking out early must sign out at the front reception desk after providing the receptionist with an approved check-out slip from the attendance clerk.
5. **IF A STUDENT LEAVES CAMPUS WITHOUT PROPERLY SIGNING OUT, A DISCIPLINARY REFERRAL FOR LEAVING CAMPUS WITHOUT PERMISSION WILL BE THE RESULT.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS:** *Parents must show picture identification when signing students out of school early. Please do not send emails and faxes for student check-out. This is for security purposes in an effort to keep students safe.*

## **ACADEMICS**

### **Honor Code**

WCPS recognizes honesty and integrity as being necessary to the academic function of the school. The following regulations are in place in the interest of protecting the fairness and validity of our schools, grades, and degrees and to help students in developing standards and attitudes that are appropriate to our society. We expect all students to abide by this code:

1. No student should give or receive help on an essay, lab report, test, or other assignment included in any class offered by the school without permission from the teacher and/or administrator.
2. No student should take or share any materials pertaining to the day-to-day conducting of a class, including, but not limited to, tests, lab equipment, roll books and teachers' edition textbooks without permission from the teacher and/or administrator.
3. No student shall take, sell, give, or lend any material that contains the questions or answers to any quizzes or tests in any class offered by the high school without the permission of the teacher and/or administrator.
4. Plagiarism is prohibited. Essays, term papers, tests, and other similar requirements must be the work of the student submitting them. When direct quotations are used, they must be correctly acknowledged using the defined citation style of the class. Students should never "cut and paste" from any internet source to submit for a class grade.
5. Failure of any student to abide by the principles set forth in this Honor Code will be subject to disciplinary action, and receive no credit for the assignment.

### **Grading System**

**(90-100 = A) (80-89 = B) (70-79 = C) (below 70 = F)**



**CREDITS NEEDED FOR GRADE CLASSIFICATION**

To be promoted to:                      Units needed:

Grade 10	6
Grade 11	13
Grade 12	20

**To Graduate = 28 units (Max. possible = 32)**

<b>GA DOE rule</b>	<b>160-4-2-.48</b>
<b>Credits needed to graduate</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>4 credits:</b> Biology, Chemistry, Physics, 4 <sup>th</sup> Science or CTAE science
<b>Math</b> *if students start ahead, they still need the required credits	<b>4 credits:</b> Math I, Math II, Math III, a 4 <sup>th</sup> Math course <i>(Beginning Fall of 2012, 9<sup>th</sup> graders will begin new Math sequence with Algebra)</i>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>4 credits:</b> World History, US History, Government, Economics
<b>English</b>	<b>4 credits:</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> grade Literature, American Literature, British Literature or AP Language, 12 <sup>th</sup> grade Literature or AP Literature
<b>Personal Fitness and Health</b>	<b>1 credit:</b> ½ credit of each
<b>Foreign Lang (CP)</b>	<b>4 credits</b> combination of CTAE, fine arts, foreign language  *2 of same foreign language if going to a state university
<b>Tech/Career (TC)</b>	<b>4 credits</b> combination of CTAE, fine arts, foreign language  *2 of same foreign language if going to a state university <b>7 Credits</b>
<b>Vocation/JROTC/ Computer/Fine Arts</b>	<b>4 credits</b> combination of CTAE, fine arts, foreign language
<b>Electives</b>	  *2 of same foreign language if going to a state university <b>7 Credits</b>

### **GEORGIA END-OF-COURSE MILESTONES TESTS**

Students enrolled in Ninth Grade Literature, American Literature, Algebra I, Geometry, U.S. History, Economics, and Biology must take the EOC for that subject in order to earn credit for the course. Also, the EOC score will count 20% of the student's final grade for the course. This test is mandated by the Georgia Department of Education.

### **PSAT TEST and NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**

The PSAT/NMSQT assesses reading, math, and writing skills; provides excellent practice for the SAT; and connects students to scholarships and personalized online tools. The administration of the PSAT to all 10th graders in the fall gives them the opportunity to get in valuable practice and item-by-item feedback, as preparation for taking the SAT. The 10th grade PSAT administration is well-timed, since most of our students will be taking the SAT for the first time during their 11th grade year. Students in 11th grade may be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship program and other programs that use PSAT scores.

The National Merit program recognizes 11th grade students who score at the highest level, so 11th graders who take the PSAT and score exceptionally high on the test may be invited, as semi-finalists, to compete at the highest level for National Merit scholarships. Students will have to score in at least the 97th percentile, compared to 11th grade students across the country, to be selected as a semi-finalist, so that is a much more exclusive number than the top 3% of students in our school, county, or even state. Being such an exclusive group, students recognized through the National Merit Scholarship Program are to be commended.

### **STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

The student recognition program is designed to reward and recognize those students who excel academically or who exhibit significant improvement over a period of time in academics, behavior, attitude, and/or attendance. This program is just one way the school encourages students to work to their potential and put forth their best effort in all that they do.

### **EARNING A DIPLOMA/GRADUATION POLICY**

All students must meet graduation requirements to receive a diploma. Only those students who qualify to receive a diploma will be allowed to participate in the Graduation Ceremony. Students who do not meet current requirements may participate in the following school year's ceremonies if they have met the requirements by that time.

### **SENIOR INFORMATION - GRADUATION**

In order to participate in the Commencement exercises, each graduate **MUST** participate in all graduation rehearsals. **NO EXCEPTIONS** will be made. The principal will make the decision to dismiss seniors at the end of rehearsal. **Seniors will not be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony if they have not met all graduation requirements.**

## **GRADE REPORTS**

***Parents have access to view grades and attendance at any time by logging-in to Infinite Campus online.*** Report cards may be printed at the student or parent's request. The semester grade is recorded on the student's permanent record which is kept in the office and used to compute the student's grade point average, and to determine eligibility status under Georgia High School Athletic Association guidelines.

## **Schedule Changes**

Changes will be considered for the following situations:

1. Classes on the schedule have already been taken and passed (including summer session).
2. Prerequisites for class scheduled have not been met.
3. A change in study that reflects an increase in academic rigor is recommended.
4. A student is unable to meet the requirements of a class due to health limitations

## **ADVISEMENT**

The Advisement Program is a program that is used to enhance the high school experience. Each student will be assigned a faculty adviser who will, along with the guidance counselors and classroom teachers, assist the student in making decisions about course of study, post-secondary considerations, career choice and monitoring academic achievement. Advisement is designed to engage in grade-specific activities that are designed to make high school meaningful outside of the academic realm.

## **DISCIPLINE PROGRAMS**

### **AFTER-SCHOOL DETENTION:**

After-school detention is a study hall assigned by a teacher or administrator for Level I offenses. Non-attendance for an after-school detention will result in an Administrative Referral. Disciplinary action can include ISS, OSS, or other measures determined appropriate by the administrator.

### **IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS):**

The In-School Suspension Program (ISS) is a discipline approach that utilizes the removal of a student from the regular school setting to a supervised setting away from the mainstream of regular school routines for disruption to the learning environment. ISS is assigned for misconduct for up to ten days. A student's behavior in ISS determines if additional days must be served beyond the original assignment, or if the student must be suspended Out-of-School (OSS). ***Students and parents must understand that ISS is an alternative to OSS and that repeated referrals to ISS are an indication that a student's inappropriate behaviors are not being corrected. Misbehavior in ISS may result in OSS.***

Students are counted present for the time they attend ISS, and they receive assignments from each of their teachers that, as closely as possible, reflect what other students are doing in regular classes. The ISS teacher will also have materials for

remediation, or enrichment, that can be used when low achievement is contributing to students' behavioral or adjustment problems. In the event that certain assignments or tests are not suitable to be given in ISS, the student will be afforded ample opportunity to complete these under the supervision of the classroom teacher. Students must properly complete all assignments provided by the teachers and, if applicable, additional assignments given by the ISS teacher, and serve all assigned days before they may return to regular classes. Any time missed from ISS due to absence, checking out, arriving late, etc., must be made up before a student is released back to regular classes.

**OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (OSS):**

Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) is a discipline approach that utilizes the removal of a student from all classes and activities of the school. Students under OSS are not to be on campus for any reason unless they are accompanied by a parent/guardian and report to the office. Students under OSS who come on campus without the express permission of the administration will be referred to local law enforcement officials as trespassers. *Students under OSS are not allowed to attend any extra-curricular activities.*

**PROHIBITED ITEMS** (See WCSD Code of Conduct for more details.)

A. *The following items are expressly forbidden at all times and will be confiscated immediately with possible legal action taken against the person(s) found to be in possession:*

1. Firearms of any kind (including ammunition)
2. Knives, box cutters, razor blades, or other sharp objects
3. Fireworks or explosives
4. Drugs, alcohol, or other controlled substances
5. Tobacco products, vapor pens, electronic smoking mechanisms, or their paraphernalia
6. Lighters, matches, smoking paraphernalia
7. Obscene items, books, magazines, pictures, etc.
8. Water pistols or water balloons
9. Playing cards
10. Skateboards
11. Animals/pets (unless approved by administration for specific classes)
12. Gang-related objects, symbols, drawings, clothing, etc.
13. Laser Pointers
14. Computer "hacking" software
15. Pepper spray, mace, tasers, or other weapons

B. Students are to notify school staff immediately when prohibited items are found in the school or on the school grounds. Students are advised not to handle these items.

- C. Any prohibited item that is confiscated from a student will be returned to the parent unless the item is turned over to local law enforcement in accordance with state and local mandates.
- D. Students are not allowed to sell any items, food or non-food, at school during the school day without prior approval of an administrator.
- E. Students are advised that the administration has the legal authority to conduct a search of students, their lockers, their possessions, and their automobiles when on school grounds. The administration is required to have only a “reasonable suspicion” to conduct such searches. Students failing to comply with school officials in conducting such searches will be turned over to law enforcement authorities.
- F. Students are advised that any adult employee of the Walton County School System, including bus drivers, paraprofessionals, school secretaries, substitute teachers, as well as regular teachers and administrators, has the right to give reasonable instructions to students and expect these instructions to be carried out. Failure to carry out reasonable instructions will result in advanced disciplinary action.
- G. In a continuing effort to maintain drug-free schools, school officials will work cooperatively with local police in soliciting and allowing K-9 units to search vehicles and/or lockers. This may happen at any time, and without faculty/staff notice.

### **USE OF ELECTRONICS**

Cell phones **should not be powered on, or visible, during instructional time.**

Teachers will dictate when electronics and communication devices may be used in the classroom. Although students will have school-issued Chrome Books, teachers have the authority to prohibit the use of any electronics at any time during class time. Students who disregard the teachers’ instructions will receive a discipline referral that will most likely lead to In-School Suspension. Students are expected to turn off all electronic devices during assemblies, and when interacting with teachers and administrators. The use of cell phones, smartphones, Ipads, PDAs, or unapproved electronic devices during testing will result in disciplinary action. If the use of such instruments causes an irregularity during standardized testing, a disciplinary hearing may ensue.

### **DRESS CODE**

Walton County Board of Education Policy JCDB states students are to dress in a manner that is reasonable and not distracting to other students and teachers. Any attire of an extreme nature will not be tolerated. Each school principal will make final decisions regarding student dress in his or her school. **Administrators reserve the right to amend the following dress code at any time during the school year if deemed necessary.** *Students who are not in compliance with the dress code may be sent to ISS for the remainder of the school day, or they may be sent home.*

1. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times.
2. **The 5-Inch Rule**
  - All dress, shorts, and skirt lengths will be **no shorter** than 5 inches above the knee.

- No holes, slits, rips, or tears shall be in clothing **higher** than 5” above the knee.
3. Skirts, pants, shorts, shirts, and blouses:
    - Skirts, pants, and shorts must be worn in a way that covers undergarments.
    - No exposed undergarments are allowed.
    - No cleavage shall be visible.
    - No part of the midriff shall be visible.
    - **No sleeveless shirts shall be worn. Shirts must have a sleeve that covers the shoulders. No tank tops shall be worn by males or females.**
    - No sheer or “see through” clothing shall be worn without a shirt worn underneath.
  4. No hats, hoods, or garments covering the entire top of the head shall be worn unless approved by Administration. **Bandanas and visors are not permitted to be worn unless approved by Administration.**
  5. No personal items on a person, book bag/backpack, notebook, purse, locker, or vehicle shall contain the following:
    - Suggestive or explicit language, graphics, symbols, or slogans.
    - Profane language, graphics, symbols, or slogans.
    - Any references (language, graphics, symbols, or slogans) to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, or gangs.
    - Any language, graphics, symbols, or slogans that are not in keeping with the values of the community, or that administration deems will cause school disruption.
  6. All students taking Physical Education classes must abide by the dress code as outlined above.
  7. No pajamas, sleepwear, or blankets should be worn at school unless approved by Administration.

## **ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION GUIDE**

### **INSURANCE POLICY**

Each student must be covered by either the school approved insurance policy or by a family policy. Proof must be provided that the student is covered by insurance. The proof must be provided for each sport.

### **PHYSICAL**

All students/athletes must have a current physical on file. Physicals are valid for the entire school year if taken after April 1 of the preceding year. Physicals must be on a

Georgia High School Association (GHSA) approved form, and performed by a medical doctor.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Students must be declared eligible and names submitted to GHSA for each particular sport prior to beginning pre-season practice or tryouts. Students must meet all State and Local requirements for participation.

### **PARTICIPATION**

A student athlete may not quit one sport and be eligible to play another sport during the same season unless there is mutual consent between the coaches of the two sports, and/or approved by the Athletic Director and/or the Principal.

### **ATTENDANCE**

No student will be permitted to practice or participate in athletic activities on a school day if they have not been in attendance for at least half of the school day unless approved to play or practice by the Athletic director and/or the Principal.

### **IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION**

Students are not allowed to participate in any athletic activity (other than practice) while serving In-School Suspension. For example, if a student is serving In-School Suspension on Monday and Tuesday, they cannot compete until Tuesday after school when the ISS penalty has been satisfied. The student may practice while in ISS.

### **OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION, ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL**

No student may participate in any athletic activity while under terms of OSS, or attending alternative school. If a student is suspended from school Monday and Tuesday, that student cannot participate in any way until Wednesday. During their OSS, students may **not** attend **ANY** event on any Walton County Schools campus.