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### *STUDENT / PARENT HANDBOOK*

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DAILY TIME SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY PERIOD

-	7:40	Warning Bell	7.40
7:45 -	8:44	Period 1 News/Announcements	7:45- 8:27
8:48 -	9:34	Period 2	8:31- 9:13
9:38 -	10:24	Period 3	9:17- 9:59
10:28 -	11:14	Period 4	10:03-10:45
		<b>*News &amp; Announcements</b>	<b>*10:45-11:14</b>
		<b>Activities/Homeroom</b>	
<b>11:18 -</b>	<b>12:35</b>	Period 5	11:18-12:35
		<b>Announcements/Attendance/Lunch</b>	
12:39 -	1:25	Period 6	12:39- 1:25
1:29 -	2:15	Period 7	1:29- 2:15
2:19 -	3:05	Period 8	2:19- 3:05

ONE HOUR DELAY SCHEDULE                      TWO HOUR DELAY SCHEDULE

	8:40	Warning Bell	9:40
8:45 -	9:25	Period 1 and Attendance	9:45-10:16
9:29 -	10:09	Period 2	10:20-10:51
10:13 -	10:53	Period 3	10:55-11:26
10:57 -	11:38	Period 4 & Announcements	11:30-12:02
11:38 -	12:56	Period 5 & Attendance/Lunch	12:02- 1:20
1:00 -	1:39	Period 6	1:24- 1:55
1:43 -	2:22	Period 7	1:59- 2:30
2:26 -	3:05	Period 8	2:34- 3:05

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ LOCKER# \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL SCHEDULE

Period	Semester 1		Semester 2	
	Subject	Room	Subject	Room
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____

**STUDENT DISCIPLINE** The Student Code of Conduct, adopted by the Board of Education as required by Ohio Law, sets forth a student discipline code which outlines the conduct for which a student may be removed from a curricular or extra-curricular activity, be suspended, or expelled from school.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY** In maintaining the student's right to equal educational opportunity, it is reasonable and necessary to maintain order in our schools. A student may forfeit his/her right to educational opportunities when his/her conduct is such that it disrupts the educational process, deprives others their basic rights, or violates rules as stated in the Student Code of Conduct. Students are expected to abide by the rules as stated in the Student Code of Conduct and/or Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board of Education.

**BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS** Students are expected to abide by the rules as stated in the Student Code of Conduct and/or Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board of Education.

**DUE PROCESS** Procedural requirements of Section 3313.66 of Ohio Law will be implemented in conjunction with an emergency removal, suspension, or expulsion. The administrator shall: 1. Give the student written notice of the intention to suspend and the reason(s) for the intended suspension. 2. Provide the student an opportunity to appear at an informal hearing before the principal, assistant principal, superintendent, or superintendent's designee, and challenge the reasons for the intended suspension or otherwise explain his/her actions. Numbers one and two may occur at the same time. 3. Notify the parent, in writing, within a reasonable amount of time after the suspension (immediate parent notification by phone, when possible). 4. The student, parent, or guardian the right to appeal to the Board of Education's designee and be represented.

**ADMINISTRATION OF STUDENT DISCIPLINARY CODE** The building principal, or assistant principal, shall administer the student disciplinary code and shall use his professional judgment in determining the most

appropriate disciplinary action to be taken in each individual case.

In determining the appropriate disciplinary action, it is necessary to classify the behavior according to the severity of the violation as well as the past behavioral patterns of the student.

While under the jurisdiction of the school, or on school property, or in a school vehicle, or off school grounds immediately before or after school and during lunch, or on the way to or from school, or at any school sponsored activity on or off school grounds, a violation on the part of a student of any one or more of the following rules of conduct shall result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, denial of participation in an extracurricular activity, counseling, parent conference, detention, Saturday School, emergency removal, removal from a school vehicle, suspension from school and expulsion from school.

#### **Discipline - Policy KGB**

**I. Extremely Serious Offenses:** The following items are considered extremely serious offenses. These may result in an immediate suspension up to ten days and could result in expulsion for the first offense. Suspensions are the most severe penalties the high school administration can impose on a student. Suspensions are unexcused absences, become part of a student's permanent record and prohibit the student from being on school grounds and attending school activities during the period of suspension. Suspensions which exceed in length the number of school days left in the school year may be carried over to the next year.

**A. Fighting/Inappropriate Touching:** A student shall not cause physical injury or behave in such a way which could threaten to cause physical injury to school staff, other students, or visitors while under jurisdiction of the school. A student may not use intimidation or threat of force. This includes using gang or group affiliation. Physical abuse of a staff member may result in a recommendation to expel and reporting to authorities.

**B. Frightening, Inappropriate Language or Hate Speech, Degrading, Bullying, Harassment, or Disgraceful acts, Hazing**

(1) A student shall not engage in any act which frightens, harasses bullies, degrades, disgraces, or tends to frighten, degrade or disgrace, any person by written, verbal, or gesture means during any period of time when the student is properly under the authority of school personnel. This includes inappropriate or unauthorized video or audio recordings and photography.

(2) No student shall engage in any form of sexual harassment which consists of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other inappropriate verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when made by any student to another student when such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's academic performance or creating an intimidating hostile educational environment.

(3) The provisions in items one and two above also applies to student conduct towards staff members and their families on and off school grounds.

(4) This item also applies to the serious use of profanity.

**C. Narcotics, Marijuana, Drugs, Alcoholic Beverages, Mood Altering Substances And Drug Paraphernalia**

**Policy JFCH**

Under no circumstances are students to consume any alcohol or drugs before coming to school or any school activity. Possession (including in your vehicle or locker), use, consumption, sale, offer, or transfer of alcoholic beverages, drugs, look-alike drugs or paraphernalia on school property (this includes parking lot and school buses) during the school day, (including lunch) AT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, or during non-school hours is forbidden. This is regardless of the amount involved.

A student found to show signs of consumption of alcohol or drugs during school may be suspended for 10 days and recommended for expulsion. This will also be true for students involved in distributing/selling drugs.

Students in school or at school activities who give cause for suspicion or showing signs of consumption of alcohol may be asked to take a breathalyzer test. Refusal to take the test will result in the normal punishment for consumption of alcohol.

Showing signs of consumption is defined as manifesting signs of chemical misuse such as staggering, reddened eyes, odor of chemicals, nervousness, memory loss, abusive language, or any other behavior not normal for the particular pupil.

Counterfeit (look-alike) drugs, steroids, and possession (including having in your locker) of drug paraphernalia (i.e., roaches, pipes, rolling papers, lighters etc.) are subject to the same regulations and penalties as stated above.

**C. Disruption of School:** A student shall not by use of violence, fighting, force, coercion, threat, harassment, insubordination, electronic devices or incorrigibility cause disruption or obstruction to the educational process, including all curricular and extracurricular activities.

**D. Unauthorized Use of Fire, False Alarms, and Bomb Threats:**

This includes lighting lighters or matches, burning items, having smoke bombs, having firecrackers, causing false alarms, etc., on school grounds or on school buses. Possession of firecrackers or smoke bombs on school property is also grounds for suspension. False 9-1-1 calls and other false alarms may result in a suspension and charges being filed.

**E. Indecent Exposure**

This includes exposing female chest, going into the restroom or locker room of the opposite sex, urinating other than in restrooms, exposing buttocks or "mooning". This applies at all school activities, on school bus, or during the school day. Pulling on clothes resulting in exposing under garments is

inappropriate and can result in a suspension depending on the circumstances (i.e., done to opposite sex, in presence of opposite sex).

**F. Unauthorized Use/Possession of Property of**

**Another:** A student shall not steal, attempt to steal, be an accomplice to theft, or be in possession of stolen property or information belonging to the school district or the personal property of another student, teacher, visitor, person(s), or firm while on school premises or a school sponsored activity. Items that do not belong to you must not be in your possession or in your locker.

**G. Tobacco - Policy JFCG, KGC**

The use or possession of tobacco, in any form on school property (this includes parking lot and school buses) during the school day, (including lunch time), AT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, or during non-school hours is forbidden.

**Possession of tobacco:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: 3 hours detention
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Suspension

**Smoking/use of smokeless:**

**Tobacco on school grounds**

- 1st - 3 day suspension
- 2nd - 5 day suspension

Note: It is the student's responsibility to remove all smokeless tobacco from their mouth. A defense that it is just residue from before school will not be valid.

**H. Damage or Misuse of Property:** A student shall not cause or attempt to cause damage to the property of another, public or private, on school premises, or any school activity on or off school grounds. School property may only be used for purposes intended as directed by school personnel. A legal guardian or student (if emancipated) may be charged for damages to school property to include equipment, other instructional supplies, facilities, etc.

**J. Use of Computer Technology:**

(1) A student shall not use or modify any computer technology (hardware, software, peripherals,

connections etc.) provided by the school without authorization from school authorities.

(2) No student shall install, copy, delete, transmit, upload/download or modify in any way files or violate copyright laws or use any software outside the rights granted to him/her. No student shall have in possession or use destructive/invasive programs e.g. games, pictures, music, and videos.

(3) No student shall use computer technology in ways which violate the law or violate the rights of others: e.g. 1. Viewing, copying, transmitting or deleting files. 2. Engaging in harassing, threatening, or degrading behavior. 3. Viewing pornographic, sexist, hatred or racist material. 4. Using others login/password.

(4) No student shall attempt to access any portion of the school's computer networks outside the regular connections, or from any unauthorized external or internal means.

(5) Versailles Jr./Sr. High School shall provide appropriate computer technology for student use and to deliver the curriculum of the school. Students are not permitted to use/possess their own personal computer hardware, software or peripherals on school grounds or at school sponsored events without prior approval from the administration or technology coordinator. No student shall have the expectation of privacy for computer files, hardware, software, peripherals, etc.

(6) Students shall have on file a signed Acceptable Use Policy and adhere to the provisions set forth by the policy. Form available on school website.

#### **K. Weapons - Policy JFCJ**

If a student brings a firearm on school property, in a school vehicle, or to any school-sponsored activity, the superintendent may expel this student from school for a period of one calendar year. The superintendent may reduce this requirement on case by case basis in accordance with State Law. Students who possess or use other dangerous weapons, which are defined but not limited to knives, metal knuckles, chains, straight razors, explosives, noxious irritation or poisonous gases, poisons, and drugs are subject to the same expulsion procedures as stated above for firearms. It is a felony for any person to knowingly convey, attempt to convey, or possess

deadly weapon or dangerous ordinance onto or on any property owned by or controlled by, or to any activity held under the auspices of a school. A student using ANY knife or other weapons to intentionally harm, or threaten to harm, another may be suspended and recommended for expulsion.

**L. Academic Misconduct**

Test, Quizzes, Reports, Major Projects

Student caught cheating:

First infraction:

- Automatic "0",
- Teacher is to call parents
- Teacher is to inform administration as soon as possible, no later than end of school day. Notice will be mailed to parents from the office.

Second Infraction:

- Automatic "0",
- Teacher is to call parents
- Teacher is to inform administration as soon as possible, no later than end of school day. Notice will be mailed to parents from the office.
- Student may be suspended from school.

A student shall not engage in academic misconduct to include but not limited to cheating, any action designed to improve grades and scores, plagiarism (from either print or electronic sources), forgery, or possession/transmission of unauthorized information.

Cheating will include but is not limited to: "crib" notes, giving other students answers, changing answers on a paper in class, allowing other students to see your paper, having access to old tests and/or answer keys if not authorized by teacher, talking and/or passing notes during test, plagiarism, stealing of test, answer key and Teacher Edition will be included in Student Handbook under Unauthorized Use/Possession of Property of Another and will be dealt with according to policy.

Cheating on a test, quiz, or major project is an "Extremely Serious offense". Teachers have no discretion on reporting acts of cheating. They "must"

report all acts of cheating (except homework and minor projects) to the administration.

**M. Repeated failure to attend Saturday School.**

**N. Excessive and/or repeated violations of school rules.**

**II. The following offenses may result in something less than a suspension.**

Two discipline measures will be detentions or "Saturday School." Detentions or Saturday School not served by the designated time will be (1) doubled and/or (2) changed to suspensions.

**Saturday School/Detention Rules**

1. Students must provide their own transportation to and from Saturday School.
2. Saturday School is from 8:00-10:30 AM. Detention is from 3:10-4:00 PM. Both are held in the library unless otherwise noted. Students are not permitted to arrive late or leave early without permission.
3. Students are responsible for bringing sufficient schoolwork to keep busy and working the entire time. Students will not be allowed to go to their lockers to get work.
4. Students are not permitted to sleep. Talking is permitted only with permission.
5. No movement is permitted from assigned seats without permission from the supervisor.
6. No food, drink, gum chewing or candy is permitted.
7. Failure to attend Saturday School or any type of disruption during Saturday School may result in suspension from school.
8. Students are expected to comply with all other rules in the Student Code of Conduct.

All detentions must be served by the day after school is out for the year. Detentions carried over to the next school year are tripled.

#### **A. Cafeteria/Lunch Behavior**

1. Return all papers and trays to the designated area. If there is trash at your place when you sit down, inform the lunch room monitor. If you fail to do this, the trash will be considered yours. Food and drink should be kept in the cafeteria.

2. Students in grades 9-12 are permitted to leave school grounds during the lunch period. Students in grades 7 and 8 are not to leave school grounds during lunch. They may bring a note allowing them to go home for lunch. Jr. High students are not to be in the concrete walkway leading to the park, in the field north of the school nor inside the track or baseball fence during lunch. Students abusing the open lunch policy by misconduct or excessive tardiness back to class will have the privilege of leaving revoked and/or other disciplinary actions taken.

3. During 5<sup>th</sup> period, students have 4 minutes after their lunch starts and 4 minutes after their lunch ends to be at their lockers. Other than the above 4 minutes, students are not to be in A-wing hall past the library doors, or in B-wing hall past the drinking fountain, nor in C-wing hall past the restroom.

#### **B. Cheating on Homework**

1. Homework will be taken from student and given to teacher who will discipline student at their discretion.
2. It is suggested that teachers identify group homework.

#### **C. Insubordination**

All directions given by any staff person are to be followed immediately. Students who feel a staff person is wrong or being unfair should file a grievance with the office.

#### **D. Disrespect of Staff (willfully)**

All staff (teachers, cooks, bus drivers, custodians, secretaries, etc.) are to be addressed properly and with respect. No back talk is permitted.

**NOTE: If C and D are serious enough, suspension or Saturday School will result.**

**E. Forgery**

**F. Gambling**

**G. Horseplay**

**H. Improper Gestures or Drawings, Pictures, or Materials**

**I. Improper Language** (Materials with profane words will be taken away and can be reclaimed by parents.)

**J. Leaving School without Permission** given by office personnel.

**K. Name Calling, Derogatory Notes, Pushing, Shoving**

**L. Use of Profanities** in class, halls, bus, or school activities.

**M. Halls** - All students and staff should be able to safely and easily walk through the halls. Students are never to run in the hallways. Students are not permitted to lay or sit in the halls between 7:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. or when a significant number of other people are in the halls.

**N. Riding in a Car at Unauthorized Times.** No students are permitted to be in a car during the school day (including lunch time) without permission from the school office.

**O. Skipping School** (Where parents and school are unaware of absence ahead of time.)

**P. Before, after, and during school,** students are not to be on private property without the owners permission. Loitering on side walks or streets off school grounds is not permitted. Students are to respect all of our "neighbors" and are not to litter.

**Q. Possession or use of skateboards,** in-line skates, roller skates, squirting objects, squirt guns, paint balls, balloons or other objects that can or are causing a nuisance is unacceptable

**R. Students Being Affectionate** with other students (this includes kissing, embracing, any sexual acts or displays not appropriate in the educational environment).

**S. Throwing Items** (including snowballs on school grounds) paper wads, paper airplanes, flipping rubber bands, etc.

**T. Students talking above conversational tones in halls.**

**U. The use of gum and candy** during the school day is a privilege. If students show they cannot handle the responsibility of properly disposing of the gum and wrappers, this privilege can be taken away anytime during the school year.

**W. Electronic Devices**

Students are not permitted to use electronic devices during school hours on school grounds (including lunch) without the permission of the administration. (Electronic devices include but are not limited to radios, pagers, cell phones, laser pointers, CD players, recorders, etc.) All electronic devices must be turned off during school hours.

1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Electronic device will be confiscated and turned into office - ½ hour detention will be assigned.

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Electronic device will be confiscated and turned into office - 1 hour detention will be assigned.

Multiple offenses may result in more severe consequences. Unauthorized and inappropriate photography or audio and video recordings may be dealt with under rule I.B. in the extremely serious category.

**V. Students are not to leave a class** (including band, physical education, shop, or study hall before the dismissal bell rings.

NOTE: All the above items (A) through (V), are all reasonable rules and regulations. Therefore, detentions will almost always be given with few if

any warnings. Further infractions may result in further discipline action.

### **III. Student Conduct**

#### **A. Activity Period**

1. Students may leave homeroom if they sign out to the announced activity for which they are to be in attendance or to see the guidance counselor.
2. Students seeing another teacher need a pass before leaving.
3. Homeroom will be considered the same as a study hall.

#### **B. Animals**

Permission is to be obtained from the principal before animals are brought onto the school grounds by anyone. If students wish to bring them for educational purposes, they are to consult with their teacher who, in turn will request permission from the principal. Animals are not to be transported on the school bus. Animals must be adequately housed and cared for in screened cages, or appropriate shelter. Only the teacher or the students designated by the teacher are to handle the animals.

#### **C. Appearance**

Personal appearance is a matter of individual choice; however, there are certain standards that should be met by Versailles Junior/Senior High School students.

All students must wear some type of shoes at all times. Tops must be modest and have at least a 2 inch wide strap over each shoulder. Tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, and bare midriff blouses or shirts are not acceptable.

Students are not permitted to wear hats, do-rags or other headwear. However, the wearing of hats or headwear may be allowed on spirit days. Sunglasses are not permitted in the building during school hours. For security purposes, hoods must be pulled down uncovering the head immediately upon entering the building.

Some clothing will be considered unacceptable - we do not allow our students to wear clothing that advertise alcohol products, drugs, or tobacco

products. Also, clothing that have profanity written or symbolized will not be acceptable. Clothing or personal possessions containing messages or statements that are obscene or have double meaning that could be taken sexually is not acceptable. Clothing that may indicate reference to gangs or cults will not be acceptable here at school.

Outer garments that are too short are not permitted. To set hard and fast rules or how far above the knee cap constitutes too short is difficult because people have different body builds. For most students, the length of the lower outer garment should not be more than 5 inches above the knee cap when standing. For other students, the guideline will be that the length (when worn on the waistline) should never be above the fully extended finger tips when the person is standing. (Whichever guideline is appropriate for you is the one to follow.) There will be times when these guidelines will be inappropriate. The final decision will be made by the principal or assistant principal. Colored stockings or leggings worn with shorts do not meet the dress code.

Any dress or appearance which may constitute a threat to the health or safety of students or disrupts the educational process is prohibited.

No student is permitted to wear excessively torn or ragged clothes.

No undergarments/underwear should be exposed. No bare midriffs (front or back) should be seen.

Chains are not permitted in school. (This does not include "jewelry" chains which usually have links 4mm or less in length).

During the school day, students are not to wear (or display in lockers) clothing, jewelry , or other items of expression which advertise or promote a satanic cult, drug substance, drug paraphernalia, tobacco or alcohol.

#### **D. Arriving and Departing School**

The school district has some responsibility for a student's safety and well being while going to or coming from school even if the student is off school

grounds and penalties for misconduct during this time can be given by school officials. This includes lunch on and off campus.

**E. Duties of Pedestrians and Drivers at Crosswalks.**

Students should use the crosswalks when crossing South Center St. The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need be to yield to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger. Students should not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

**F. Assemblies**

All assemblies are to be attended by all students. Students are to sit in the section assigned to their grade. They are to be attentive and refrain from talking.

**G. Bus Behavior**

Conduct on school transportation shall be in accordance with the rules of the school and the teachers, or chaperones in charge of a group. Students are allowed to be transported only by the bus to which they are assigned. They must get on and off at the designated area. Any exceptions require written permission from an administrator which, in turn, is to be given to the bus driver.

Bus drivers may use their own discipline code and penalties and are urged to do so. However, unless the offense is one of the areas addressed above, when a student is referred to the office, the following will be used as a guideline: 1st - conference, 2nd - parents contacted, 3rd - off bus for 5 days, 4th - off bus for semester.

**H. Classroom and Study Hall**

Each teacher will establish guidelines for his own

study halls and classes. Each teacher is responsible for his own discipline. If a problem continues, a teacher-parent conference (or phone call) should be held. If the problem persists, the student may be withdrawn from class by the administration with an "F" as the final grade. In the cases where a parent conference is to be held, a student may be taken out of the class until the conference. Notification of continuing problems with students will be sent to the office. All teachers have their general policies written and available to students in each of their classes and study halls.

No games or cards are to be played in study hall or classes unless it is part of the regular class activity. No student radios, pagers, phones, laser pointers, or CD players are to be used in any study hall or class.

#### **I. Passes**

Students must have a pass when they go anywhere during class or study hall time. The student must fill out the pass completely in ink except for teacher signatures. This pass (once signed) will be kept by the "teacher excusing" the student. These passes will then be returned at the end of the day to the teacher "giving permission" to leave. Student does not need a pass to see counselor during Study Hall.

#### **J. Tardy to School**

Students are allowed 6 times tardy to school if they are excused by the parent within 1 school day. If not excused by the parent, the tardy will be unexcused and result in a 1 hour detention. Any tardy excused or unexcused over the 6 tardy limit will result in a 1 hour detention. Excessive tardiness may result in further disciplinary action. Students that produce signed medical or dental excuses will not have the tardy counted towards the limit.

#### **K. Tardy to Class**

Teachers are to admit all students tardy to class periods 2 through 8 without slips from the administrators. Teachers will notify the assistant principal of those students who are tardy to their classes or study hall. Students are allowed 6 times

tardy to class. Any tardy to class over the 6 tardy limit will result in an administrative detention. Excessive tardiness may result in more serious disciplinary action. Teachers may list different procedures and penalties for being tardy. These procedures must be stated in their classroom procedures.

#### **L. Visitors - Policy KK**

Visitors accompanying students are discouraged as it can interfere with the educational process. Those permitted to visit must secure a permit to visit from the Principal's office. This permit must be approved by the Principal at least one day in advance of the visit.

#### **SUSPENSIONS**

1. Student suspensions may be from 1-10 school days as determined by the Principal. Out-of-school suspension means that students are not to attend school, not to be on school grounds, nor attend or take part in any school activities. Student absences from classes due to suspensions are unexcused.
2. The Principal will give the student a letter of intention to suspend stating:
  - a. the reasons for suspension
  - b. the length of suspension
3. Immediately upon receiving the letter of intention to suspend, the student may question the reasons for the suspension or otherwise explain his actions to the Assistant Principal or the Principal.
4. Written notice of any suspension will be sent to parents and the Treasurer of the Board of Education within twenty-four hours of the suspension.
5. Any suspension may be appealed to the Superintendent within 72 hours of the mailing of the notification to the parents. Upon the reversal of the suspension through an appeal, the student will be

allowed to make up all work missed without any penalty of his grades.

6. To appeal the decision of the Superintendent, the student and his parents may appeal to the Board of Education and may request that the hearing be held in executive session, and they have the right to be represented at the hearing. A verbatim record is required of the hearing.

7. To appeal the decision of the Board of Education the student and his parents may file an appeal in Common Pleas Court.

8. Students may be suspended for improper behavior or for infringing upon the educational rights of others. Suspension may be given for misbehaving on school grounds or at school activities which is outlined in the discipline sections of this handbook. Suspensions would result when chosen by the student rather than some other punishment or for refusing to cooperate with other forms of punishment.

#### **Expulsions**

1. Students may be expelled by the Superintendent. An expulsion is the denial of permission for a student to attend school, to be on school grounds, or to attend or to take part in any school activities either before, during, or after the school day for the period of time as determined by the Superintendent.

2. The Superintendent will mail to the student, his parents, and Treasurer of the Board of Education a letter of intention to expel stating:

- a) The reason for expulsion
- b) The student and his parent or representative may have a hearing to question the expulsion or to otherwise explain the student's actions from 3 to 5 days after the mailing of the letter of expulsion. The date and time will be determined by the superintendent.
- c) That the expulsion may be appealed to the Board of Education; that the student and parents may be represented at the hearing; and

that they may request the hearing be held in executive session.

d) That the request for a hearing to appeal an expulsion must be made to the Treasurer of the Board of Education within 72 hours of the mailing of the notice to expel.

e) That the President of the Board will determine the time and place for the hearing.

3. Students may be expelled from school for: not adhering to state laws or board policy, infringing upon the educational rights of others, exhibiting extremely disrespectful behavior toward staff members or other students, incorrigibility, dishonesty, promoting an unsafe environment at school or school activities, or disrupting the educational process as intended by the staff, administration, or Board of Education, or for the following reasons:

- a. any reason listed under suspension
- b. whenever a student has had two previous suspensions during the school year.

4. No credit may be earned from Versailles Schools during an expulsion.

5. Upon the reversal of the decision for expulsion through an appeal, the student will be permitted to make up all work missed without any penalty to his grades or credits due to the expulsion.

6. To appeal the decision of the Board of Education, an appeal must be filed in the Court of Common Pleas.

#### **Student Grievances and Complaints**

Our school has established and is communicating to the student body clear and simple procedures whereby students may express their concerns and grievances. The procedure shall provide an opportunity whereby all students following the school procedures are assured that their concerns and grievances are dignified by careful consideration. Students who have grievances are expected to follow these procedures:

**Grievance Procedure:**

Any students who have a grievance should take the steps to make the grievance known:

1. Take your complaint to the other party involved and try to resolve the problem. This must be done before the end of the following school day.
2. If the problem cannot be solved by conferring with the other party, then the grievance must be put in writing and taken to the Principal. It must get to the Principal within two (2) school days.
3. If the Principal's ruling isn't acceptable, the grievance can be taken to the Superintendent, in writing, within two (2) days after the principal has acted on the grievance.
4. Lastly, the grievance may be taken to the Board of Education. The student may present his case at the next board meeting or may have the Principal present his case; in the last case, the student must have a written statement to the Principal before the board meeting.

If a student is late in filing his grievance at any level, he must serve the discipline given and lose his right for further action.

Sample grievance form:

- A. Position of student
  1. Name of grievant
  2. Date filed
  3. Date of grievance
  4. Statement of grievance
  5. Relief sought
- B. Position of Principal
- C. Position of Superintendent
- D. Position of Board

**ATTENDANCE - Policy JED****GENERAL INFORMATION**

The laws of Ohio require daily attendance of all students. Frequent absences and tardies disrupt the educational process and deter the student from acquiring the maximum educational benefits. Daily

attendance and punctuality are essential for success in school and are necessary habits for success in the workplace.

Attendance will be taken and recorded every period by the teachers. A list of absentees will be produced by the office 1<sup>st</sup> period and updated throughout the day. Students are considered absent one-half day if they arrive after 9:28 a.m. (if before 9:28, they are tardy) or leave before 1:23 p.m.

Students need to sign in or out if they enter after 7:45 a.m. or leave before 3:05 p.m. The sign-in/out sheet will be in the office. If they are absent for more than 1 hour and 43 minutes (2 hours and 12 minutes if absent over lunch) it will be recorded as ½ day.

**One-half day absent if admitted after 9:28am**

**One-half day absent if dismissed before 1:23**

#### **Pre-Approved Absence Forms**

If an absence is expected, parents are asked to notify the school before a student is absent. This should be done by signing a Pre-approved Absence form. Pre-Approved absence forms should be filled out for any planned student absence. Forms can be found in the Student Information center outside the office or on our website [www.versailles.k12.oh.us](http://www.versailles.k12.oh.us). Note: This form is to be used in place of writing notes on paper from home and sending it to school. After the parent fills out their portion of the absence form, the student must bring the form to the High School office for an administrator's (Principal or Assistant Principal) signature. Once the absence has been approved by an administrator, the student is required to get a signature from the teacher of the classes that he/she will miss. Once all signatures are complete, and before signing out, the forms must be turned into the office.

If the absence is unexpected, the parents should call the school anytime before noon.

If parents do not notify the school the day of the absence, school officials will attempt to call the home to contact a parent, baby-sitter, relative, or other person responsible for the absent child. If parent contact has not been made, each student who has been absent is required to submit a written excuse to the office on the day of return. The excuse

should give the nature of the illness or other exact reasons for the absence. If the school is not notified within two (2) days of an absence (includes the day absent) the absence will then be unexcused.

**Homework Request**

Requests for homework of absent students must be made by 9:30 a.m. Please make arrangements for the homework to be picked up in a timely manner. Homework can be picked up between 3:15 and 4:00.

**EARLY DISMISSALS**

To obtain an approved early dismissal, students are to bring the completed Pre-approved absence form to the office by 7:45 a.m. Parents/guardians may also call the secretary to give permission.

**Tardy to school**

If a student is late for school, he/she must report to the office to receive a class admittance slip. To avoid being tardy, students must be in their classes by 7:45 a.m. If a student arrives between 7:45 a.m. and 9:28 a.m., he/she is considered tardy. If a student arrives between 9:28 a.m. and 1:23 p.m. he/she is considered absent  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. If a student leaves with permission, between 1:23 p.m. and 3:05 p.m., it is considered an early dismissal and handled as outlined above. Two unexcused tardies will equal  $\frac{1}{2}$  day of unexcused absence.

**Absence Limits**

High school students will receive no credit for any class in which they are absent for more than 15 days in a semester class or 25 days for a year course. Students with excessive absences (over 10 days in a semester) may not be excused from classes to participate in field trips, club trips, class trips, music clinics, Rotary, etc. without permission from the administration.

Junior high students who miss more than 25 days must be tutored to make up these days. They cannot be advanced, promoted, nor passed if they miss more than 25 days and have not been tutored. A tutor will be required for students exceeding these limits and wishing to receive credit for a class. The Board of Education will only pay for any sick days which exceed 15 days of illness. For example, if a student missed 18 days a semester, all of which were excused but only 12 were due to illness,

then the parents would be required to pay for the 3 days of tutoring. The principal may require a doctor's certification for illness excuses.

**B. Excused - Unexcused Absences**

Type A - Excused unconditionally: illness, funeral, court appearance, working or baby sitting for parents, driver's exam, doctor appointments.

Type B - Excused if teachers signs a note before the absence: weddings; religious ceremonies; sectional, district, and state athletic contests involving Versailles High School; or job interview and senior pictures.

Type C - Excused if teachers and the Administration sign a note before the absence and their parents (even if students are 18) are going with the student and the student has not missed more than 25 days (15 for a semester class) in a class: vacations, hunting, shopping, or any absence (even if under unexcused, except during suspension or skip days) if their parent is going with the student. Students may be excused for college visitations if they are going with their parents or another student's parent.  
Policy JEDA

**LIMITS:**

Absences underlined above are limited to an accumulative total of 10 days (80 periods) less any unexcused absences.

Type D - Unexcused: suspensions, skipping, running away from home, hair appointments, haircuts, working on cars, oversleeping more than one hour, missed bus more than one hour, working for an employer, "skip days", or taking the day off. "Skip days" are defined as any day where approximately 25% of a class or more is missing a.m. or p.m. Only a statement from a doctor will be accepted as an excuse for an absence during a skip day.

**Unexcused Absences** have the following effect:

1. 1.1% deducted from the semester average.
2. Student receives zero for participation points,

homework, quizzes, and any other criterion based on attendance.

3. Students will be allowed to make up tests and any major assignments missed during the period of their unexcused absences on their first day back. It is the student's responsibility to contact the teachers about the tests they may have missed.

Students absent for excused reasons will be permitted to make up all work missed. However, the student has the responsibility to ascertain what was missed, including homework assigned, homework that was due, all announcements made in class, and all material covered. It is important to realize that an excused absence does not excuse the student from the work but only allows the work to be turned in later. The day the student returns to school, the students must turn in the work due the first day he was absent. The maximum number of days students have to make up work is equal to the number of days they were absent (if excused). The actual number of days allowed is at the teacher's discretion depending upon homework sent home, tutoring, etc.

4. The guidelines stated above may not be followed for students who have extremely poor attendance patterns. More stringent requirements may be given to these students. A doctor's excuse may be required to excuse these absences. If poor attendance persists, the assistance of the Juvenile Court will be used.

#### **CHRONIC/TRUANT**

A habitual truant is any child who is absent without a legitimate excuse for 5 or more consecutive school days, 7 or more school days in one month or 12 or more school days in a school year.

A chronic truant is any child who is absent without a legitimate excuse for 7 or more school days in a school year.

The Administration may file a complaint in the juvenile court against the child and parent if the child is considered chronic.

### **TUTORING**

1. Students may be eligible for a school paid tutor when they have been absent from school a minimum of 20 consecutive days for an illness or a physical handicap. A physician's report must be completed and on file in the office. Application form Home Instruction SE 10A) may be picked up in the office.
2. Students must be tutored if they have missed more than the school district limits in a class or grade, and they wish to receive credit for the class or grade.
3. All tutors must be approved by the Principal.
4. Under most circumstances, tutors are permitted to work a maximum of 5 hours per week per student. Exceptions must have approval of the Principal.
5. Parents have the option of having a student tutored because of retention in a class or grade. The parents are responsible for paying the tutor and must have the Principal's approval before beginning. The tutoring hours needed and the competency testing procedure is at the discretion of the Principal. The student must meet with the tutor at least 20 clock hours for each subject area he/she has failed.

### **LEAVING SCHOOL PERMISSION**

After arriving on school grounds, students wishing to leave school must have the pre-approved absence form signed by their parents stating the time they are to be excused and the reasons. Parents may also call the school. No student can leave school without approval of the parents and school officials. In the case of illness, school officials will also contact grandparents, uncles, aunts, older brothers and sisters, or neighbors if we have written permission to do so (from parents) on file.

After obtaining permission from the office, the student is to sign out on the sheet provided in the office. After stepping off the bus or arriving on school grounds, students must sign in or out anytime

they leave or enter school before 3:05 p.m. One exception to this is when high school students leave to go home or uptown for lunch and expect to return. If for some reason the student is unable to return after lunch, they or their parents must call the school within one hour. Failure to call the school will be the same as leaving school without permission.

#### **ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS AND CURRICULUM**

The graduation requirements for the seniors shall be the completion of 21.0 units of credit above the 8th grade.

A maximum of three (3) units of credit toward graduation can be earned in approved summer school. Summer school credit will not be accepted toward graduation unless approval by the administration has been given prior to registration for the course. A maximum of two (2) units of credit toward graduation can be earned through tutoring if approved by the Principal.

**Correspondence Course** credits toward graduation will not be accepted except in harsh cases, as determined by counselors and principal. Maximum credit earned by correspondence shall not exceed four (4) units of credit toward graduation.

#### **STUDENT LOAD**

The high school student must attempt a minimum of 2.75 units each semester other than independent study. Students who wish to attempt more than 3.66 units of credit per semester must have 3.00 average or above and approval of their parents.

A. To participate in athletics, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities, a high school student must:

- \* be attempting and passing at least 2.5 credits for the semester.
- \* attain a 1.2000 or higher GPA for the previous nine week grading period.
- \* must have not failed more than 1 course in the previous nine weeks.

CBI students will be able to earn up to 2 units of credit per year for four hours per day of on-the-job training.

CBI students will be granted no more than five and one-half (5.5) total units of credit annually toward graduation upon successful completion of work assigned.

**CLASSIFICATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Freshmen 0.00 to 4.49 cr.  
Sophomores 4.50 to 9.99 cr.  
Juniors 10.00 to 15.49 cr.  
Seniors 15.50 and more

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - Policy IKF**

Ohio Graduation Test . . .Effective class 07 & beyond (mathematics, reading, citizenship, and writing) (science )	
English (.5 units of Speech) . . . . .	4
American History . . . . .	1
Social Studies . . . . .	1
Government/Economics . . . . .	1
Mathematics . . . . .	3
Science . . . . .	3
Health and Physical Education . . . . .	1
Business/Technology Fine Arts and/or Foreign Language . . . . .	1
Electives . . . . .	6
Total	Units 21

A student may be excused from the physical education requirements because of incapacitation as certified by a licensed physician or for any other lawful reason.

The district will accept credits earned toward graduation from another school district only from those schools accredited or approved by the State Department of Education.

The Board assumes that at the time of graduation, each student will have fulfilled all academic and financial obligations.

#### **INDEPENDENT STUDY**

Independent Study is an educational activity involving advanced work by an individual pupil under the direction of a certificated member of the school staff in accordance with board policy.

Independent Study is designed for those students who demonstrate the ability, interest, and maturity to undertake a program of independent study in a subject area. It is free of constant supervision and emphasizes the individual's role in learning and personal responsibility in it. It implies that all students possess potential for self-evaluation. Each individual will plan and carry out his own highly individualized project. The ultimate goal is to promote independent thought and action by students.

Students from any grade level may undertake independent study projects. Independent study may be undertaken in any field of knowledge or accomplishment but will not replace any courses currently offered at Versailles High School. Exceptions may be made for schedule conflicts that cannot be resolved any other way or for courses dropped because of insufficient enrollment. The time of entry into a program is flexible and geared to the interest of the students. A student should discuss his interests with a faculty member at any time he becomes deeply interested in a subject. It is the task of the student to formulate his problem, to write a clear statement to indicate the nature of the proposed study, and to outline in detail plans to develop, pursue, or investigate the problem of study being proposed. Once in the program, the student meets regularly with his advisor to discuss progress, to seek advice, and to make future plans for study research.

#### **OUTLINE FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY - POLICY IKF**

1. Only students with a 3.0 accumulative grade point average or better will be permitted to apply for

credit for independent study.

2. The student and advisor must meet a minimum of once per month to discuss the progress of the study. The student is expected to devote a minimum of 60 hours for each credit.
3. Independent study credits will be in addition to a regular school load.
4. Credit will be given only for independent study considered to be "A" or "B" work.
5. The student must complete an Application for Independent Study form, have this signed by an advisor, and submit it to the principal's office.
6. If approved, the application must be taken home for the parent to sign and returned to the principal.

#### **EARLY GRADUATION**

Students who wish to conclude graduation requirements in mid-year must make application to the Principal and have approval by January 15 of the preceding year. Principal may waive Jan. date due to special circumstances. Must have been in school 14 years and have plans for post graduation.

#### **OHIO GRADUATION TEST**

Students graduating in 2007 and thereafter, will be required to pass the **Ohio Graduation Test** that will be administered to 10<sup>th</sup> graders and other students needing to pass it.

All sophomores will take the test in March 2005 and thereafter. Students must pass all sections to graduate in 2007 and later.

**COLLEGE ENTRANCE RECOMMENDED COURSES**

Most of Ohio colleges and many out-of-state schools recommend the following high school credits:

English . . . . .	4 Units	Mathematics. . . . .	3 Units
Social Studies . . . . .	3 Units	Science . . . . .	.3 Units
Language . . . . .	.2 Units	Fine Arts . . . . .	.1 Unit

**CERTIFICATION BY THE CLEARING HOUSE**

NCAA INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. It is the student(s) and Parent(s) responsibility to see that eligibility is met.)

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), an organization that has established rules on eligibility, recruiting and financial aid, regulates most college athletic programs. The NCAA has three membership divisions - Division I, Division II, Division III. Institutions are members of one or another division according to the size and scope of their athletic programs and whether they provide athletic scholarships.

If you are planning to enroll in college as a freshman and you wish to participate in Division I or Division II athletics, you must be certified by the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse was established as a separate organization by the NCAA member institutions to ensure consistent interpretation of NCAA initial-eligibility requirements for all prospective student athletes at all member institutions.

If you want to participate in Division I or Division II sports in college, you should start the certification process when you are a junior in high school. Check with our guidance counselor to make sure you are taking a core curriculum that meets NCAA requirements. Also, register to take the ACT or SAT as a junior. Submit your Student Release Form to the Clearinghouse by the beginning of your senior year.

Currently, in order to be eligible for practice, participation in regular season competition, and athletically related financial aid during the freshman year of college, a student must meet NCAA core-course requirements. These requirements include curriculum, GPA, and standardized ACT/SAT testing.

To register, prospective student-athletes should access the registration materials by visiting the clearinghouse Web site at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net). Link is: "Prospective Student Athletes".

**POST SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PROGRAM (PSEOP)  
Policy LEC, IGCH**

High School students may elect to be in Option A or Option B of the PSEOP to earn college credits while finishing high school. See your counselor if you are interested in this program.

Option A:

1. The student may pay tuition, fees, textbook costs, and material costs.
2. The student may receive college credit only.

Option B:

1. Tuition, fees, textbooks, and materials are free to the student.
2. The students will receive high school credit and college credit for the courses they passed. (5 semester hours or 7.5 quarter hours for non-sectarian college courses = 1 high school credit.)
3. Students that enroll in this option must complete the college course in which he/she enrolls, and pass the course, or the student must reimburse the Versailles School District for the cost of the courses deducted from the school district's state funds.
4. Attend mandatory meeting.
5. Comply with other requirements.

To qualify, the student must:

A: be accepted by the participating college

B: "B" Average

Student must have a "B" (3.00) in the academic discipline (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Fine-Arts, Business, Computer, Foreign Language) before taking a college level course in that academic discipline. This list is not inclusive. Eligibility can change after each semester/year.

Once a student has been accepted into the PSEOP she/he may drop the course only by conforming to the VHS policies for student load and course dropping and adding timelines. Otherwise, she/he must complete the college courses for which she/he enrolled or receive a grade of "F" for the equivalent amount of high school credit for that course. College grades will be figured into the student's GPA and athletic eligibility the same as all other high school grades.

#### **GUIDANCE SERVICE**

Guidance services are made available by counselors for grades 7 through 12. Guidance emphasis is on individual planning for realistic goals.

Students who wish to talk to a counselor may do so during a study hall or lunch period. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment with the Guidance Counselor to discuss their child's school progress.

Registering and orienting new students involves selection of courses. The testing program is organized through the Guidance Office and test results are discussed with students. Parents of 8th grade students are given an opportunity to discuss previous test results with counselors before high school course selections are made.

Current occupational and vocational materials are available in the Guidance Office and in the high school library. College catalogs are in the Guidance Office. College or University representatives visit the school during the year.

### **DROPPING OR ADDING CLASSES**

Students must confer with their Guidance Counselor regarding dropping a class. The Guidance Counselor will confer with the teachers involved where there may be some concern by the teachers regarding the schedule change.

If the Counselors approve the schedule change after approving the reason and reviewing requirements and the student's program, a student schedule change form must be approved by the Principal and signed by each teacher involved. The completed form must be returned to the office secretary. The teachers update their class lists if the change has been approved by the principal.

Students may only drop a class during the first 20 days of any course or receive an "F". Students withdrawing from a course after 20 days because they are withdrawing from school will receive a "W" in the course.

### **GRADING**

The system of marking used by Versailles High School is as follows:

Description	Letter Grade	Numerical Value	Percentage System
Excellent	A	4	95-100
Above Average	B	3	85-94
Average	C	2	75-84
Below Average	D	1	65-74
Failure	F	0	64 or below

A further breakdown of marks:

3.55 to 4.0 equals A  
2.55 to 3.5 equals B  
1.55 to 2.5 equals C  
.55 to 1.5 equals D  
.00 to .5 equals F

NOTE: Each student must obtain a numerical average for the semester for a semester course and the year course, in order, to pass the course.

Grade point averages will be computed from all subject grades with equal weight/unit of credit.

Grade point averages for high school transfer students with grades other than A,B,C,D, or F, will have these credits or grades excluded from their GPA.

Each teacher's grading procedure will be explained in the classroom procedures distributed the first class period.

#### **HONOR ROLL**

The honor roll and merit roll is a system whereby the administration and staff can encourage and recognize high academic achievement.

The honor roll will consist of all students who have an "A" in all regular subjects studied and excludes special or remedial work as determined by the faculty council. This will be based on grades reported 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

The merit roll is the same as the honor roll except it includes those students with all A's and B's in the subjects attempted.

#### **STUDENT RECORDS**

Each student has on file a record of all his school work from kindergarten through graduation or withdrawal from Versailles. The information kept in the permanent record is open to the student or his legal guardian. Each senior with the Guidance Counselor reviews his or her record before graduation. After leaving school, the record is kept permanently by the school.

Transcripts are sent to other Ohio public elementary or secondary schools at the request of the officials of that school. Transcripts are sent to other elementary or secondary schools, schools of higher learning, or employers at the request of the student or his legal guardian. All students need to complete a "transcript release form" before leaving the school system. After September 1st following graduation, a fee of \$3.00 per transcript will be charged.

In general, the education record of a student will not be released to the general public without the written consent of the student's parents or legal

guardian. An exception to this is "directory information", such as name, address, date, and place of birth, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and awards received. Any student or their parent or legal guardian that requests in writing that their student record information, "directory-type" or otherwise, not be released to the public will have such request honored.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS & DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

The Versailles Jr/Sr High School follows the guidelines of the Family Rights to Privacy Act (FERPA) regarding the release of directory information. The district will make directory information available upon receiving a legitimate request from colleges, universities and military recruiters. Parents, guardians and emancipated students who do not want directory information released should notify the Versailles JR/SR High School guidance department. Under Ohio law, directory information includes the following: student name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, date of graduation and awards received.

Due to the nature of distance learning classes and the need for Versailles JR/SR High School to promote its programs to the public, student's images and voices may appear from time to time on school produced videos, printed materials, and distance learning classes and conferences.

Parents who do not want their child's image and voice used should contact the Versailles JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL guidance department.

#### **EXCHANGE STUDENTS (Limit of 5)**

All exchange students must be pre-approved by the high school principal or superintendent. The sponsoring exchange program **must** be on the advisory list of International Educational Travel and Exchange

Programs (CSIET). This list has the approval of the OASSA and the National Secondary School Principal's Association. The school reserves the right to release a student who is not fluent in the English language and/or creates a negative impact on V.H.S. An exchange student who wants to graduate from Versailles High School must meet all graduation standards of the Versailles Board of Education and the Ohio State Department of Education. Exchange students who are interested in possible graduation from Versailles High School must be in attendance for the complete academic year (August through June).

#### **ACCIDENT AND INSURANCE**

The school is responsible only for immediate first aid. The Board of Education does not pay any medical or hospital bills incurred as a result of an accident involving the pupil at school. The parent or guardian is responsible for the payment of such bills.

#### **ACTIVITY PERIODS**

School organization meetings will be held as scheduled.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Club and organization announcements must be signed and dated by the advisor of that group and given to the office by 7:55 a.m., preferably by 3:30 p.m. the preceding day.

#### **SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**

The administration and faculty shall establish as to the manner, time, and place for using the communication facilities of the school. Based only upon these established policies shall access be made for announcements and statements to the student body through the public address system, bulletin boards, internal TV circuits, or personal contact.

#### **STUDENT FLOWERS/BALLOONS ETC.**

Flowers and/or balloons will be given to students at the end of the day by school personnel or florist.

#### **NON-SCHOOL PUPIL SPONSORED PUBLICATIONS AND MATERIALS**

Anyone who wishes to post or distribute petitions, handouts, leaflets, posters, and/or other literature on school property must have authorization from the Principal.

- A. The source of such material must be indicated on any printed matter.
- B. Two copies of the material to be distributed must accompany the request two days prior to the time of distribution.
- C. Upon receiving the copy, the Principal may approve, disapprove, or refer the request to a student-faculty-administrative committee for recommendation.
  1. If approval is granted, time and place of distribution shall be designated by the school Principal in such manner that there shall be no disruption of the educational process of the school.
  2. If the request is referred to committee, said committee should be convened as soon as possible. Student requests will be answered within 2 days.
  3. If the request is denied, the Principal will state reasons for denial in writing if desired.

**No commercial materials will be distributed in the schools, unless authorized by the Superintendent or his representative. Policy KJ**

#### **STUDENT EXPRESSION**

Within the school program students should be provided the opportunity for free expression of ideas. Responsible criticism and reasonable dissent are basic to the education process. No idea should be suppressed simply because it is unpopular. False statements, disruptive or potentially disruptive activities, the use of obscenities, advocacy of violation of the law or official school regulations,

or statements meant to demean or belittle others are unacceptable means of expression. Students may wear political buttons, arm bands, and badges of symbolic expression, as long as these conform to the limits set forth herein under "Dress Code" and "Student Expression."

#### **CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Any student who damages school property, including books, will be liable for the repair of such damage and shall pay for it in full. School credits will be withheld subject to the payment of damages.

The character of the student body and the atmosphere of the school in general are reflected by the cleanliness and neatness of the floors, walls, desks, lockers, and text-books. Each student can help, so all can continue to enjoy a good environment and reputation.

#### **DRIVING TO SCHOOL**

All students wishing to drive and park on Campus must fill out the appropriate driver registration form. Parking Permits and applicable fees must be paid before parking on campus. Only motorized passenger vehicles are permitted on school grounds unless prior approval is given by the administration.

When students drive to school the following regulations apply (for cars, motorcycles, and any motorized passenger vehicle):

- A. Students need to have a driving permit completed, signed, and **parking fees paid before driving to school.**
- B. Students are to drive in a very **SAFE** and very **SLOW** manner (never more than 15 MPH). Spinning tires cannot be explained as a "clutch," "accelerator," or "engine" problem. If your car has this kind of problem, do not drive it to school before getting it repaired.
- C. Students are not to drive at noon or during the school day.
- D. Students are to park in assigned parking spaces while on campus.

- E. Students are **NOT** to park on campus (detention may be given for first offense):
  - 1. without a parking permit.
  - 2. on an unassigned space.
- F. Students are to leave **after** the buses unless they are parked in the south parking lot.
- G. Students are not to be in their cars during the school day without permission.
- H. Violations of these driving regulations may result in detentions, a suspension of driving-to-school privileges, or a penalty for disobedience.
- I. School officials have the authority and responsibility to supervise student parking. **School officials may randomly search cars on campus.**
- J. Any damage or injury involving any vehicle on school grounds is to be reported immediately to school officials or to the police department.
- K. All school regulations pertaining to cars parked on school grounds apply to cars parked off school grounds if the driver is attending school or at a school activity.

#### **RIDING ON OUTSIDE VEHICLE OR IN CARGO STORAGE AREA**

No person shall hang onto, or ride on the outside of, any motor vehicle while it is moving. No operator shall knowingly permit any person to hang onto, or ride on the outside of, any motor vehicle while it is moving. No driver of a truck or trailer shall knowingly permit any person to ride in the unenclosed or unroofed cargo storage area of his or her vehicle.

#### **EARLY DISMISSAL**

Only students enrolled in vocational or special education work programs or who need to care for their own child daily will be dismissed from school earlier than regular dismissal time on a daily basis. No student will be permitted to leave school to work for anyone except his parents.

#### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL FORMS**

By state law, all students must have on file in the school office an "Emergency Medical Authorization" form. These must be filed annually and no student may participate in any extra school activities or field trips without this authorization.

#### **EXCUSED FROM CLASSES**

Students are not to go to other classes and ask for students who are in class. No student may be absent himself/herself from a class because of work in another class unless an unusual situation exists, in which case, all parties must agree.

#### **FIELD TRIPS**

- A. Normally only students who are members of a club, class, or organization may accompany the club, or organization's field trip, excursion, activity, etc.

Exceptions can be made by the teacher or advisor with approval of the Principal and the teachers of the student in question if individuals are needed to help or participate in the activity. For example, lab assistants and FTA helpers, even though not enrolled in a class, may accompany a class activity. Students, because of certain skills (life guards, first aid training, etc.) may participate in an activity.

However, for all exceptions the following procedure must be followed:

1. A list must be turned into and approved by the Principal.
  2. Parental permission slips must be on file.
- B. Only students with up-to-date "Emergency Medical Forms" will be permitted to go on field trips.
- C. Students may not be excused nor allowed to go on field trips during the school day for the following reasons:

1. Students having been absent at or beyond the maximum limit in any class.
- D. A list of those students eligible for the trip must be given to the office two days before the trip.
  - E. Field trips must be requested by staff members on the "Field Trip Request Form" These must be turned into the Principal seven days in advance, unless circumstances prohibit such action.
  - F. Field trips beyond the school day need administration approval.
  - G. There are to be no field trips during the last two weeks of school unless it cannot be scheduled at any other time, nor are field trips to be during final exams.
  - H. Overnight field trips must be approved by the Board of Education.
  - I. Club sponsored field trips will be limited to one per year normally. Club sponsored field trips which relate directly to classroom objectives may number more than one with the approval of the administration.
  - J. All school rules are to be followed on all field trips or when classes meet off school grounds. Smoking is not permitted at lunch or any other time during field trips.
  - K. Field trips that require the use of school buses must implement the following rules:
    1. The emergency door of the bus must not be used except in case of emergencies.
    2. Chaperones must sit in the back half of the school bus and be attentive to the behavior of the students and supervise accordingly.
    3. The chaperones must see that all waste material is deposited in a proper waste receptacle by the students prior to their dismissal from the bus at the conclusion of the trip.

4. Attendance will be taken on the bus prior to the departure from school and again prior to the departure of the bus for the return trip to school.

#### **FIRE DRILL**

During a fire drill, each student should strictly adhere to the following rules:

- A. Leave all books and materials on desks.
- B. Form lines and proceed quietly from the room in a single file.
- C. The teacher leaves the room last after seeing doors are closed.
- D. Follow the assigned route quietly, with quick steps, but no running.
- E. The teacher remains with the class, takes attendance, and maintains order and reasonable quietness.
- F. When the "all clear" sounds, three bells, classes will quietly re-enter the building.

#### **HEALTH ROOM**

Students must receive permission to report to the health room from the nurse, office secretaries, Assistant Principal, or Principal. After one class period, the student will have a choice of returning to class or going home. The regular sign out procedure will be followed if student goes home.

If school officials are unable to contact a responsible adult, the student will either be sent to the doctor (as checked on the emergency medical form) or be allowed to stay in the health room. This decision will be made by the school nurse or administrators.

#### **LAB AND WORKBOOK FEES**

Lab and workbook fees are approved by the Board of

Education for classes that require more supplies or more expensive equipment than most classes. Students with fees due, will not graduate, participate in Commencements, or receive a grade transcript.

## **VHS LIBRARY RULES & PROCEDURES**

### **EXPECTATIONS**

The library exists to provide students with training and access to a variety of educational resources within a serious academic setting. As such, students who use the library are expected to behave in a way that respects the library's resources and the learning of others.

### **STUDENT ACCESS**

**From Classroom Teacher:** Students must have a pass from their classroom teacher showing the student's name, date, period and assignment to be completed.

**From Study Hall:** Students must report directly to the library before the bell and sign in with Mr. Sears to indicate the assignment they intend to complete. Numbers may be limited and seating may be assigned. Sign-in preference given to: 1) Class use 2) Research projects 3) Print resource & technology use 4) All others.

### **STUDENT BEHAVIOR**

- Students will follow all school and study hall rules.
- Students must not be tardy when reporting to the library at the start of class or when returning from lunch. Tardy students will not be allowed to sign in.
- No more than two students per table (except with permission or during class use).
- No food, drink, candy, gum, music or non-educational games are permitted.
- Students may not enter the library office or periodical room.
- No use of emergency door or media room equipment without special permission.
- Talking (if permitted) must be minimal, in a whisper & concerning class work.
- One 4-minute restroom / locker pass at a time. One pass use per student per week.

#### **USE OF MATERIALS**

Students are responsible for the return in good condition or replacement cost of any items they check-out or sign-out from the library.

**Books & Magazines** - All items (except reference) may be checked out for 10 school days and may be renewed twice. Students are limited to 5 items at a time. Overdue charges are \$.10 per day; maximum charge is the replacement cost of the item.

Students with overdue books or unpaid fines are not granted new loans, nor are they allowed non-educational library use (such as reading the daily newspapers).

Overdue notices are sent out weekly to 1st period classes.

Items which are "long overdue" will be declared lost and the student will be charged the replacement cost of the item.

**Newspapers** - Students who wish to read a current newspaper during a study hall period must sign out of SH, take a newspaper pass from the front desk, and have it with them at the newspaper table. Old newspapers may be used for class assignments.

#### **COMPUTER & PRINTER USAGE**

Computer programs, databases and the Internet are for educational use only.

Students are not to alter computer settings, download programs, chat, use e-mail, play music or games, or attempt to access inappropriate sites.

Students with class assignments are given top priority of use. Students misusing library technology will lose access as shown below.

Students may print, with permission, for class work only - up to 5 pages per day free of charge. Non-educational and personal printing is discouraged and is \$.10 per page. Color printing (if required) is reserved for final class assignments; personal color printing is \$.25 per page. Printed pages are checked for content and delivered at the earliest convenience of the library staff.

#### **CONSEQUENCES FOR MISUSE**

- 1st offense - Loss of library & PC lab use for 5 school days; 1/2 hour detention.
- 2nd offense - Loss of library & PC lab use for 10 school days; 1 hour detention.
- 3rd offense - Loss of library & PC lab use for 15 school days; 1 1/2 hour detention.
- 4th offense - Loss of library privileges for remainder of school year.
- Serious misconduct will result in further actions, and be referred to the office.

#### **LOCKERS - Policy JFG**

Student lockers are the property of the Board of Education and are assigned to students for their convenience. School lockers are not for private personal **use and may be randomly searched (including contents) at anytime by school officials.**

Any items which the school officials determine might possibly be disruptive to the learning environment or affect the safety of others may be removed and retained by the administrators or other authorities at any time. The administration will attempt to store these items (if value exceeds five dollars) for two days for parents or, in some cases students, to have an opportunity to reclaim the collected items. Each student is responsible for maintaining his or her assigned locker in an orderly fashion and using trash cans for disposing of waste paper.

Students are not to exchange lockers without approval by the office. Students are not permitted to go into any other person's locker. If you must get a book or other items, check with an administrator before going into another student's locker.

#### **RANDOM SEARCHES**

**The school officials may from time to time have canine units involved in searching for drugs and explosives. These searches may or may not be announced and may include school grounds, lockers, parking lots, cars, student bags (locker and gym bags) etc.**

#### **LOST AND FOUND ARTICLES**

Return to or check at the office.

#### **PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

To be eligible students must be full time at the high school, CTC, or JVS and cannot have been charged with a half day or more of absences. Tardiness and early releases of less than one half day are not counted.

#### **PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE - Policy JHCD**

All prescription medication must be stored in the office. The form "Administering Prescription Medicines to Students", must be completed and on file in the office. These forms are available in the office.

#### **HEAD LICE**

Versailles School District has a "no nit" policy. Anyone who has lice or nits or both is sent home and not permitted to return until the hair has been treated and all nits have been removed. Policy BP729

#### **REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL**

When students represent Versailles High School, they are acting as ambassadors; and as such, it is important that they refrain from any language or conduct that will bring discredit or dishonor to the school. All students representing the school at any event, either local or outside the city, are bound by the regulations of the school.

#### **SCHOOL DELAY**

When school is delayed due to inclement weather, there will be no athletic practices, open gym, activity meetings, etc. before the start of the school day.

#### **SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Good conduct is to be expected at all times on school grounds. The grounds should be free from papers and other debris. Students are asked to refrain from walking on the grass and to use crosswalks when crossing streets surrounding the school grounds. The

streets used between the different school buildings during school hours will be construed to mean the same as the school grounds.

#### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

Student activities are a privilege to be used as a means of developing wholesome attitudes and good human relations, as well as, knowledge and skills.

Only those student organizations and activities which include in their constitution rules and practices and provisions for equal and democratic participation of all students regardless of their religion, sex, race, creed, color, or economic status will be permitted. Consistent with democratic principles, provision shall be made in all curricular and co-curricular activities to encourage the inclusion and active participation of minority students and free and open expression of all points of view.

#### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR PARTICIPATION**

No student will be allowed to participate or attend any school activity if they are absent the last half of the school day unless arrangements have been made between the parents, coach and/or advisors, and the office prior to this absence. Students are responsible for having the Office and their teachers sign a note prior to the absence. If a student attends a school event without approval, the absence will be unexcused.

#### **ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

Please see Athletic Handbook obtainable online or from Athletic Director.

#### **The Minimum Requirements to be Eligible**

##### **An Athlete Must:**

- A. Have turned into the Athletic Director an "Emergency Medical Form," "Student Participation Form," "Parental Approval Form," and a passed "Physical Examination Form" (Physical card). This must be signed by the student, a parent or guardian, and a licensed physician.

- B. Be passing (in high school) at least 2.5 total credits (enough subjects to equal 5 credits at the end of the year) each nine weeks grading period to be eligible for participation for the next nine weeks grading period.
- C. Must attain a minimum G.P.A. of 1.200 on a four point scale in the grading period (excluding summer), immediately preceding the interscholastic competition for students in grades 7-12. In addition, in order to be eligible to participate in an interscholastic event, the student must not have failed more than one subject, regardless of level of credit, in the preceding grading period. A student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time is eligible for the first grading period regardless of previous academic achievement. Participants in interscholastic athletics governed by the Ohio High School Athletic Association will also be required to meet academic and other eligibility requirements of the OHSAA.
- D. Be passing (in junior high) at least 75% of all subjects each nine weeks grading period to be eligible for the next nine weeks grading period.
- E. Report on the first day of practice and each practice and contest thereafter unless approved by the coach.
- F. Athletes coming out late for a sport must meet all state requirements for their individual sports (i.e., four days acclimation in football) and meet the requirements established by the coach for team membership. The coach shall make the final determination of the team's membership, but school administration may also be consulted.

#### **CHEERLEADERS**

The Varsity Football and Basketball Cheerleading squad shall consist of not more than eight members from grades 10-12. The Reserve Basketball and Football squad will consist of not more than six members from grades 9-11. The Junior High Football

and Basketball squad will consist of not more than twelve members, six from grade 8 and six from grade 7.

Tryouts for cheerleaders are held in the Spring. Cheerleading clinics are held prior to this date. An applicant must be present for at least three training clinics to be eligible for tryouts in the Spring. Advisors explain the cost of uniforms, duties, responsibilities, and the different motions and cheers to those who attend the clinic.

Students try out before the Selection Committee, composed of members from our school and community, individually, and in groups. Selection of cheerleaders will be based on:

1. 70% - Cheerleading skill as rated by the Selection Committee.
2. 30% - Teacher evaluation of the student's character. (At least three of the student's teachers evaluate each student.)
3. Each candidate must pass a physical examination certified by a physician after tryouts.

A cheerleader may become ineligible and be asked to leave the squad for any of the following reasons: truancy, poor scholarship, poor sportsmanship, poor citizenship, or failure to abide by school rules including:

1. Possession, use, consumption, sale, or transfer of alcoholic beverages, drugs, look-alike drugs, or tobacco including smokeless tobacco or any other behavior which would reflect poorly on the rest of the squad or student body at any time or place during the season is grounds for expulsion from the squad. The season starts when practice begins for the sport and last through the post season.
2. Transportation will be provided to and from games. (Exceptions from the games with parents may be granted by the advisor if the parents personally see the advisor immediately after the game or meet.)

3. Cheerleaders must maintain a good appearance at all times as representatives of Versailles High School.
4. Cheerleaders must attend all athletic contests unless excused by the cheerleading advisor prior to the game or meet.
5. Cheerleaders must attend all practice sessions throughout the year or be excused by the cheerleader advisor prior to practice.
6. Cheerleaders must be cooperative and willing to accept any changes suggested by the advisor.

If uniforms are purchased by the Versailles Cheerleader Association, the uniforms must be returned if needed.

Awards are given to high school cheerleaders at the winter sports banquet for each year of service, as follows:

1st year - Megaphone Charm and a 4" letter with megaphone emblem for reserve cheerleader or a 6" letter with a megaphone emblem for a varsity cheerleader. (A cheerleader can receive no more than one reserve and one varsity letter award for each sport during her four years in high school).

For high school cheerleading service at any level:

2nd year - Cheerleader Charm

3rd year - Pin

4th year - Plaque with name and years of service

Each cheerleader will receive a certificate stating the years of service for each squad and sport.

#### **COMPETITION CHEERLEADERS**

The competition squad will consist of no more than 11 members in grades 9-12 and will be determined at tryouts using the top 11 final scores. The competition squad will be divided into two seasons.

#### **PEP CLUB BUSES**

Pep Club buses may be used to transport Pep Club students under the supervision of the football cheerleading advisor for football, basketball cheerleading advisor for basketball, or the head cheerleading advisor for any other sport participating in state tournaments provided the following requirements are fulfilled:

- A. An adult chaperone approved by the principal for every 20 students.
- B. A minimum of 20 students are available for the bus.
- C. A pep bus is never to be used during academic school time.
- D. The students must sit together at the sporting event, cheer with the cheerleaders, and be under the supervision of the chaperone and abide by the Pep Club and school rules.

#### **CLUBS AND OTHER STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

All newly organized clubs must have a constitution and the written approval of the Student Council and Principal. All the clubs must have a copy of their constitution on file in the Principal's office.

Each class is assigned an advisor by the Principal and this advisor must be present at all meetings. All receipts and expenditures must pass through the high school activities fund under the supervision of the school district Treasurer. **A student may only hold two elected offices per year.**

1. School clubs and organizations must be chartered according to provisions established in the constitution of the student government.
2. The Student Council has the authority to revoke the charter of any club that operates in violation of its by-laws.
3. Each organization or club shall have a set of by-laws approved by the student government. These by-laws:

- a. Shall not be in conflict with the constitution of the Student Council.
  - b. Shall provide for a faculty sponsor.
  - c. Shall provide for a roster of members on file with the Student Council and the Principal.
  - d. Shall set forth membership qualifications which do not exclude students based on race, color, creed, political belief, or sex.
4. On days when it is necessary to cancel school due to inclement weather or hazardous road conditions, participation in extra curricular activities during the day or evening is not required.
  5. Teachers (advisors) must be present at all meetings.
  6. All individuals and clubs must pay for all school supplies used.
  7. Students may be prohibited from participation by the advisor based on behavior which would detrimentally reflect on the purposes of the activity.
  8. Students will be prohibited from participation if they do not attain at least a 1.2 on a four point scale during the nine weeks grading period prior to club activity, or failed more than one subject during the nine weeks grading period prior to the club activity. The rules do not pertain to any activity which receives school credit. i.e. band.

#### **ACADEMIC TEAM**

This team is formed for those students interested in academic subjects on a competitive level. The team is open to any high school student that meets the eligibility requirements set by the high school administration. Students interested in the team will work with faculty advisors and attend practices regularly. The team will compete with other area high schools in quiz rounds that include the following categories: American Literature, Mathematics, World History, Fine Arts, Biological Science, World Geography, American Government,

Physical Science, Current Events and American History.

#### **ART CLUB**

The Art Club is primarily a service organization. Members may be called upon to do lettering, posters, illustration, T-shirt design, etc. for the school. Art Club activities include a sale and a raffle which help provide funds for a pizza party and a field trip to an art museum.

Art Club is open to high school students who have completed at least one high school art course or high school students currently taking an art course.

#### **BAND**

The band is organized to give the band members an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of music and the satisfaction that comes from belonging to a group. Some of the activities the band participates in are: Darke County Fair, football games, Pumpkin Show, Exchange Concerts, Spring Concert, Poultry Days, Memorial Day Services, and various contests. The band, soloists, and ensemble groups participate in Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA) competitions.

#### **CLASS ORGANIZATIONS**

The various classes are organized into regular class organizations with officers. At the end of the year each class elects a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

#### **COLLEGE CLUB**

The purpose of this club is to learn more about college and other kinds of post-high school training. Visits to colleges in Ohio are taken during the year. Speakers on financial aid and careers are part of the program. Juniors and seniors planning to continue their education beyond high school are eligible to join.

**FAMILY CAREERS, & Community Leaders of America  
(FCCLA)**

FCCLA is a national organization of students in consumer homemaking classes.

The local program includes activities of State and National Organizations and projects which includes Columbus Children's Hospital, Families and Futures, T.A.P. (Peer Pressure program), and National Resource Fund in addition to many community projects.

Members have the opportunity to participate in many different skill events related to homemaking and occupations related to careers and leadership.

**FFA**

FFA is an intra-curricular youth organization for students enrolled in agricultural education. The FFA mission of the FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. FFA uses agricultural education to create a real-world success. The FFA Organization represents a large diversity of over 300 careers in the food, fiber and environmental and natural resources.

FFA members will be involved in various student, chapter and community activities at the local level with opportunities for involvement at the District, State and National level of the FFA Organization. The FFA Organization is an integral part of a school system.

**FRENCH CLUB**

This club is formed for those students interested in furthering their knowledge of French and French-speaking countries. Students who are currently enrolled in French and/or those who have completed three years of French are eligible to join.

#### **Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)**

FBLA is a national organization for students enrolled in any business and/or computer course. Its mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. FBLA members may have opportunities to attend local, state, and national conferences and competitions, run for an officer position on local, state, and/or national level, help with community service projects, and participate in social activities.

#### **FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA (FTA)**

Students who desire an exploratory view of teaching may join the FTA. Students are placed in classrooms by the advisor after reviewing both the applications of cooperating teachers and FTA members. Students applying must not be on the ineligible list.

#### **MATH-SCIENCE CLUB**

This organization is for students with a special interest in math and science.

#### **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Juniors and seniors who have a 3.25 grade point average or better are eligible to become members of the National Honor Society. Students wishing to become members are required to complete an informational sheet from the advisor. Specific membership criteria are available from the advisor(s) and online.

#### **PALS Club (Peers Assisting with Life Skills)**

This club is for students interested in assisting each other learn life skills. Students who are not currently enrolled in resource room/special education classes are required to relinquish one study hall period to assist in these classes for an entire semester. Club members are also required to participate in fundraisers. More information is available from the advisors.

### **SPANISH CLUB**

This club is formed for those students interested in furthering their knowledge of Spanish and Spanish-speaking countries. Students who are currently enrolled in Spanish and/or those who have completed three years of Spanish are eligible to join.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

1. The Student Council is an elected and representative government with offices open to all students. The Student Council will establish reasonable standards for candidates for office. All students will be allowed to vote in elections designed to promote careful consideration of the issues and candidates.
2. Elected representatives shall work with faculty, administration, and the student body in identifying cooperatively, those areas of appropriate student responsibility in the life of the school.
3. The organization, operation, and scope of the student government is specified in a written constitution which students have helped to formulate.
4. At the end of the school year, each class will elect six members for high school, two for the 8th grade and two for the 7th grade to the Student Council who will assist in the student government of the school the following year.
5. Student Council and Class officer elections will be conducted as follows:
  - A. Students are to write their name on a roster of students for a ballot. There are never to be more ballots available than there are students.
  - B. No one running for an office is to have anything to do with an election.
  - C. Private voting booths should be provided.
  - D. Three students are to be present at all times

during the voting and a teacher is to closely supervise the voting.

- E. Ballots will be counted by teachers only.
  - F. A week of campaigning may take place prior to the voting.
  - G. Instructions for how voting will be conducted must be given to all students before the election. Junior high social studies teachers are asked to help explain this to their students.
  - H. For nomination, a student must acquire a form from the student council advisor two weeks before the election for obtaining the signatures of ten students and three teachers supporting the nomination. The nomination forms are to be given to the advisor for preparing ballots.
6. The Student Council shall have a faculty sponsor or sponsors.

#### **VARSIITY 'V'**

All athletes earning a varsity letter in inter-scholastic sports are eligible for membership in this service club.

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Commencement: Commencement exercises are held each year. At this time, the seniors who rank highest scholastically address the audience. Other seniors are also recognized. The diplomas are presented by a member of the Board of Education.

#### **Policy IKFB**

Only students who have passed all required course work, passed all required parts of the Ohio Ninth (2007 OGT)Grade Proficiency Tests, who have met the minimum requirements for credits earned, paid all fees and fines and attended commencement practice are permitted to participate in commencement exercises.

Valedictorian is the senior who has maintained the highest scholastic average during the four years of high school. If two or more students tie for valedictorian, there will be no salutatorian.

Salutatorian is the senior who has the second highest average for four years.

Drama Production: Students from grades 9 through 12 are eligible to participate in this yearly event.

Homecoming: During the football season one of the games is proclaimed homecoming of the alumni of Versailles High School. At this time a King, Queen, and court are chosen to reign over the game and dance.

Music Banquet: Band members are honored with an annual dinner in the spring. Awards are given at this time, including the John Philip Sousa Award.

Sports Banquet: An annual fall, winter, and spring sports banquet will be held. At this time letters and awards will be made in the sports of that respective sport.

#### **DANCES**

1. The Homecoming Dance is restricted to students of grades 9-12 and their dates. This is a school dance and not an alumni dance. The Junior-Senior Prom is restricted to juniors and seniors and their dates.

#### Non-Versailles Students:

Throughout the year, especially at dances, when Versailles students invite other individuals to activities who are not VHS students, these individuals must follow all school regulations.

The VHS student inviting these outside individuals takes responsibility for their guest knowing and following the school rules. If the visiting individual refuses to follow the rules pointed out by the VHS students, then the VHS students should report this to the faculty in charge. Failure of visitors to follow school regulations could result in loss of privileges

for the VHS student inviting them as well of loss of privileges for the visiting individual. Any student who is asked to leave the homecoming dance (because of their behavior or their date's) will be prohibited from attending next year's homecoming (seniors will not be able to attend the prom). If asked to leave the prom, the student will not be allowed to attend next year's prom.

Appropriate dress is to be worn to homecoming and prom. No shorts, tennis shoes, inappropriate head-gear, or jeans of any kind including black jeans are permitted. At a semi-formal dance such as Homecoming, boys are expected to wear dress shoes and dress slacks with a dress shirt or sweater. Girls are expected to wear a dress or dress slacks and dress shoes. At a formal dance such as Prom, boys are expected to wear dress shoes and slacks with a jacket and tie. Girls are expected to wear a formal dress and dress shoes. These rules are subject to interpretation by any chaperone or faculty member present at the dance. Homecoming and prom tickets must be purchased in advance and no admittance will be allowed after a certain time as established by the administration. Many hours of work are put into decorations; therefore, decorations are not to be torn down.

2. Possession, use, consumption, sale, offer, or transfer of alcoholic beverages, drugs, or look-alike drugs at a school dance or on the property on which the dance is being held (including inside cars) is grounds for a ten day suspension from school and immediate removal from the dance and the property where the dance is being held. Since school dances have been traditionally a problem in this area, the following guidelines will be used to supervise these dances:
  - a. Only one entrance and exit is to be used at each dance.
  - b. Once a student leaves the dance, he/she will not be allowed to re-enter.
  - c. Students will be observed as they enter the dance and anyone who has been drinking alcohol or shows signs of consumption of alcohol or drugs will be excluded from the dance and must leave the vicinity.

- d. Any student that is not excluded at the entrance and is observed later to show signs of consumption of drugs or alcohol will be taken aside and escorted to the presence of an administrator. Any student that has entered the dance and is under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be disciplined according to school policy.
3. Profanity or the use of tobacco will be reason for immediate dismissal from the dance and vicinity, and the student will be disciplined according to school policy. Smoking in restrooms will result in a three day suspension.
4. Damages or destruction of the facilities or decorations will result in removal from the dance and vicinity, and the student will be charged for the expenses of the damage.
5. All dances will be from 8:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Students may enter the dance from 8:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.
6. All the tickets to the dance are to be sold ahead of time and none at the door on the evening of the dance.
7. Disc jockeys playing records are not to play any records that have profanities in the songs.
8. A uniformed policeman must be hired by the sponsoring organization and be present for high school dances and be present during the entire dance.
9. Junior high dances shall be limited to two per year and will be open to grades 7 & 8 and for Versailles students only. The dances must be over by 10:30 p.m. and are not to be on a night preceding school day. The school dress code will be enforced.

#### **HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES**

- I. Homecoming Dance (Regulations are listed under Dances for High School.)

## II. Selection of Homecoming Court

- A. Preliminary voting is to be done four weeks prior to homecoming activities for each class to select one male and one female representative for grades 9, 10, & 11. The seniors will select five female and five male candidates from their class which establishes the Homecoming Court. The sixth place male and female will be designated as senior class representatives. In case of a tie for sixth place, no student will be eliminated and these students will be recognized as senior representatives.
- B. One week before homecoming, all students in grades 9 through 12 will be permitted to vote for Homecoming King and Queen. The Homecoming King and Queen are to be selected from the homecoming court consisting of the top five senior males and the top five senior females. The king and queen votes are to be counted by teachers and are not to be announced until the crowning ceremonies of both the Queen and King at the homecoming football game.
- C. Voting is limited to students in grades 9 through 12. All voting is to be under the direct supervision of a Versailles High School teacher. Voting will take place in the cafeteria during lunch.
- D. The homecoming court is expected to be in attendance for the homecoming festivities at the football game through the end of the game and dance, unless previously excused. If any elected student does not wish to participate, they must inform the student council advisor at least two weeks prior to the Homecoming Game.

## III. Homecoming Parade

The following rules have been developed after many years of experience. These regulations have been discussed and approved by the Faculty Council, the Student Council, the district administrators, and the Board of Education. These regulations were developed

essentially to promote safety and to encourage students to build creative floats that will positively support school spirit.

- A. The homecoming parade will consist of the Versailles High School Marching Band; automobiles carrying the homecoming court; VFW's, Boy Scouts' or Girl Scouts' Honor Guards; and floats sponsored only by school organizations or clubs with a Versailles police escort. Elementary class projects such as homecoming banners will be permitted in the parade, if an elementary teacher is present and supervising; however, this does not entitle any elementary students free admission to the football game.
- B. Vehicles in the parade or after the parade, while carrying people that are not fastened with safety belts, are to move no faster than ten (10) miles per hour.
- C. Drivers of all vehicles in the homecoming parade must hold a current and valid drivers license.
- D. Free admission to the football game will be permitted for all students in the homecoming court, one driver for each vehicle carrying the homecoming court, four riders per float, and no more than two occupants for towing vehicle except for tractors in which case only the tractor driver will be admitted free.
- E. Floats
  - 1. Construction plans for building floats must be submitted to their Class Advisor and approved by the Principal or his designee at least three weeks prior to homecoming and before work is started on the float. This plan must contain an outline of the description and design of construction. The actual construction must be inspected by the class or club advisor and declared safe prior to moving the float to the high school area. The Principal and/or the organization advisor may eliminate an unsafe float at any time prior and during the homecoming parade activities.

2. All floats must pass a physical inspection by the advisor prior to movement from the construction area. The inspection must be based on criteria relative to the safety of the following:
  - a. The hitch must be secure and of visible safe quality.
  - b. All moving parts or mechanical devices must be in safe working order.
  - c. The float must be within state laws. For instance, any protrusions extending beyond four feet of the end of the trailer or flatbed must be marked by a red flag during the day or a red light at dusk or night.
  - d. The towing vehicle must be as heavy or heavier than the float to assure that the vehicle can stop the float within an appropriate distance. Cars or trucks are not to be used as towing vehicles.
  - e. Riders on floats are to be limited to four students who must ride in a safe position, that is, no legs are to be dangling over the edge of a float and students are to be in a sitting position more than one foot away from the edge of the float. No more than one person is to be permitted to ride on a tractor.
3. No floats are to be constructed on school grounds.
4. No profane, obscene, or derogatory signs, or signs suggestive of such are permitted.
5. Only floats designed for and within the homecoming theme, as announced by the Student Council, will be approved to participate in the homecoming parade or activities.
6. The floats must be present and ready to be judged at 6:00 p.m. at Versailles High School prior to the homecoming parade.
7. The High School Principal will decide whether conditions are appropriate to permit the vehicle to parade around the football field. Sometimes weather conditions prohibit heavy vehicles from being on the field.

#### **STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDS**

Financial transactions of all classes and organizations will be supervised by the staff advisor and the Principal. All purchases and funds will be processed through the Treasurer of the Board of Education. The money may be spent only for an activity which is sanctioned or sponsored by the school. Points of clarification:

1. The money may not be given to individual students.
2. The money is spent as the student members of the organization wish if within the above guideline.
3. Any questionable intended expenditure by the advisor or administration is subject to review by the Board of Education.
4. Money not spent or designated for a special purpose by a graduation class can be placed in the general high school activity account upon a resolution by the Board of Education.
5. By state law, all student activity money is under jurisdiction of the Board of Education. The Board, in turn, has appointed administrators and advisors to see that the money is used properly subject to audit by the state auditor.

#### **SUPERVISION**

The students shall be under the immediate supervision of the teacher while in the classroom. Otherwise, they must comply with all instructions by any member of the school staff, whether in the study hall, cafeteria, corridors or any place on the school premises. Everyone is expected to be cooperative, courteous, and respectful.

#### **TORNADO DRILL**

- A. All students are to report to their tornado shelter area.
- B. Teachers should take attendance during and after the drill with absentees reported to the office.
- C. Room doors are to be kept closed.

D. While in the tornado drill designated areas students should exhibit proper behavior.

**WEIGHT ROOM**

Students are not to be in the weight room without the direct supervision of a certified staff member.

**WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL**

If a student is withdrawing from Versailles High School, he is to report to the Principal's office and secure a clearance form. He will then return all textbooks and/or equipment to the faculty member who issued them and acquire the faculty member's signature on the clearance form. When the clearance is signed by all faculty members involved, the student will then return the form to the office for final clearance. The student must acquire the clearance form at least one day prior to departure to obtain the signature of the parent or guardian. The student and parent must, also, sign a transcript release form.

**WORK PERMITS**

Employers are required to obtain work permits to hire any person under the age of 18. These permits may be obtained at the Board of Education office.