



Greenon Local Schools

2021-2022

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Student/Parent Handbook

(Grades K-6)

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Elementary Student/Parent Handbook

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COME. LEARN. GROW. SUCCEED.

Dear Parent,

This handbook has been prepared to provide you with information about the general policies and procedures at Greenon Elementary.

Please become familiar with the contents of this handbook as it outlines information that is important for both you and your child. Research reflects that the most important factor in your child's education is your involvement, therefore, we encourage you to express an interest in your child's education. Have your child share with you his or her daily activities and you, in turn, should support and assist your child.

Because communication between the home and school is an essential part of your child's education, we ask that you make frequent contact with the school, especially with your child's teacher.

We hope you find this handbook beneficial. Should you have suggestions with reference to the handbook or any aspect of the district, please do not hesitate to contact the Board of Education office.

Sincerely,

*Darrin
Knapke*

Superintendent

GREENON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vision

Greenon Local Schools strive to produce graduates with skills necessary to accomplish their goals and live responsible, meaningful, and resourceful lives.

Mission

Greenon Local Schools will provide an educational setting in which students:

- *learn through quality instruction that ensures they are career and college ready;*
- *feel safe and engaged at school;*
- *develop/apply/practice critical thinking skills to solve real-life problems;*
- *partner with peers, parents, and the community.*

BELIEFS AND VALUES

- We believe that we must assist all students in becoming self-directed, life-long learners.
- All students should be career and college ready.
- All students can learn at a high level.
- We will provide a safe, quality learning environment for all students.
- We value, respect, and are accountable to students, parents, staff, and our community.

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

This District provides an equal educational opportunity for all students. Any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against on the basis of his/her race, color, disability, religion, gender, or national origin while at school or at a school activity should immediately contact the School District's Compliance Officer, Susie Riegler at 937-864-1202.

Complaints will be investigated in accordance with the procedures described in Board policies and procedures. Any student making a complaint or participating in a school investigation will be protected from retaliation. The Compliance Officer can provide additional information concerning equal access to educational opportunity.

ANTI-HARASSMENT COMPLAINT COORDINATORS

The following individual shall serve as Anti-Harassment Complaint Coordinator, Susie Riegler, for the School District, hereafter referred to as the Complaint Coordinators.

Greenon Elementary 937-864-7348 510 S. Enon-Xenia Road Enon, OH 45323

PROHIBITION AGAINST HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying behavior by any student/school personnel in the Greenon Local School District is strictly prohibited and such conduct may result in disciplinary action, including suspension and/or expulsion from school. Harassment, intimidation, or bullying means any intentional written, verbal, graphic, or physical act including electronically transmitted acts i.e., Internet, cell phone, personal digital assistant (PDA), or wireless handheld device, either overt or covert, by a student or group of students toward other students/school personnel with the intent to harass, intimidate, injure, threaten, ridicule, or humiliate. Such behaviors are prohibited on or immediately adjacent to school grounds, at any school-sponsored activity, on school provided transportation, or at any official school bus stop that a reasonable person under the circumstances should know will have the effect of:

- A. Causing mental or physical harm to the other student/school personnel including placing an individual in reasonable fear of physical harm and/or damaging of students' personal property; and
- B. Is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive in that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student/school personnel.

C. As delineated in Board Policy 5517, harassment can be based on race, religion, disability status or other protected characteristic. Greenon High School will not tolerate harassment or bullying on the basis of protected characteristics, such as race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Section 3313.672 of the Ohio Revised Code requires that a pupil, at the time of his/her initial entry to a public or non-public school, shall present to the person in charge of admission the following items:

1. A certified birth certificate
2. Proof of residency
3. Proof of immunizations
4. Court papers allocating parental rights or responsibilities, or custody (if applicable)

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Interdistrict Open Enrollment – The Greenon Local Board also believes that students who reside outside the Greenon Local School District may apply to attend their school of choice within the Greenon Local School District.

Applications for interdistrict open enrollment are accepted between April 1 and April 30 of the proceeding school year. Applicants must meet certain criteria. Notification of the placement decision will be mailed to the parents.

Applications for interdistrict open enrollment and a listing of criteria is available in the main office.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

The district will have in-service days and early release days in order for teachers to attend important instructional/training meetings. There will be no school for students on in-service days and school will release two hours early on early release days. Please plan ahead for child care arrangements. The in-service days are noted on the annual school year calendar.

CALAMITY DAYS / EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AND DELAYS

There are days when it is necessary for the Superintendent to delay the opening of schools or close schools due to unsafe weather conditions or other emergencies. A telephone notification system is the primary means for the district to notify families in the event of a closure or delay. Please ensure that current phone numbers are updated with the school secretary.

ATTENDANCE

Students are able to enter the building at 8:15 A.M. and must report to their homerooms right away. Students arriving after 8:25 A.M. are considered tardy. Students are dismissed at 3:25 P.M.

School attendance each day is very important. Section 3321.04 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that every parent, guardian, or other person having charge of any child of compulsory school age must send such child to school. The statute governing school attendance is very specific and leaves little option for school authorities to excuse children from school. State law also prescribes punishments for both students and parents, should a student be deemed a habitual or chronic truant by the courts. Greenon Local Schools are obligated by law to report such cases to local authorities.

Excessively Absent

In December of 2016 House Bill 410 was passed by the Ohio General Assembly to encourage and support a preventative approach to excessive absences and truancy.

State law requires a Truancy Intervention Plan for “Excessively Absent” students and is defined as, “Students absent without legitimate medical excuse for 38 or more hours in 1 school month; or 65 or more hours in a school year”.

Definition: Absence of students from school at the request of the parent/guardian and with consent of the school authorities and in compliance with Section 3321.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. The following are considered excused absences: family calamity (bereavement), legal appointment, religious observances, medical appointment, school-sanctioned activity, or such good cause as may be acceptable by the Principal or designee.

ABSENCES WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED EXCUSED WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION. NOTES FROM PARENTS WITH APPROVED EXCUSE LISTED WILL BE ACCEPTED AS EXCUSED UNTIL A CHILD REACHES THE EXCESSIVELY ABSENT MARK. ANY ABSENCES BEYOND THE EXCESSIVELY ABSENT MARK MUST HAVE A NOTE FROM A DOCTOR FOR ILLNESS, LAWYER FOR LEGAL ISSUES, ETC. OR THEY WILL BE COUNTED AS UNEXCUSED.

Habitual Truancy

House Bill 410 also states that when a child reaches 30 consecutive hours, 42 hours in a month, or 72 hours in a school year, of unexcused absences they will be considered “Habitual Truant” from school.

A student is considered truant when his/her absence from school is in violation of the Ohio Compulsory Attendance Laws. Truancy will result in an unexcused absence, possible disciplinary action and/or possible legal action through the court system. Any discrepancies in attendance may be appealed to the building principal.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

Parents of students in grades K-6 must follow this procedure if their child is to be absent from school on that day:

- 1) A telephone call to the school office must be received no later than 9:30 A.M.
 - Greenon Elementary School can be called between 7:30 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. on the day of absence. Messages can be left on the answering machine outside of school hours.
- 2) A note from the parent, doctor, lawyer, etc. confirming absence, along with the reason for absence **must** be received within two days of the student returning to school. All absences are considered unexcused unless accompanied by a written note.
- 3) Failure to follow this procedure may result in disciplinary action for truancy.

Students who are absent from school during the day are not to participate in after school or evening activities. Special circumstances may be left to the Principal’s discretion (family funeral, medical emergency, etc.).

Elementary parents are required to vigilantly assess children for signs and symptoms of Covid-19, including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. Elementary parents shall keep children home if they have a temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria program is planned to be enjoyed, but not abused. Because of the number of students involved, basic rules of etiquette and courtesy are necessary. Students are expected to display good manners and appropriate behavior at all times.

Prepaid monthly and/or weekly meals may be purchased. Applications for the Free and Reduced-Price Meal program may be completed via Final Forms. Hard copies can also be requested from the main office. Breakfast and lunch menus are available on our website at: http://greenonschools.org/departments/food_services

LATCHKEY PROGRAM

The latchkey program will be offered to all elementary children, and will continue as long as it is self-supporting. Fees must be paid on a weekly basis, and any delinquent fees that exceed two (2) weeks will result in removal from the program. Students in the latchkey program are under the Student Code of Conduct.

PLEASE NOTE: If there is a delay in the opening of school, the morning latchkey program is cancelled. If school is closed, the latchkey program will not be available to students.

STUDENT WELL-BEING

State law requires that all students must have an Emergency Medical Form completed, signed by a parent or guardian, and filed in the school office. All parents are asked to supply address, telephone and health information on the Emergency Medical Form. This information helps the school decide what to do when children become ill or have an accident. Parents are asked to keep this information up-to-date. The Emergency Medical Form should be completed online at the beginning of each school year. The Emergency Medical Form should be completed via Final Forms. If you require a hard copy, please contact the main office. Students without an updated Emergency Medical Forms **MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**. Students with specific health needs should submit those needs, in writing and with proper documentation by a physician, to the school office.

ILLNESS AND INJURY

All injuries must be reported to a teacher or the office. If appropriate, the injured student will be treated and returned to class. If the injury is serious, attempts will be made to notify the parent and, if necessary, seek emergency medical attention.

A student who becomes ill during the school day should request permission from the teacher to go to the clinic. School personnel will determine if the child should return to class or be sent home. No child will be released from school without parent permission. As discussed above, any student exhibiting signs or symptoms of Covid-19 will immediately be removed to a separate area within the building and will immediately be sent home.

Elementary buildings in the district are serviced by school nurse aides. A nurse may not be available at all times. Office personnel will make home contact based on their best judgment. In situations that are deemed severe, the parents and/or the emergency squad will be called. Periodic vision and hearing checkups are scheduled.

ADMINISTERING MEDICINES TO STUDENTS

In those circumstances where a student must take prescribed medication during the school day, the following guidelines are to be observed:

- Parents should determine with their physician's counsel whether the medication schedule can be adjusted to avoid administering medication during school hours.
- Before the student will be permitted to take medication during school hours or to use an inhaler to self-administer asthma medication, Authorization for Prescribed Medication or Treatment, or, Authorization

for the Possession and Use of Asthma Inhalers, must be filed annually and as necessary for any change in medication order with the school principal and to the School Nurse.

1. Authorization for Prescribed Medication or Treatment shall include the following:
 - a. student's name
 - b. medication and dosage or procedure required
 - c. times required
 - d. special instructions including storage and sterility requirements
 - e. date prescribed medication will no longer be needed
 - f. physician's name, address, and telephone number
2. Authorization for the Possession and Use of Asthma Inhalers shall include the following:
 - a. the student's name and address
 - b. the names and dose of the medication contained in the inhaler
 - c. the date the administration of the medication is to begin
 - d. the date, if known, that the administration of the medication is to cease
 - e. written instructions that outline procedures school personnel should follow in the event that the asthma medication does not produce the expected relief from the student's asthma attack
 - f. any severe adverse reactions that may occur to the child using the inhaler and that should be reported to the physician
 - g. All medications to be administered during school hours must be registered with the principal's office. Medication that is brought to the office will be properly secured. Medication must be conveyed to school directly by the parent/guardian. This should be arranged in advance. A two to four (2-4) week supply of medication is recommended.
 - h. For each prescribed medication, the container shall have a pharmacist's label with the following information:
 - a. student's name
 - i. physician's name
 - j. date
 - k. pharmacy name and telephone
 - l. name of medication
 - m. prescribed dosage and frequency
 - n. special handling and storage directions
3. Any unused medication unclaimed by the parent will be destroyed by administrative personnel when a prescription is no longer to be administered or at the end of a school year.

TEXTBOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

Textbooks and library books are provided for students by the district. Since books must last a period of years, proper care is required. In cases of abuse or misuse of books beyond normal wear, or loss of books, fines will be charged. Failure to pay fines, fees, or charges may result in the withholding of grades and credits.

STUDENT FEES

There is a fee for consumable materials [workbooks, agendas, etc.] used in connection with a student's work at school. Fees vary depending on the grade level. Payment plans may be made with the school principal. Failure to pay fines, fees, or charges may result in the withholding of grades and credits.

USE OF THE TELEPHONE

The school telephone is to be used for business purposes and emergency calls only. Messages may be relayed to students as long as the request is reasonable. Children may not use the office telephone except in an emergency. **PARENTS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRANGE THEIR CHILD'S TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL DAY.**

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are academic activities that are held off school grounds. No student may participate in any school-sponsored trip without parental or guardian consent and a current Emergency Medical Form on file in the office. Medications normally administered at school will be administered while on field trips. The Student Code of Conduct applies to all field trips. Attendance rules apply to all field trips. While Greenon Local Schools encourage the students' participation in field trips, alternative assignments will be provided for any student whose parent does not give permission for the student to attend. Students who violate school rules may lose the privilege to go on field trips. Students who make poor choices and/or decisions about schoolwork or behavior may be excluded from field trips.

MAKE-UP WORK

When a student is absent from school, the student will have the same length of time as the absence to complete makeup work. For example, a pupil who is absent three days will have three days after the student returns to school to complete missed assignments. Students who miss school for vacations will be given an appropriate amount of time to make up work missed. Providing work or assignments prior to vacation will be at the discretion of the principal and teacher.

VISITORS

We ask that you provide teachers with 24 hours notice if you wish to observe your child at school. Upon your arrival, State Law requires that you report to the office and a visitor's pass will be issued at that time. Any visitor found in the building without a pass shall be reported to the principal. Please be aware that, to help ensure student safety and privacy, parents are not permitted on the playground during recess. If you wish to confer with a member of the staff, you should call for an appointment prior to coming to the school in order to schedule a mutually convenient meeting time. Volunteers are required to complete the Greenon Local School Volunteer packet. Please see the building principal for this information.

PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATIONS

Parent-school communication is vital to your child's success. Scheduled conferences occur in the fall and winter. You will receive information from your child's teacher concerning the date and time of your conference. If you are unable to meet with us at your scheduled time, please notify the school office. Parents or school personnel may request a conference at any time. Once children arrive at school in the morning and instruction has begun, teachers are not available to talk to parents. We welcome you to write a note, leave a message on

voicemail or with the secretary, or email your child's teacher directly. Email addresses for all staff members can be found on the Greenon Local website – www.greenonschools.org.

GRADES/REPORT CARDS/INTERIM REPORTS

In grades K-6, report cards will be issued four times per year at nine-week intervals. Interim reports may be sent home between grading periods to keep you informed about your child's progress. The purpose of these reports is to improve parent-teacher communication concerning your child's educational growth.

Parents can also access student grades any time using the Progress Book link on the school webpage.

DISTRICT GRADING SCALES

Grading Scale (1-6)

98-100 = A+

93-97 = A

90-92 =A-

88-89 = B+

83-87 = B

80-82=B-

78-79 =C+

73-77 = C

70-72 =C-

68-69 = D+

63-67 = D

61-62 =D-

0-60 = F

PRIMARY GRADING SCALE

Kindergarten

E = Meeting the excellence when achieving the standard

S = Achieving the standard

P = Progressing towards the standard

N = Needing improvement towards the standard

Special Areas

E = 90-100

S+ = 80-89

S = 75-79

S- =70-74

N = 61-69

U=0-60

E = Excellent

S = Satisfactory

N = Needs Improvement

U=Unsatisfactory

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct is a general guide for behavior. The goal of any code of conduct is to prescribe the parameters of acceptable behavior and the consequences of disruptive behavior. Student must know what is expected of them and must be aware of what will happen if they fail to follow behavior prescriptions.

Teachers and administrators must be allowed to deal with misbehavior contingent upon such factors as:

- the student(s) involved
- the mitigating and aggravating factors surrounding the behavior
- the seriousness of the offense
- the number of times the offense has been committed
- previous discipline record
- Expectations & Core Values:
 - respect
 - responsibility
 - self-control

Definitions of Disciplinary Terminology

A.L.C.—Students will be placed by an administrator in an alternate learning center to work on school assignments.

Det.—Detention -- will be held before school, after school, or during recess. These detentions will be assigned by administrators for violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

I.S.S.—In School Suspension -- a student is placed by an administrator in the Administrative Office area to work on school assignments. Students will be monitored by the administrator or his/her designee.

O.S.S.—Out-of-School Suspension -- means the removal of a student from school for a period of up to 10 days for violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Suspensions will be handled by administrators.

Community Service—a student is assigned by an administrator to provide service at the school.

Rec. Exp. – Recommended Expulsion -- Expulsion is the removal of a student for a period ranging from 11 to 80 days, except in the case of a dangerous weapon or knife. In those situations a student may be expelled for a period of one year as defined in Board Policy 5610. This action will be taken as a result of violation or repeated violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

The following code sets forth school rules prohibiting certain types of student conduct, either:

1. on District school grounds before, during, or immediately after school hours;
2. on District school grounds at any other time when the school is being used by a school group;
3. off District school grounds at a school sanctioned activity, function, or event or

4. off District school grounds for a threat, assault, or general abuse of staff member(s) because of school related activities.

A student found to be in violation of any one of these rules may be suspended (in school or out of school) for a period up to 10 days, or be expelled for the remainder of a current semester. It shall be the decision of the proper school administrator after carefully weighing all the facts and circumstances pertaining to an incident of misconduct, as to which corrective measures are appropriate or adequate.

1. ATTENDANCE

No student shall fail to comply with State attendance laws and District policy, including, but not limited to, truancy from a specific class and tardiness to school, in general, or to a specific class.

2. GENERAL ABUSE OF ANOTHER

No student shall use, direct, or display in print or electronic networks, words, phrases, gestures, or actions which are considered to be disrespectful, slanderous, degrading, obscene, profane or inappropriate as defined by the majority of our society.

3. UNAUTHORIZED PHYSICAL CONTACT/FIGHTING/VIOLENCE

No student shall cause or attempt to cause or threaten physical injury or behave in such a way as could reasonably be anticipated to cause physical injury to a school employee, fellow student, or any other person.

Additionally, all students shall comply with any and all social distancing requirements set forth by the District.

4. DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF SCHOOL/PERSONAL PROPERTY

No student shall cause or attempt to cause damage to school/personal property. This covers District property and the property owned by District employees on or off school property. Legal action may be initiated to collect damage costs.

5. THEFT OF SCHOOL/PERSONAL PROPERTY

No student shall cause or attempt to steal school/personal property, including that of the District, other students, teachers, administrators, or other school employees. This covers property owned by District employees on or off school property. Legal action may be initiated to collect damage costs.

6. USE AND/OR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

Bringing a firearm (as defined in the Federal Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994) onto school property or to any school-sponsored activity, competition, program, or event, regardless of where it occurs, will result in a mandatory (1) year expulsion under Ohio law. This expulsion may be reduced on a case-by-case basis by the Superintendent using guidelines set forth in Board Policy.

Firearm Defined For Purpose Of A Dangerous Weapon - A firearm or dangerous weapon is:

- A. any weapon (including a starter gun) which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive;
- B. the frame or receiver of any such weapon;
- C. any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or
- D. any destructive device, which means--
 - 1. any explosive (including fireworks) or incendiary or poison gas--
 - a. bomb
 - b. grenade
 - c. rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces

- d. missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce
 - e. mine
 - f. any device similar to the devices described in the preceding clauses;
2. any type of weapon (other than a shotgun or shotgun shell...) by whatever name known which will, or which may readily be converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, and which has any barrel with a bore of more than one-half inch in diameter and;
 3. any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device described in subparagraph 6.A.1. or 6.A.2. and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled.

Section 2923.122 of the Ohio Revised Code makes it a felony to knowingly convey, attempt to convey, or possess any deadly weapon or dangerous ordinance on any property owned by or controlled by, or to any activity held under the auspices of the school.

7. USE AND/OR POSSESSION OF A WEAPON

A weapon is any device that may be used for an offensive or defensive purpose, including but not limited to conventional objects such as guns, pellet guns, knives, or club type implements. It may also include any toy that is presented as a real weapon or reacted to as a real weapon. Possession and/or use of a weapon may subject a student to expulsion.

Knife Defined- A knife is: any instrument that possesses a pointed or sharp-edged blade of metal or other rigid material and that is designed for, or can be used for, cutting, slicing, piercing, or stabbing. This definition shall include, but is not limited to, straight razors, utility knives, box cutters, ice picks, pocket-knives, switchblades, and buck knives.

8. FAILURE TO OBEY INSTRUCTIONS

No student shall fail to comply with any reasonable instruction or request of teachers, student teachers, substitute teachers, security personnel, principals, or other authorized school personnel during any period of time when s/he is properly under the authority of such school personnel. Students are not to be in out-of-bound areas or "no standing" areas as designated by maps throughout the buildings. No student shall give false information when requested to give name, address, etc., by a staff member.

9. USE AND/OR POSSESSION OF TOBACCO/NICOTINE

No student shall smoke or possess tobacco, nicotine, matches or lighters in school buildings or on school property.

10. USE AND/OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL

No student shall use or possess an alcoholic beverage in school buildings or on school property.

11. USE AND/OR POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS OR STIMULATE DRUGS

- A. No student shall knowingly possess, use or transmit any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, inhalant, alcoholic beverage, intoxicant, cigarette wrapping paper, or paraphernalia of any kind. No student shall unlawfully be under the influence of any drug.
- B. No student shall purport to aid or abet the transaction or transference of any stimulant, medication or drug-related substance.

This policy encompasses any observation with regard to possession, participation in, or exchange of any money or items.

C. Look-a-like/counterfeit drugs -- No student shall directly or indirectly represent any counterfeit controlled substance as an illegal or controlled substance. In addition, no student shall possess, consume, make, sell, offer to sell, or deliver any substance known or not known to be a counterfeit drug.

12. DRESS AND GROOMING

Students of Greenon Local Schools are expected to dress and groom themselves in good taste. Any fashion (outfit, accessory, or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted. Attire and/or appearance that is considered unsafe, unclean, immodest, vulgar, or offensive will not be permitted as deemed by the administration. If a student has selected a manner of appearance that is beyond mere freedom of expression and disrupts the educational process or presents a risk to themselves or others, they may be removed from the educational setting. **The administration reserves the right to question dress, and if necessary, take proper action. Ultimately it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that their son/daughter comes to school dressed appropriately for the educational setting.**

No student, while attending school or a school related event shall wear or display:

- (a) immodest clothing: no bare midriff, pajamas, low-cut blouses, tube tops, halters, open-back tops, bare shoulder, or other dress deemed immodest by administration.
- (b) tank tops.
- (c) clothing where underwear is visible (including bra straps); pants are to be worn appropriately and may not be excessively baggy.
- (d) clothing that has rips, tears, or holes.
- (e) clothing and accessories labeled with objectionable material, including references to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, sex, racial discrimination, profanity, and/or offensive pictures. **This includes shirts with inappropriate double meanings, implied messages, or innuendo.** Other clothes deemed inappropriate for a school setting are also prohibited. Determination of objectionable material will be at administrative discretion.
- (f) shorts worn to school must reach the same length as the student's fingertips when hands are placed at his/her side while standing. If a student stands with his/her arms/hands down along their sides and the fingertips extend past the length of his/her shorts they will be deemed too short for school attire.
- (g) hats, bandanas, head scarves, or other head apparel worn or carried anywhere in school during the school day, or clothing that denotes association with a gang (whether it be real or imitated).
- (h) shoes with wheels or retractable wheels.
- (i) any visible piercings other than in the ear.
- (j) students are not permitted to use any products that will dye their hair an unnatural color. Coloring hair blond, brown, red, black is permissible, however, colors such as purple, green, blue, etc. (unnatural) are not permitted. This goes for highlights in the hair as well.
- (k) Student face coverings shall be solid color only and shall not include any objectionable material, which would be noncompliant with this student dress code as addressed above.

13. DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Public displays of affection are generally considered in poor taste and have no place in the school. Students involved in such behavior will be asked to discontinue such behavior. If it should persist, then other measures will be taken.

14. FALSE ALARMS/BOMB THREATS

Any threat (verbal, written, or electronic) by a person to bomb or use other substances devised for the purpose of exploding, burning, causing damage to a school building or school property, or to harm students and/or staff is prohibited.

15. STUDENT ACTIVITIES

No student shall violate the rules or regulations or misappropriate funds of such school activities.

16. HAZING

No student, including leaders of student organizations, shall plan, encourage, or engage in any hazing. Hazing is defined as conducting any act or coercing another, including the victim, to perform any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes, or creates a substantial risk of causing, mental or physical harm to any person. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by the individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy.

17. CELLULAR PHONES, PERSONAL DATA ASSISTANTS (PDA), RADIOS, OR ELECTRONIC ITEMS

Students are permitted to possess these devices while at school. The devices must remain off and out of sight during school hours, unless given permission by a staff member for a school related activity or in an emergency. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in confiscation of the device and/or additional consequences

18. DISRUPTION OF SCHOOL

Student displays unwillingness to submit to authority, refusal to respond to a reasonable request, or any act or behavior that disrupts the orderly learning environment or the orderly conduct of a school function.

- A. Cell phone/Electronic Device—see Code of Conduct #17.
- B. Computer/Technology Acceptable Use Policy Violation
- C. Dress Code Violation—see Code of Conduct #12.
- D. Horseplay—no student shall engage in rowdy or boisterous play on school property/during school activities.
- E. Leaving Class/Building Without Permission—leaving without permission of school officials.
- F. Non-Compliance—no student shall be disrespectful or disobey directions of administrators, teachers, substitute teachers, student teachers, teacher aides, bus drivers, or other school personnel who are authorized to give directions.
- G. Plagiarism/Cheating—includes unauthorized use of another's work as one's own; unauthorized copying of information from another student; using another's ideas without giving credit; unauthorized communication before or during quizzes or tests; and failure to follow teacher's quiz/test instructions.
- H. Public Displays of Affection—see Code of Conduct #13.
- I. Use of Profanity/Abusive Language—see Code of Conduct #2.
- J. Bus Violations—see Student Conduct on Buses
- K. Extortion—no student shall by force, intimidation, or undue/illegal power, obtain money or personal property from another student or staff member.
- L. Forgery—no student shall falsely alter a document, including a parent/guardian signature.
- M. Gambling—no student shall participate in gambling of any kind.

N. Gang Related Activity—no student on or about school or at any school sponsored activity shall wear, possess, use, distribute, display or sell any clothing, medallions or other jewelry, emblem, badge, patch, symbol, insignia, sign, tattoo (whether permanent or temporary), scar or mark, haircut, or other symbols which identify a gang or which are evidence of membership or affiliation in any gang or which otherwise disrupt the academic process. No student on or about school property or at any school-sponsored activity shall engage in conduct or speech, whether verbal or non-verbal (gestures, hand signals, hand shakes, etc.), that shows membership or affiliation in a gang. No student on or about school property or at any school sponsored activity shall use any speech or commit any act or omission which is disruptive, intimidating or threatening, or which tends to arouse fear, alarm, resentment, anger, hostility, or violence, including but not limited to the following gang activity:

O. Threats—no student on or about school property or at any school-sponsored event shall engage in conduct or use any speech intended to cause another person to believe s/he may be in danger.

P. Unauthorized Sales—no student shall be involved with any sales except those connected with school activities and/or approved by school administration.

Q. Other Disruptive Behavior Violation not listed above

19. HARASSMENT AND/OR AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR (BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING)

The Board encourages the promotion of positive interpersonal relations between members of the school community. Harassment and/or aggressive behavior (including bullying/cyberbullying) toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties, is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. This prohibition includes physical, verbal, and psychological abuse, and any speech or action that creates a hostile, intimidating, or offensive learning environment. Individuals engaging in such conduct will be subject to disciplinary action.

20. FIREARM LOOK-A-LIKES

The use or possession of any item that resembles a firearm, but does not have explosive characteristics of a firearm is prohibited. This may include, but is not limited to, air guns, pellet guns, bb guns, cap guns, or toy guns.

21. UNWELCOME SEXUAL CONDUCT/HARASSMENT

No student shall use, direct, display words, gestures, or actions which have the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, discriminatory, or offensive learning environment on the basis of unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, or physical contacts of a sexual nature.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature is considered sexual harassment [Board Policy 5517; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972].

STUDENT SUSPENSION

The Superintendent or the principal may suspend a student from school for disciplinary reasons outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. No period of suspension will be for more than ten (10) school days. The guidelines listed below will be followed for all suspensions, including in-school suspensions.

1. The student will be informed in writing of the potential suspension and the reasons for the proposed action.
2. The student will be provided an opportunity for an informal hearing to challenge the reason for the intended suspension and explain his/her actions.
3. An attempt will be made to notify parents or guardians by telephone if a suspension is issued.

4. Within twenty-four (24) hours, a letter will be sent to the parent or guardian stating the specific reasons for the suspension and including notice of their right to appeal such action.
5. Notice of this suspension will be sent to the:
 - A. Superintendent
 - B. Board Treasurer
 - C. Student's school record

Suspension may be appealed to the Board of Education or its designee.

Appeal Procedure

Should a student's parent(s) or guardian(s) choose to appeal the suspension, they must do so within ten (10) days of the notice of suspension. The procedure for such will be provided in regulations approved by the Board. A verbatim record will be kept of the hearing which may be held in executive session at the request of the student, parent, or guardian.

Appeal to the Court

Under Ohio law, appeal of the Board's or its designee's decision may be made to the Court of Common Pleas.

EMERGENCY REMOVAL OF STUDENTS

If a student's presence poses a continuous danger to persons or property, or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process, then the Superintendent, principal, or assistant principal may remove the student from the premises. A teacher may remove the student from curricular or extracurricular activities under his/her supervision, but not from the premises. In all cases of normal disciplinary procedures where a student is removed from a curricular or extracurricular activity for less than 24 hours and is not subject to suspension or expulsion, due process requirements do not apply. In an emergency removal, a student can be kept from class until the matter of his/her misconduct is disposed of either by reinstatement, suspension, or expulsion.

INTERROGATIONS AND SEARCHES

Searches of Student Property by School Personnel

The following rules apply to the search of school property assigned to a specific student (locker, desk, etc.), and the seizure of items in his/her possession:

1. Student lockers and desks, etc. are property of the district; and since random searches have a positive impact on reducing drugs and other criminal activity, it is the policy of the Board of Education to permit the building administrator to search any locker, desk, etc. as the administrator believes is necessary. These random searches may include the use of dogs trained to identify drugs or other dangerous materials. It may also include the use of such devices as metal detectors to identify dangerous weapons.
2. There should be reasonable cause for school authorities to believe that articles are kept in the locker, desk, or other storage space whose possession constitutes a crime or rule violation.
3. Search of an area assigned to a student should be for a specifically identified item, and should be conducted in his/her presence and with his/her knowledge.
4. Illegal items (drugs, weapons, etc.) or other possessions reasonably determined to be a threat to the safety or security of others may be seized by school authorities at any time.

Searches of Student's Person or Personal Property by School Personnel

Principals and their designees are permitted to search the person and personal property (purse, knapsack, gym bag, computer disks/files, etc.) of a student when there is reason to believe that evidence will be obtained indicating the student's violation of either the law or school rules. The following rules apply in such cases:

1. There should be reasonable cause to believe that the search will result in obtaining evidence that indicates the student's violation of the law or school rules.
2. When possible, searches will be conducted by an administrator with another staff member present who is the same gender as the student.
3. Parent(s)/guardian(s) of a minor student who is the subject of a search will be notified of the search, as well as the reason(s) for the search, as soon as possible after completion of the search.
4. Where evidence indicating that a student has violated the law is uncovered, law enforcement officials shall be notified.

Searches of Student Property by Police

A proper search warrant is required for any search of a student's personal property kept on school premises. However, if the police have reason to believe any item that might pose an immediate threat to the safety or security of others is kept in a student locker, desk, or other storage space, searches may be conducted without a previously issued warrant.

Interrogations by Police

The schools have legal custody of students during the school day and during hours of approved extracurricular activities. It is the responsibility of the school administration to try to protect each student under its control. Therefore:

1. Whenever possible, police officers should contact and/or question students out of school. When it is absolutely necessary for an officer to make a school contact with a student, the school authorities will bring the student to a private room and the contact will be made out of the sight of others as much as possible.
2. The school principal must be notified before a student may be questioned in school or taken from a classroom.
3. If possible, the parents or legal guardian of the student to be interviewed should be notified by the police before the student is questioned so that the parents may be present if they so desire.
4. To avoid possible criticism, a school official will request to be present when an interrogation takes place within the school.
5. When it is necessary to remove a student from school, after notifying the school principal, the police authorities should notify the parents. If the circumstances make it impossible for the police to make this notification to the parents, the school should do so.
6. The police department may be notified by the school principal if a student is involved in activity that may be considered criminal. When the school learns of this involvement, it should notify the juvenile officer or detective bureau of the police department. The school should not attempt to handle situations that are properly in the realm of the police.

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

1. School bus transportation is a privilege in K-6. In order to maintain this privilege, students must abide by all safety and conduct rules.
2. Students shall be assigned a bus, and shall ride that bus to and from school with the exception of the following:

- Parents shall provide transportation when students are held for detention.
 - Unassigned students may not ride a bus without written permission of both their parent and principal.
 - Students may not be discharged at any point other than their regular stop without written permission from both their parent and principal.
3. Parents are responsible for the safety and conduct of students while going to and from the pick-up points and for having their children meet the bus on schedule.
 4. Parents shall be responsible for any damage to a bus by their child(ren).
 - Smoking or use of any tobacco product is not permitted on the bus.
 5. Students are not permitted to bring the following items onto the bus:
 - Firearms; Knives; Ammunition; Explosives (to include fireworks); Animals (unless prior special permission is given); Matches or tobacco; Squirt guns; Alcohol; Glass bottles or containers; and Other dangerous objects or materials
 6. Students may possess cellular phones, but they may only be used with special permission from the driver and/or coach. Devices used to play music are permitted if headphones are used. Items are the sole responsibility of the owner.
 7. Bus drivers have the authority to enforce the established regulations for bus/vehicle conduct. Disorderly conduct or refusal to submit to the authority of the bus driver will be sufficient reason for refusing transportation service to any student. A student may be suspended from school bus/vehicle riding privileges for all or part of a school year for any violation of the established regulations for bus conduct and/or for conduct occurring on the bus/vehicle in violation of the Student Code of Conduct/Student Discipline [Board Policy 5610.04].
 8. All students are expected to comply with any and all requirements and standards set forth for reducing the spread of Covid-19.

BUS GUIDELINES

Please remember these important guidelines when your child rides a bus to and from school:

- All students are to be outside waiting at their assigned bus stop for their bus at least 5 minutes before the normal pick-up time.
- All students must ride the bus assigned by Greenon Local Schools.
- If your child needs to ride a different bus, or get off at a different stop on the same bus, the parent/guardian must make arrangements with the bus garage.
- Phone calls to the bus garage for bus changes should only be made for rare emergencies. No changes will be made after 10:00 a.m.

WALKER/BICYCLE SAFETY

Please stress the following safety precautions to your child:

Walkers and Bicycle Riders

1. Do not allow your child to come to school before the designated arrival time.
2. Emphasize that your child should go directly to school and come directly home or to his/her designated child care provider after school.
3. See that your child knows and follows the safest route to and from school.
4. Emphasize crossing streets at crosswalks.

5. Make sure your child understands bicycle and highway safety.

PLAYGROUND

All students are expected to go outside for recess unless the parent or guardian sends a note stating a legitimate health reason. Outside play will occur whenever the temperature is above 30 degrees, (with a wind chill factor), and other weather conditions permit. Safety is a prime concern on the playground. Teachers will review the playground rules each year.

COMPUTER/INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Greenon Local School District's networks are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner and in support of the educational objectives and student behavior guidelines of the District. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

Transmission of any material in violation of any Federal or state regulation is prohibited.

Unacceptable uses include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Violating copyright laws
- Reposing (forwarding) personal communications without the author's prior consent
- Using or viewing threatening or obscene material
- Utilizing the network for commercial purposes
- Providing political or campaign information

NETWORK ETIQUETTE

Users must adhere to the rules of network etiquette which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Be polite; rudeness is never acceptable
- Use appropriate language; do not swear, use vulgarities, or any other abusive or inappropriate language
- Do not reveal personal information about yourself or anyone else (i.e. address, phone number) to anyone at any time
- Never reveal credit, checking account information, or social security account numbers across the Internet
- Do not disrupt the use of the network
- Do not attempt to gain unauthorized access to any computers or systems either within the district or remotely located

Security

Attempts to access any computer system using login information that is not your own or sharing your password with any other user will result in cancellation of privileges. If a security problem is identified, notify the system administrator at the school. Do not demonstrate the problems to other users. Note that electronic mail is not guaranteed to be private. System operators have access to all mail and any messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to law enforcement authorities.

Vandalism

Vandalism will result in cancellation of user privileges and school disciplinary action. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy equipment, programs, and/or the data belonging to anyone connected to the server and/or Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, uploading, creating, or transmitting computer viruses.

Privacy

Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and to ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not assume that files stored on District servers and hard drives of personal computers will always be private. Network administrators will conduct themselves professionally and will make no intentional attempts to violate reasonable levels of privacy unless it becomes necessary to investigate inappropriate use or criminal activity.

Penalties

Violations of any of the above guidelines may result in any or all of the following sanctions:

1. Loss of access to technological resources
2. Notification of parents or guardians
3. Additional disciplinary action may be determined at the building level in line with the Student Code of Conduct
4. When applicable, law enforcement agencies will be notified

Disclaimer

The Greenon Local School District will not be responsible for any damages suffered, including loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, service interruptions, or inaccurate information. The user accepts personal responsibility for any information obtained or delivered via the network, including the sharing of personal information such as home address, checking account, and credit card information.

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