

AYERSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT/STUDENT
HANDBOOK
2017 – 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

INTRODUCTION

The administration, faculty, and staff of the Ayersville Local School desire the most profitable educational experiences possible for the students enrolled in your school. It is our hope that this Handbook will better acquaint and assist you in understanding school policies, regulations and general information. Your help, your interest, and your cooperation as we work together for the welfare of your children is appreciated. A satisfactory educational program can only be the result of a cooperative endeavor. We wish your children successful and rewarding school experiences.

Beth Hench, Elementary School Principal

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ayersville Local School District provides a challenging learning environment that sets high expectations for success by offering individualized instruction and diverse learning opportunities. We celebrate differences to develop successful lifelong learners.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Ayersville Elementary School	
28046 Watson Road Defiance, OH 43512	Phone: 419-395-1111 Fax: 419-395-9990
Elementary Principal: Mrs. Beth Hench	Gr. 5-8 Assistant Principal: Mr. Kirk Jones
K-4 School Secretary: Mrs. Eileen Ramus Ext. 300	Gr. 5-6 School Secretary: Mrs. Patti Wolfrum Ext. 200
Check our website (www.ayersville.org) for lunch account information, academic grades, and teacher website info.	

SCHOOL DAY

As a general rule, students may enter the building beginning at 7:45 a.m. Students may enter the building at 7:35 a.m. to obtain breakfast from the cafeteria. Otherwise K – 4 students entering prior to the 7:47 a.m. bell will locate themselves in the hallway in front of the elementary office. Students in grades 5-6 will locate themselves in the cafeteria seats. The buses will unload on the west side of the building beginning at 7:47 a.m. Students who ride the bus that wish to obtain breakfast will unload the bus beginning at 7:40 a.m. and will proceed directly to the cafeteria. No students are allowed on the playground in the morning before school. Students are expected to be in their classrooms prior to the 7:58 a.m. bell. Announcements and homeroom routines begin shortly after this bell. The actual school day begins with the 8:00 a.m. bell. A bell will sound at 2:58 p.m. indicating dismissal of K – 2 students. A bell will sound at 3:00 p.m. indicating the end of the school day for students in grades 3 – 6.

AYERSVILLE ELEMENTARY TEACHERS AND STAFF

Kindergarten

Mrs. Heather Anderson
Mrs. Janelle Lymanstall
Mrs. Kathy Schubert
Mrs. Kelsey Wolfrum

First Grade

Mrs. Melissa Brown
Mrs. Kristine Brickner
Mrs. Lori Tyler

Second Grade

Mrs. Sue Baker
Mrs. Julie Gustwiller
Mrs. Amy Thieroff

Third Grade

Mrs. Lindsay Baker
Mrs. Tamara Rau
Mrs. Lisa Niese

Fourth Grade

Mr. Adam Baker
Mr. Dennis Sobecki
Mrs. Kelly Weisgerber

Fifth & Sixth Grade

Mr. Eric Roberts
Mr. Dan Mix
Mrs. Kelly Zachrich
Mr. Brandon Baker
Mrs. Andrea Rodenberger
Mrs. Nancy Miller

Secretaries

Mrs. Eileen Ramus (K – 4)
Mrs. Patti Wolfrum (5- 6)

Intervention Specialist/Title I

Mrs. Cindy Davis (K – 2 & 6)
Mrs. Lynette Hulbert (Gr. 3-4)
Mrs. Kelly Wagner (Gr. 5-6)
Mrs. Denise Berner (Title I)

Fine Arts

Mrs. Shannon George (Art)
Mrs. Eileen Rufenacht (Music)
Mrs. Megan Hayes (Music; Band)

Physical Education

Ms. Ericha Griep
Mr. Jeff Strata

Science Lab/Gifted/Academic Assist

Mrs. Alexis Arts (Science Lab)
Mrs. Mary Lou Erickson (Library Aide)
Mrs. Lisa Fast (Gifted; Science Lab)

Special Services Personnel

Mrs. Dawn McKibben (Speech Therapy)
Mr. Matt Shumaker (Psychologist)
Mrs. Sarah Chafins (Occupational Therapist)

Director of Instructional Services

Mr. Troy Merillat

Custodian

Mr. Kim Oelke
Mr. John Lime

Playground Supervisors

Mrs. Kelly Jackson
Mrs. Tori Michel
Mrs. Teri Nicely

School Nurse

Mrs. Jenni Martin

ABSENCE, ATTENDANCE, AND TARDINESS

Attendance is taken at 8:00 a.m. each morning. If you bring your children to school, please drop them off at approximately 7:45 a.m. We encourage you as parents to have your children in regular attendance if they are to receive the maximum benefit of the educational opportunities offered them. However, during the elementary school years children encounter most of the usual childhood illnesses. Therefore, at these times, we ask that you keep your child at home when ill. It is best for your child and also does not endanger the other children.

ABSENCE - EXCUSED

An excuse for absence from school may be approved on the basis of one or more of the following conditions:

1. Illness of the child (A written statement from the physician may be required if it is deemed appropriate.)
2. Illness in the family (A written statement from a physician and an explanation as to why the child's absence was necessary may be required.)
3. Quarantine of the home (The absence is limited to the length of quarantine as determined by the proper health officials.)
4. Death of a relative (The absence arising from this condition is limited to a period of three days unless a reasonable cause may be shown by the applicant child for a longer absence.)
5. Medical or dental appointment (A written statement from the physician or dentist may be required.)
6. Observance of religious holidays (Any child shall be excused if his/her absence was for the purpose of observing a religious holiday consistent with his/her truly held religious beliefs.)
7. College visitation (Verification of the date and time of the visitation by the college, university, or technical college may be required.)
8. Emergency or other set of circumstances in which the judgment of the superintendent of schools constitutes a good and sufficient cause for absence from school. Pursuant to division (C) of section 3321.04 of the Revised Code.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

When a student is absent from school, the following procedure will be followed:

1. On the morning of your absence, parents or guardians must notify the school by 9:00 a.m. unless previous notification has been given in accordance with school procedure for excused absences. The K - 4 school office number is (419) 395-1111 ext. 300. Grade 5 - 6 school office number is (419) 395 - 1111 ext. 200.
2. For purposes of determining perfect attendance, the students must be in attendance for the entire instructional day.
3. Students arriving to school after 9:30 a.m. or leaving school before 1:30 p.m. will be counted one-half (1/2) day absent.
4. Students will be given excused absences only if a valid note or phone call from their parents is given to the office prior to the admittance to class.
5. Only 70 hours (parent verified) will be excused during any school year. Absences beyond those hours may be recorded as unexcused unless medical or legal documentation is provided to clear the absence, or the principal approves the absence for just and good cause. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the principal's office prior to the absence.
6. A student who habitually misses school without legitimate excuse will be considered truant and will be referred to the Absence Intervention Team. *Habitual truant* is defined as 30 or more consecutive hours, 42 or more hours in one school month, or 72 or more hours in a school year.
7. During a nine-week grading period, a student whose absences prove detrimental to academic progress will have a letter of concern sent to their home regarding attendance.
8. Participation in extracurricular activities is not allowed on a day a student is absent all day or during any part of the afternoon due to illness. A student must be in school from the end of lunch to the end of the school day to participate that day in any co-curricular or extracurricular activities. The only exception to this requirement will be a pre-arranged afternoon absence approved by the principal/designee in advance of the absence.

ABSENCE – HOMEWORK/ INCOMPLETE GRADES

Students who are absent may be required to make up work missed in each class. It is the student's responsibility to arrange for make-up schoolwork. We suggest that you be sure your child gets his/her homework when absent. If it is by telephone request, neighbor, etc., please make the contact in the morning to allow the teacher time to get it ready. Late afternoon requests are difficult to honor. The

number of days absent will be equivalent to the number of days allowed to make up the work. If within the time limit a student doesn't make up the work, the grade for work missed may be recorded as a zero.

ABSENCE - VACATIONS

Students must inform the principal or his/her designee at least one week in advance of the vacation. Students should obtain homework and other assignments from their teachers prior to the absence. The number of days absent will be equivalent to the number of days allowed to make up the work.

APPOINTMENTS

The school is aware that it is necessary on occasion for students to be taken out of school for doctor appointments, etc. Please inform the school when such occasions arise. You will need to come to the appropriate office and sign your child out of school. If your child returns or comes to school tardy, he/she must sign in at the office. The tardy bell rings at 8:00 a.m.

BICYCLE RIDING AND WALKERS

Students riding bicycles and walking to school need constant reminders to use extreme care and proper traffic safety precautions. We ask that you as parents remind them of the same. Students who walk to school should arrive around 7:47 a.m. K – 2 students are dismissed at 2:58 p.m. while all other elementary students are dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Elementary students who are riding home with high school student drivers need to meet them in the cafeteria.

BUS PERMIT

A written request should be turned into the office for a bus permit any time your child is to go to a home other than his/her own (even if on the same bus). This note should include whose house and bus number if possible.

CAFETERIA

Lunches for elementary students are \$2.85 per day. Students who bring their lunch from home may purchase milk for \$0.55. (Please do not send soda pop with your child's lunch). Our cafeteria uses a debit system. You will be set up with a family cafeteria account. Your child's student ID number will be used in the cafeteria to deposit and deduct money from the lunch account. You are able to deposit any amount in this account. The deposits should be in an envelope with both the child's name and account number on the front.

Parents need to keep their child's lunch account with a positive balance. Parents will receive a phone call from the school if the child's account reaches a negative \$5.00. Students with a negative lunch balance of \$5.00 or more at the end of the school year will not receive their grade card until the negative balance is rectified. Students in grades 3-4 may purchase "EXTRAS" one day per week after their lunch is consumed. Their teacher will determine the days. Students in grades 5-6 may purchase "EXTRAS" each day after their lunch is consumed. Students in K-6 may purchase a regular breakfast (\$1.75) prior to the start of school. No "a la carte" (extra) items are allowed before school.

Ayersville Local Schools participate in the Federal Lunch Program. Elementary School students may obtain applications in the principal's office. Determination as to free or reduced eligibility will be based on the federal guidelines. Students on Free/Reduced Lunches may also receive a Free/Reduced breakfast prior to the start of school.

ALL FOOD MUST BE EATEN IN THE CAFETERIA. NO PURCHASED FOOD IS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE CAFETERIA.

GUM/CANDY

Gum chewing or candy is not permitted.

CONFERENCES

Ayersville Local Schools will schedule at least one round of parent-teacher conferences during the school year. You are welcome to visit at any time during the school year. If you should like to talk to a teacher, we suggest that you schedule a conference at a time that is convenient for both. We ask that you not interrupt classes to discuss matters with teachers.

DELAY/CLOSING OF SCHOOL

Delay of school and closing, etc. will be made over Defiance radio stations WONW 1280, WDFM 98.1, WZOM 105.7; WNDH 103 in Napoleon; and WBCL 89.5 in Fort Wayne/Archbold. The information will be on TV - Channels 11, 13 and 24 (Toledo). Also, this information will be the first message you will hear when you call the school phone number (419-395-1111). Parents can sign up for text, email, or call notification through School Messenger for delays and cancellations, or can find information posted on our school website: www.ayersville.org

DISCIPLINE

Students are responsible individually for their conduct on the bus and at school. The teacher, for the most part, will handle classroom discipline. Privileges may at times be taken away from those students who repeatedly experience behavior problems. Parents can be most helpful by supporting the staff's efforts to improve individual behavior patterns. Children should experience responsibility and discipline both at school and at home. (See also the STUDENT DISCIPLINE beginning on page 10).

DISMISSAL

Please send a note with your child each day that he/she is doing something different than usual at dismissal. This should include the date and when you intend to pick them up. Students staying after school for activities such as cheerleading and baseball will also need a parent note.

DRESS CODE

Cleanliness is a virtue and the pride of each individual is reflected in the manner in which he or she dresses. We believe that most students exercise good common sense in their choice of clothes for school. For specific rules concerning dress please refer to RULE SEVEN of the STUDENT DISCIPLINE CODE on (page 12).

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Radios, cell phones, CD/DVD players, iPods, smartwatches, electronic games, etc. can be distracting to classroom procedures if they are not used responsibly. There will be no personal device use during class time, unless explicitly allowed by the teacher. The use of electronic devices will not be permitted at lunch or recess. The use of social media during school hours is strictly prohibited and will result in appropriate consequences. If a student uses his/her device, the device goes off, or causes a distraction during a lesson, the student will face the following consequences:

1. **First Offense:** Teacher confiscates device and turns it into the office. The device is then returned to the student after school.
2. **Second Offense:** Teacher confiscates device and turns it into the office. The device is then returned to parent/guardian after school.
3. **Third Offense:** See step 2 and other disciplinary action will be taken (i.e. detention, in school restriction, out of school suspension, etc.)

FERPA AND DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Ayersville Local Schools follows the guidelines of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act regarding all student records. The exception to disclosure of student information without consent is the release of “directory information”. Ayersville will make the information listed below as directory information available upon legitimate request unless a parent/guardian or student 18 years or older notifies the school in writing by September 15 of each school year that he/she will not permit distribution of the following information. Under Ohio law directory information includes the following: student name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, dates of attendance, date of graduation, major field of study, awards received, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and weight and height of members of athletic teams.

GUIDANCE/INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Guidance services are available for all students. The purpose of the program is to help each student reach his/her highest development through an understanding of his or her personality, interests, abilities, and limitations. Teachers may assist the student in solving their problems. This is also part of the guidance program. Tests are administered through the guidance/instructional services department in order to gain a better understanding of the student’s mental ability, aptitude, and achievement potential.

Ayersville Local Schools is happy to partner with the RFS Charitable Foundation’s T.A.C.K.L.E. program. T.A.C.K.L.E. is a program offered at school that provides additional support to students. Support is available to your child for a variety of reasons including emotional issues, behavioral issues, and/or other barriers to education. T.A.C.K.L.E. offers real time intervention to address these issues in school, in addition to addressing issues as they may arise with peers and families.

HEALTH NURSE

A nurse will be available every day and will be housed in the Clinic found in the 6th grade/music hallway. The nurse will be responsible for conducting mandated hearing, vision, and other health screenings in addition to dispensing medications. Faculty and staff can refer students to the nurse for all emergency and nonemergency situations.

IMMUNIZATION SUMMARY FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

All parents must provide proof that their child has received the following immunizations prior to the student’s enrollment in the Ayersville Local School District.

- Four (4) oral polio immunizations (unless the 3rd dose was given after the 4th birthday).
- Five (5) DPT (Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough) immunizations (unless the 4th dose was given after the 4th birthday).
- Two (2) MMR (Measles, mumps, and rubella) immunizations. Two doses are required before a student enters kindergarten.
- Three (3) Hepatitis B immunizations.
- Two (2) doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine must be administered prior to entry. Dose 1 must be administered on or after the first birthday. The second dose should be administered at least three (3) months after dose one (1); however, if the second dose is administered at least 28 days after first dose, it is considered valid.

INCENTIVE PROGRAM: I.M.P.A.C.T.

The IMPACT program stands for “Instilling Mindsets, Promoting Academics, Celebrating Talents”. The incentive program is designed to encourage our students to behave in proper and responsible ways. Each student will receive a copy of the program pamphlet at the beginning of the school year. Students and parents are asked to read and be aware of the guidelines associated with the program.

INTERIM REPORTS/REPORT CARDS/GRADING SCALE

The Ohio Department of Education requires each school district to issue to parents or legal guardians, at stated intervals, a progress report for every pupil. As part of this requirement, Interim Progress Reports will be sent home with students approximately four weeks prior to the end of the nine-week grading period. Formal report cards are sent home with students the Thursday following the end of the nine-week grading period in grades K-6. The letter grade received in reading and math indicates the achievement at that phase level. Below is the grading scale used in the elementary.

A+ = 100	B- = 86 to 84	D = 71 to 69
A = 99 to 96	C+ = 83 to 81	D- = 68 to 66
A- = 95 to 93	C = 80 to 78	F = 65 and below
B+ = 92 to 90	C- = 77 to 75	
B = 89 to 87	D+ = 74 to 72	

INVITATIONS TO PARTIES

We ask that you **do not** send invitations for a party to school to be passed out unless you are inviting the entire class.

LIBRARY

The mission of the school library is to assist in providing quality education for every child and to encourage lifelong literacy and learning through reading. Our goals are for students to foster a love of reading and become proficient users of the libraries sources. The library serves as a place for teachers to collaborate with the librarian to teach students using a variety of print and electronic resources. Our library is a place the supports the school's curriculum and assists members of the learning community in becoming effective users of information.

Students visit the library weekly in grades K - 6 to select book. K - 2 books are checked out for a week at a time. Grades 3-6 books are checked out for two weeks. Students can renew items by bringing them into the library.

Overdue notices are sent home periodically. There are no fines for overdue books. However, we will send home a notice for book replacement if the book is over 30 days overdue.

The replacement cost of the book will be sent home if school receives notice that the book is lost or damaged. Payment for a lost book is reimbursed or credited to the student's cafeteria account should the book be found and returned in good condition.

LOCAL STORE POLICY

Students are not permitted to go across the street from the school to the Ayersville Carryout, Korner Pizza, or Dee and Gee's once they are on school property. This includes students loading and unloading a bus. Teacher supervised student groups intending to visit the businesses must have approval from the principal prior to the visit.

LOST AND FOUND

Students who find an article that has been lost should turn it into the office - unless you can readily find the owner. Prompt return of items that have been lost will do much to build goodwill in the school. When you lose an article, check in the office and describe what you have lost. Please be prompt in claiming lost articles. Lost articles will be held in the office for two weeks. At the end of this time period, the articles will be donated.

MEDICAL FORMS - EMERGENCY

Each student must have on file in the respective school office an Emergency Medical Form. This form is used when an accident occurs and we need to get the student immediate medical care. A copy of the form is also transported with groups going on field trips.

MEDICATION AND/OR MEDICAL PROCEDURES

School personnel will provide no medication and/or medical procedures unless compliance with Sections A, B, C (listed below) is completed. No medicine, either prescribed or non-prescriptive, will be kept or given out by school personnel without the procedures in Sections A, B, and C (below) completed and the proper form on file with the office.

Non-prescriptive medications do not need documentation from a doctor. However, a parent/guardian must complete the appropriate form and the medication needs to be in its original container.

1. A written and signed physician's request form identifying:
 - a. The student's name, birth date, school, and grade
 - b. The medication and dosage or procedure required
 - c. The time required
 - d. Possible reaction which should be reported to the physician
 - e. Special instructions including storage and sterile requirements
 - f. Date when medication or procedure no longer needed
 - g. Physician's name, address, and phone number
2. A form (5330F1) or (5330F1b) is to be completed and signed by the student's parents/guardians authorizing school personnel to administer the medication or procedure as instructed by the physician and agreeing:
 - a. To deliver the medication to the school in the container in which it was given out by the prescribing physician or licensed pharmacist
 - b. To notify the school if they change physicians
 - c. To notify the school if the medication, the dosage, or the procedure is changed or is to be eliminated
3. A section on the form to be completed and signed by the school principal, and each person authorized by the principal to administer the medication or procedure.

PARKING WHEN AT SCHOOL

When visiting the elementary school, please **DO NOT** park in front of the sidewalks leading to either the elementary or the middle school. Buses will be loading on the west side of the building. Parents should pick up students on the north side in front of the elementary building. We suggest that you drop off and pick up students at the front (north) sidewalk. You may park along the entire north side of the school in the afternoon when you pick up students.

PROMOTION – FAILURE

At the completion of each school year, a student will be in one of three categories:

1. A student who successfully completes all schoolwork during the school year will be promoted.
2. A student who does not successfully complete schoolwork may be assigned to the next grade level.
3. A student who does not successfully complete schoolwork may be retained.
 - a. If retained, the student will repeat the total year's schoolwork in the same grade.

SCHOOL INSURANCE

School time or 24-hour protection insurance is available to all students. You may secure an application from the office.

SCHOOL PARTIES

The elementary school program regularly includes emphasis upon the current season, holidays, or events. You may be asked to help with a party or share with refreshments at one of these occasions. Please keep in mind that because of nut allergies, all food items shared with a class must be store bought with a visible ingredients label.

SEVERE STORM PROCEDURES

TORNADO WATCH – The principal will keep alerted by use of a radio and/or computer. Students will not be alerted or alarmed. School will be dismissed at the regular time during the tornado watch.

TORNADO **WARNING** – Students and teachers will be alerted. Students will then be directed into the assigned areas and to sit on the floor against the wall. Students will not be permitted to leave the building unless accompanied by their parent or guardian. Busses will not operate during a warning. Normal dismissal of school will be delayed if a warning is in effect at the time of dismissal. Complete quiet will be maintained during a warning period and return to classrooms will be permitted only when the “all clear” is sounded by the U.S. Weather Bureau or Sheriff Department. When “all clear” is declared, students will receive verbal instructions from the principal concerning return to the classrooms. Periodic drills will be conducted to acquaint the students with these procedures.

PROCEDURE –

1. An announcement over the P.A. will signal the approach of a severe storm.
2. Teachers will take their classes to the proper designated area and will be responsible for their proper conduct.
3. If time permits, all doors and windows should be opened.
4. Students should take a large book with them to protect their head.
5. Students should sit with their backs against the wall.
6. Students should be positioned at least ten feet from any glass doors or windows.
7. Students and teachers should remain in their designated area until the principal has announced that all is clear.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Ayersville Elementary School shares the services of a speech and hearing therapist, physical therapist, and school psychologist with other local school districts. The guidance counselor, classroom teacher, principal, or parents can make recommendations for referral.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL EVENTS

Our school encourages students to attend as many after school events as possible. Enthusiastic spectators help to build school spirit and encourage students who are participating in the event. However, in order to insure that students attending evening events as non-participants are properly safeguarded, it is mandatory that a parent or adult chaperone accompany students when they attend an event.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Public schools have the responsibility to prepare students for reliable adult citizenship and to help them develop an appreciation for and an understanding of our representative form of government. In this regard our school provides the kinds of experiences expected to enable students to acquire desired citizenship qualities. At the same time, the school administration has an obligation to create a favorable setting in which the differing view of students, faculty, school board members, parents, and community representatives can be presented in such a way as to ensure optimum learning for others. Students and parents must recognize that to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning, the reasonable exercise of authority of school officials is necessary.

It shall be the policy of the Ayersville Local School District to encourage student conduct that will promote good health, reasonable standards of behavior, effective citizenship, and favorable atmosphere for learning. Students on school grounds, in the line of sight from school property, or in places under school jurisdiction are required to abide by the rules which are established to achieve these objectives.

Teacher's Authority

Every student is under the jurisdiction of all teachers, regardless of whether or not the teacher has the student in class.

Due Process In Disciplinary Procedure

1. **SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION:** In accordance with Ohio law, Section 3313.66 O.R.C., the superintendent, the principal or the assistant principal of a school may suspend a pupil from school for not more than ten days. In addition, the superintendent may expel a student from school for eighty days. Suspensions or expulsions may extend from one school year to the next.
2. **PERMANENT EXCLUSION:** Sections 3313.66, .661 and .662 of O.R.C. have been expanded to incorporate changes for Ohio's exclusion law. A student may be permanently excluded from attending any Ohio Public School for certain very serious offenses.
3. **DUE PROCESS:** Due process in the context of quasi-judicial administrative proceedings, carried out by the school authorities, does not mean that procedures used in courts in juvenile proceedings must be followed exactly by school authorities when engaged in school-related disciplinary actions. It does mean that clear, definite, and fundamentally fair rules of procedure must govern disciplinary actions taken by school authorities.

According to Ohio law, Section 3313.66 O.R.C., a student must be given written notice of intent to suspend, with reasons for the intended suspension, and an opportunity to explain his/her behavior to the school administrator.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE CODE

It is the intent of Ayersville Local School to provide an environment conducive to a positive educational experience for all students and staff. In order to accomplish this end, it is necessary to implement rules of order for the people it serves.

The rules and regulations set forth herein have been developed with the help of students, parents, teachers, and administrators over a long period of time. It is in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of all that these rules are set forth.

The administration reserves the right to exercise flexibility in the administration of all disciplinary action. Individuality of the student infractions and other considerations may necessitate disciplinary action other than that specifically listed. Ayersville Local School operates on the assumption that all disciplinary action functions on the philosophy of progression. Therefore, as referrals to the office mount, more severe penalties will be progressively implemented. The intent of this philosophy is to modify, and perhaps eliminate undesirable student behavior.

Unless otherwise indicated, the penalty for the violations of any of the following rules may be detention, community service, suspension, expulsion or permanent exclusion from school, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 3313.66. Furthermore, it should be noted that the consequences of the violations of these rules may result in not only school-related discipline, but also in criminal and/or civil actions or community service.

Rules And Regulations

The following rules, regulations, and procedures are based upon official policy of the Ayersville Local School Board of Education. Certain types of student conduct are prohibited. These rules and regulations shall be enforced, unless otherwise specifically stated therein: on the school grounds during and immediately before or immediately after school hours; on the school grounds at any other time when the school is being used by a school group; off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event; job stations where units of credit are given towards graduation. A student found to be in violation of any of these rules, or a portion thereof, will be subject to disciplinary action. This action shall consist of either a disciplinary notice, suspension for a set number of days, or expulsion or permanent exclusion.

In addition to or in lieu of the above-mentioned disciplinary action, the disciplining authority may impose disciplinary measures in the nature of after school work, repair of or payment for physical damage caused by the student, and revocation of the privilege of participation in school activities.

The administration has the right to use discretion in interpreting and implementing rules of the handbook in compliance with Ayersville Local School Board Policy. This also means that the administration may develop appropriate rules and regulations as called for by various situations. It also means that the administration may, in severe or unusual cases, discipline students in ways other than stated in the handbook. **Note: Any step found in the student code of conduct may be waived by the administration.**

Rule One - Disruption Of School: A student shall not by use of violence, force, coercion, threat (actual or implied) cause material disruption or obstruction to the classroom, school, or educational process. This shall cover all school and related activities. A student shall not, for purposes of attracting attention, threaten the authority of any school personnel or refuse to follow a reasonable directive. No student shall bring any item to school for the purpose of disrupting the educational process. This rule shall extend to a student's behavior on the bus and while under the jurisdiction of the school. Any loud or insubordinate behavior shall be construed as disruptive.

Rule Two - Damage Of School Property: A student shall not cause or attempt damage to the school building, property, or any equipment owned by the school or board of education. This rule shall be in effect during school and after school hours. Any writing of graffiti, any damage to the school bus, tampering with plumbing shall also be construed as to mean damage of school property. The purposeful damage of school textbooks and any classroom equipment shall also be considered damage to school property.

Rule Three - Damage To Private Property: A student shall not misuse or utilize private property in such a manner as to cause damage to the private property or effects of any individual either during a school activity function, or event off school grounds or on school grounds. Private property shall include a student's clothing, school purchased equipment, personal property such as tennis racket, calculator or anything privately owned by a person. A car shall be considered private property and will be covered by the rule. The theft of public or private property while under the jurisdiction of school is prohibited. Theft of property shall be grounds for suspension and referral to police.

Rule Four - Assault/Fighting: A student shall not strike another person, physically handle, shove or grab another person or behave in such a way as could cause physical injury to any person.

Rule Five - Dangerous Weapons And Instruments: A student shall not possess, handle, transmit or conceal any object capable of causing harm to another person or causing intimidation. This list shall

include firearms, fireworks, knives, lead pipes, and clubs. Possession of such objects on school property and at school related activities is covered by this rule.

Rule Six - Tobacco, Narcotics, Alcoholic Beverages, And Drugs: A student shall not use, transmit, offer for sale, conceal or exhibit evidence of use of any drug, narcotic or alcoholic beverage. A student using a drug prescribed by a physician shall follow the medication and/or medical procedures as adopted by the board of education. Simple use of tobacco products is not permitted on school property, at a school related event or while the student is under the supervision and jurisdiction of the school. Use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol or narcotics shall be cause for suspension and/or expulsion from school.

I. Possession, use, transmission, sharing, or exhibiting evidence of use

A. First Offense

1. The principal may issue up to ten (10) In-School Restriction days or Opportunity School assignments in compliance with the student due process procedures.
2. The principal will notify the parents or guardians in writing, using the restriction form.
3. The principal/guidance counselor will attempt to notify the parents/guardians by phone to explain the incident and arrange a conference.
4. The principal/guidance counselor will notify the Sheriff's Department.
5. If the student agrees to be evaluated by a trained chemical dependency counselor or a licensed physician and is willing to comply with the appropriate treatment process, the In-School Restriction days will be reduced to five (5).

B. Second Offense

1. The principal may suspend the student for a period of ten (10) days in compliance with the student due process procedures and recommend expulsion to the superintendent.
2. The principal will notify the parents/guardians in writing, using the suspension form.
3. The principal/guidance counselor will contact parents/guardians to arrange a conference.
4. The principal/guidance counselor will notify the Sheriff's Department.
5. The principal will recommend to the superintendent that the student be expelled unless the student agrees to be evaluated by a trained chemical dependency counselor or a licensed physician and complies with the appropriate treatment process.

C. Third Offense

1. The principal will suspend the student for ten (10) days and will recommend to the superintendent that the student be expelled in compliance with the student due process procedures.
2. The principal will notify the parents/guardians in writing, using the suspension form.
3. The principal/guidance counselor will notify the Sheriff's Department.
4. The principal will recommend that the Sheriff refer the student to Juvenile Court.

II. Supplying/Sale of Chemicals (Drugs/Alcohol)

- A. Supplying or selling of chemicals will result in a ten (10) day suspension. A recommendation may be made to the superintendent for the student to be expelled in compliance with due process procedures.
- B. The principal will notify the parents/guardian in writing, using the suspension form.
- C. The principal will refer the case to the Sheriff's Department for court referral.

Rule Seven - Dress Code: A student will observe and comply with the dress code as prescribed and adopted by the board of education. The following items shall **not** be worn to school:

1. Outdoor clothing such as jackets, coats, hats, etc. will not be worn in class.
2. Tank tops, muscle shirts, mesh shirts, cut-off shirts, spaghetti string tops, or any shirt with sleeves of less than 3 inches.
3. Clothing that shows midsection while sitting or standing.

4. Articles that advertise/promote alcohol, tobacco products, and weapons.
5. Articles with vulgar, disrespectful, or inappropriate slogans or pictures.
6. Articles of clothing that present a sloppy appearance. No pants that are torn or frayed. Pants are to be fastened around the waist and a belt worn.
7. Body piercing is limited only to pierced ears.
8. Hair color that is distracting to the educational process is not permitted.
9. Flip-flops should not to be worn due to the danger caused by them on the stairways, playground equipment, and mulch. Hard soled sandals with heel straps attaching around the ankle and over the forward part of the foot are allowed.
10. Dresses or skirts that are extremely short are not to be worn. Minimum length is mid-thigh.

Guidelines: Students will be allowed to wear shorts to school according to the guidelines below. Any student wearing shorts considered inappropriate will be asked to change and may be restricted from wearing shorts the remainder of the school year. A general rule for minimum length is mid-thigh, however, any clothing that is distracting to the educational process is not permitted. Shorts worn over leggings must be mid-thigh as well. Shorts will not be permitted that are:

1. Extremely short (i.e. gym/running shorts)
2. Extremely tight (i.e. cycling shorts)
3. Cut-offs or boxer shorts

Note: The administration reserves the right to require any student to change clothing, etc., which in the administrator's opinion is a disruptive influence on the educational atmosphere of the school.

Rule Eight - Repeated Violations: A student shall not repeatedly fail to comply with directions and directives of teachers, student teachers, substitute teachers, aides, bus driver, principal, or other authorized school personnel during any period of time when a student is under the authority of school personnel.

Rule Nine - Harassment/Discrimination/Hazing: Conduct constituting harassment may take different forms, including but not limited to the following:

I. Sexual Harassment/Discrimination

- A. Verbal: Making written or verbal sexual innuendo, suggestive comments, jokes of a sexual nature, sexual propositions, or threats to a student, staff member, or other person associated with Ayersville Local Schools.
- B. Nonverbal: Causing the placement of sexually suggestive objects, pictures, or graphic commentaries in the school environment, or the making of sexually suggestive or insulting gestures, sounds, leering, whistling and the like to a student, staff member, or other person associated with Ayersville Local Schools.
- C. Physical Contact: Threatening or causing unwanted touching, contact or attempts the same with a student, staff member, or other person associated with Ayersville Local Schools.
- D. Cyber-bullying-abusive behavior including, but not limited to: taunting, threatening, stalking, intimidation, and/or coercing by one or more individuals against other students or staff, perpetrated with computers, cellular phones, internet websites, and/or other electronic device.

II. Gender/Ethnic/Racial/Religious/Disability/Height/Weight/ Harassment/Discrimination

- A. Verbal: Written or oral innuendo, comments, jokes, insults, threats or disparaging remarks concerning a person's gender, national origin, religious beliefs, etc. toward a student, staff member, or other person associated with Ayersville Local Schools.

- B. Nonverbal: Placing objects, pictures, or graphics in their presence, or making insulting or threatening gestures toward a student, staff member, or other person associated with Ayersville Local Schools.
- C. Physical contact: Any intimidating or disparaging action toward a student, staff member, or other person associated with Ayersville Local Schools.
- D. Cyber-bullying-abusive behavior including, but not limited to: taunting, threatening, stalking, intimidation, and/or coercing by one or more individuals against other students or staff, perpetrated with computers, cellular phones, internet websites, and/or other electronic device.

Any student who believes that he/she is the victim of the above actions or has observed such actions taken by another student, staff member, or other person associated with Ayersville Local Schools should contact a guidance counselor or administrator. The student may make contact in writing or in person. The student must share the name(s) of the person(s) he/she believes to be responsible for the incident. A written summary of the report is to be prepared and forwarded to the principal. Reports will be investigated in a timely manner.

Rule Ten - Harassment Of School Personnel: Students may be subject to school discipline for any harassment, verbal abuse, vandalism, physical abuse, or other disruptive behavior towards school personnel during non-school time. This also includes cyber-bullying-abusive behavior such as, but not limited to: taunting, threatening, stalking, intimidation, and/or coercing by one or more individuals against staff, perpetrated with computers, cellular phones, internet websites, and/or other electronic device.

Rule Eleven - Disregard Of Reasonable Directions Or Commands By School Authorities:

A student shall not disregard any reasonable direction or command from a teacher, substitute teacher, student teacher, principal, bus driver, or other authorized school personnel. A student shall not show disrespect to a teacher or other school authority.

Rule Twelve - Threats, Cursing, And Obscene Language/Gestures: A student shall not threaten, insult or use obscene language/gestures. Profanity is covered under this rule.

Rule Thirteen - Forgery: A student shall not forge a note or signature, alter a note or signature, nor utilize a forged or altered note or signature; also included under this provision is false representation by telephone, and/or digital communication.

Rule Fourteen - Emergency Safety Equipment: A student shall not tamper with any emergency safety equipment unless an emergency actually exists. This includes, but is not limited to, fire extinguishers and the fire alarm system.

Rule Fifteen - Public Display Of Affection: A student shall not engage in public displays of affection. A student shall not engage in sexual acts on school premises, or while under school supervision for a school related function.

Rule Sixteen - Leaving School Without Permission: A student shall not leave school during school hours without permission of the principal or his/her designee.

Rule Seventeen - Placement Of Signs/Etc.: No signs or slogans will be permitted to be placed upon school property without the permission of the proper school authority. A student shall not distribute pamphlets, leaflets, buttons, insignia, etc., without the permission of the proper school authorities.

Rule Eighteen - Publication Or Use Of Indecent, Obscene, Pornographic, Or Libelous Material:

The possessing, taking, disseminating, transferring, or sharing of nude, obscene, pornographic, lewd, libelous or otherwise illegal images or text is prohibited by the code of conduct. Whether the mode of communication is verbal, written, or by phone/computer/software/files/database means on the internet, this constitutes a violation of the code of conduct and may be a crime under state and federal law. The violation may be reported to law enforcement and/or appropriate agencies.

Rule Nineteen - Arson: Arson or attempted arson is not permitted on school property.

Rule Twenty - Other Activity: No student shall engage in any other activity, which in the judgment of the administration, the student knows or should know will disrupt the academic process or a curricular or extracurricular activity. A student shall not be present in areas during school hours or outside school hours where a student has no legitimate business without permission of school administration or teacher.

SEARCH BY SCHOOL AUTHORITIES – ADMIN. GUIDELINES

Pursuant to Board of Education Policy 5771, the following guidelines shall be used when school administrators have reason to suspect that an illegal or dangerous substance or object or stolen property may be in the possession of a student:

1. All requests or suggestions for the search of a student or his/her possessions shall be directed to the principal or the person in charge of the students while out of the District.
2. Wherever possible, an adult third party shall be present at any search of a student or his/her possessions.
3. The principal may conduct a student search upon reasonable suspicion to suspect the presence of an illegal or dangerous substance or object, or anything contraband under school rules.
4. The principal shall be responsible for the custody, control, and disposition of any illegal or dangerous substance or object taken from a student, whether during a student search or otherwise.
5. Wherever possible, the student shall be present at any search of his/her possessions.
6. Whenever the search is prompted by the reasonable suspicion that possession of a substance or object immediately threatens the safety and health of the student or others, the principal shall act with as much speed and dispatch as is required to protect persons and property in the school while keeping clearly in mind the student's rights and the potential consequences of inappropriate or hasty action.

Reasonable Suspicion: As used in this section, "reasonable suspicion for a search" means grounds sufficient to cause an adult of normal intellect to believe that the search of a particular person, place, or thing will lead to the discovery of evidence that the student:

1. Has violated or is violating a rule or behavioral norm contained in the student handbook;
2. Has violated or is violating a particular law;
3. Possesses an item or substance, which presents an immediate danger of physical harm or illness to students and staff or district property.

Lockers And Other Storage Areas Provided For Student Use:

1. All lockers and other storage areas provided for student use remain the property of the District. These lockers and storage areas are subject to inspection, access for maintenance, and search pursuant to these guidelines. A student using the locker or storage area has, by statute, no expectation of privacy in that locker or storage area or the contents contained therein (See Form 5771 F1). No student shall lock or otherwise impede access to any locker or storage area except with a lock provided by or approved by the principal. Unapproved locks will be removed and destroyed.
2. The principal may search student lockers and storage areas and the contents contained therein at any time for any justifiable reason.

3. The principal may, at any time, request assistance of the Defiance County Sheriff's department having jurisdiction over the facilities of the District. The law enforcement officer must have probable cause, however, to conduct a search of the lockers and storage areas and the contents contained therein.

Desks And Other Storage Areas: A desk or any other storage area in the school provided for student use as well as the contents contained therein may be searched when the principal has reasonable suspicion for a search.

Student Search

1. The personal search of a student may be conducted by the principal when he/she has reasonable suspicion for a search of that student. Authorized searches of the student's person are:
 - a. The student's pockets;
 - b. Purses, briefcases, backpacks, or any other object in the possession of the student;
 - c. A "pat down" of the exterior of the student's clothing and the removal of any item identified;
 - d. Removal of an article of exterior clothing such as a jacket.
2. Strip searches are to be conducted only by law enforcement personnel.
3. Personal searches shall be conducted in a private room by a person of the same gender as the student and designated by the principal. At least one (1) but not more than three (3) additional staff members of the same gender as the student being searched shall witness but not participate in the search.

At the request of the student to be searched, an additional person of the same gender as the student designated by the student, and then reasonably available on school premises shall witness the search. The student's parents shall be notified of the search as soon as reasonably possible.

Use Of Dogs: The Board has authorized the use of specially-trained dogs to detect the presence of drugs and devices such as bombs on school property under the following conditions:

1. The presence of the dogs on school property must be authorized, in advance, by the principal/Superintendent or be pursuant to a court order or warrant.
2. The dog must be handled by a law enforcement officer or a contracted person specially trained to safely and competently work with the dog.
3. The dog is represented by the Sheriff or Chief of the law enforcement agency providing the service as capable of accurately detecting drugs and/or devices.
4. The dog will be allowed to examine a student's possessions, including vehicles.
5. The dog may be allowed to examine school property such as lockers as permitted by the building principal. The principal shall establish any limitation as to areas of school property to be examined by the dog at the time the use of dogs is authorized.

Items Found: Anything found in the course of a search which is evidence of a student violation of school rules or Federal/State laws may be seized and admitted as evidence in any suspension or expulsion proceeding if it is tagged for identification at the time it is seized and kept in a secure place by the principal until it is presented at the hearing. It may also be turned over to any law enforcement officer after proper notation and receipt.

DUE PROCESS RIGHTS – (5611)

The Board of Education recognizes that students waive certain constitutional rights, regarding their education. Accordingly, the Board establishes the following procedures:

- I. Student subject to suspension:** When the Superintendent, is considering a student for an out-of-school suspension principal, or other administrator:
- A. The student will be informed in writing of the potential and the reasons for the proposed action.
 - B. The student will be provided an opportunity for an informal hearing to challenge the reason for the intended suspension and to explain his/her actions.
 - C. An attempt will be made to notify parents or guardians by telephone if a suspension is issued.
 - D. Within one (1) school day of the suspension the Superintendent, principal, or other administrator will notify the parents, guardians, or custodians of the student and the Treasurer of the Board. The notice will include the reasons for the suspension and the right of the student, parent, guardian, or custodian to appeal to the Board's designee (Superintendent); and the right to be represented at the appeal. If the offense is one for which the District may seek permanent exclusion, then the notice will contain that information.
 - E. Notice of this suspension will also be sent to the:
 1. Superintendent
 2. Board Treasurer
 3. Student's school record (not for inclusion in the permanent record)
 - F. If a student leaves school property without permission immediately upon violation (or suspected violation) of a provision of the Student Code of Conduct/Student Discipline Code or prior to an administrator conducting an informal hearing as specified above, and the student fails to return to school on the following school day, the principal, assistant principal, Superintendent, or any other administrator, may send the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) notice of the suspension, and offer to provide the student and/or his/her parents an informal hearing upon request to discuss the reasons for the suspension and to allow the student to challenge the reasons and to explain his/her actions, any time prior to the end of the suspension period.
- II. Students subject to suspension from bus riding/transportation privileges:** Students whose conduct warrants suspension from bus riding and/or transportation services shall be dealt with in accordance with the rights and procedures outlined in Policy **5610.04** – Suspension of Bus Riding and Transportation Privileges.

The Superintendent shall ensure that all members of the staff use the above procedures when dealing with students. In addition, this statement of due process rights is to be placed in all student handbooks in a manner that will facilitate understanding by students and their parents.

These procedures shall not apply to in-school disciplinary alternatives including in-school restriction. An in-school restriction is one served entirely within a school setting. Nor shall these disciplinary alternative procedures apply to students who are prohibited by authorized school personnel from all or part of their participation in co-curricular, interscholastic, and/or non-interscholastic extracurricular activities.

R.C. 3313.20, 3313.66, 3313.661

TESTING

Kindergarten students will take the state readiness assessment (KRA) at the beginning of the school year. Students in grades 1-3 will be given a diagnostic test in reading during the school year. Grades 3-6 will take the Ohio's State Tests in late spring. Grade 3 will also take Ohio's State Test in English Language Arts in October/November. Grade 2 will be given the CogAT and grade 6 will take the IOWA in the winter/spring for gifted identification purposes.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

BUS TRANSPORTATION: Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right. In order to ensure the safety of all passengers, proper conduct is required. Students failing to conduct themselves according to the following rules will not be permitted to ride the bus. **All school rules continue to apply while riding the bus.** The school bus driver has the authority and responsibility to maintain control over the pupils on the school bus (Section 3319.41 of the O.R.C.). **Continued disorderly conduct or refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be reason for refusing transportation service to any pupil.**

The bus drivers will be responsible for the students while they are on the bus and have the right to discipline them when necessary. It is vital for students to observe and follow all bus rules as this is important for the safety of all students on the bus. Recurring and/or major problems will be referred to an administrator through a bus referral form. Listed below are rules for the school bus. Please go over these rules with your child:

1. Talk in a conversational voice.
2. No eating or drinking.
3. Listen to directions the first time.
4. Keep the bus clean (no littering).
5. Stay seated faced forward at all times.
6. Respect others.
7. Keep your hands to yourself.

ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

1. Students shall arrive at the assigned bus stop before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
2. Students must wait in a location clear of traffic and away from where the bus stops.
3. Students must leave or board the bus at locations to which they have been assigned unless they have parental and administrative authorization to do otherwise.
4. Behavior at school bus stops must not threaten life, limb or property of any individual. While at the bus stop, students are to behave and conduct themselves in accordance with the Ayersville Student Code of Conduct and the Student Discipline Code.
5. Students are expected to enter and leave the bus in an orderly single file.
6. Students must go directly to an available or assigned seat.
7. Students must not use or possess tobacco products on the bus.
8. Students must not have alcohol or drugs in their possession on the bus.
9. Students must not throw or pass objects on, from, or into the bus.
10. Students must not put head or arms out of the bus windows.
11. Students must be silent at railroad tracks until the crossing is completed.
12. Animals, firearms, ammunition, weapons, explosives, or other dangerous materials or objects are prohibited on buses.
13. Students will be permitted to carry aboard school buses all lap material required for their academic studies as well as carry-on parcels that do not have any sharp points or edges and that will fit under the seats.

The provisions of Section 3313.66 of the O.R.C. apply to suspension, expulsion, and immediate removal of a student from the school bus or riding privileges.

USE OF COMPUTERS AND LAPTOPS ON THE NETWORK

The Internet links thousands of computer networks around the world, giving Ayersville students access to a wide variety of computer and information resources. Ayersville Local School supports the use of the Internet in the district's instructional program in order to facilitate learning and teaching through interpersonal communications, access to information, research, and collaboration. Students in Kindergarten through grade 6 will have the opportunity to interact with several forms of technology. The

use of interactive tablets, laptops, programmable robots and circuits, as well as several computer applications will be used in the educational process. Students in grades 2 through 6 will be provided a Google Apps for Education account. The account can be used to create, edit, and share documents and information with other Ayersville students as well as their teachers.

Google Apps for Education (GSuite)

Many classes have online assignments posted on Google Classroom, which can be accessed through any computer with Internet access. Students should save important items on their GSuite account, these files can be accessed from most computers with Internet access. Talk with your son/daughter's teachers about the availability of coursework and assignments in Google Classroom. Google Apps can be accessed at <http://docs.ayersvillepilots.org>.

Internet Safety / Internet Filter

There are many sites on the Internet that can be potentially dangerous to minors. These sites are blocked by an internet filter while students are logged on to the District network. Students are in violation of district policy if they attempt to circumvent the filter through proxy servers, installing software apps, or editing computer settings.

Appropriate Use Of Technology Equipment

Students who cause damage to school property shall be subject to disciplinary measures, and their parents shall be financially liable for such damage to the extent of the law.

The Board authorizes the imposition of fines for the loss, damage or destruction of school equipment, apparatus, musical instruments, library material, textbooks, and for damage to school buildings and reserves the right, to the extent permitted by law, to withhold a report card or credits from any student whose payment of such fine is in arrears.

Access to another person's account or computer without their consent or knowledge, or attempting to access the Ayersville Local Schools network restricted areas is considered hacking and is unacceptable behavior subject to disciplinary action.

VISITORS

All visitors must report to the office upon entering the school. Visitation of friends from other schools is not permitted. In special cases, the principal may grant permission. All visiting students must conform to school rules.

WITHDRAWALS, TRANSFERS, OR CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Any student moving to another district must notify the office as soon as such withdrawal or transfer is known. All textbooks are to be turned into the teachers. Any school property should be returned and all debts paid. Notify the school with any change in contact information as soon as a change is made so our records are up-to-date.



2017 - 2022 Strategic Plan Overview

Our Mission

The Ayersville Local School District provides a challenging learning environment that sets high expectations for success by offering individualized instructional and diverse learning opportunities. We celebrate differences to develop successful life-long learners.

GOAL

Communication/Community Engagement

Ayersville Local School District will communicate and collaborate effectively with our students, parents, staff and community.

GOAL

School Climate

Ayersville Local School District will create an environment where all members are welcomed, supported and feel safe in school: socially, emotionally and intellectually to positively transform school culture.

GOAL

Academic/Student Learning

Ayersville Local School District will increase academic performance for all students as measured by achievement data, student growth, achievement gaps and ensuring students are college and career ready at graduation.

GOAL

Finance

Ayersville Local School District will maximize our financial stability by being responsible and transparent with our resources.

Ayersville Local Schools Belief Statements

P

Pride in Our Community

We believe the school and the community are one. We welcome all. This is symbolized by our motto: "One Pilot, One Nation."

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Individualized Academic Opportunities

We believe all students should have the resources to compete in a 21st century environment, helping students realize and discover a career path suited for their skills and interests. We believe each of our unique students should have the opportunity to learn, grow and succeed through purposeful and meaningful learning utilizing their talents to seek to new heights.

L

Lasting Relationships

We believe that cultivating and maintaining longstanding relationships amongst the school community is vital to the development of the individual student.

O

Opportunities through Diversity of Experience

We believe our students grow through access to educational and extra activities.

T

Transformations

We believe that the expertise and dedication of our teachers and staff transforms our students into life-long learners. We believe in developing knowledgeable and responsible citizens who branch out into the world while remaining deeply rooted in Pilot Tradition.

S

Students

We believe in student centered education that promotes intrinsic motivation encouraging students to challenge themselves. We believe all students can be successful and have a responsibility to learn and excel with the support of genuine motivated educators.