



Olathe North High School

**STUDENT
HANDBOOK**

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Welcome come to a New School Year

Welcome to Olathe North High School! Our school demonstrates a strong commitment to students. A commitment steeped in the tradition of a winning attitude and strong parent support. Olathe North is defined by our on-going tradition of providing a safe learning environment for student success in a changing world. To that end, we are proud of our diverse population of students and our determination to assure that every student finds challenging opportunities to experience success. Our comprehensive core curriculum is designed to give every student the skills and concepts to meet the Kansas proficiency standards and the district mission: Students prepared for THEIR future! Our 21st Century programs offer students a high school experience where learning and student interest are a perfect fit! You will find exceptional programs for Biotechnology/Life Sciences, Culinary Arts, Fine Arts, Animal Science, Geosciences, and Sports Training and Medicine. Finally, our Distinguished Scholars program offers uniquely individualized study for academically gifted students in the areas of chemistry/physics, English/language arts, mathematics, political science, and visual arts. At North, you will also find a wide variety of Athletic and Co-curricular activities to suit the needs of all our talented students.

*Welcome To Olathe North Where It Is **GREAT** To Be An Eagle!*

MISSION STATEMENT

While celebrating diversity, our mission is to develop adaptive, responsible citizens through rigor, relationships, relevance and resilience.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

We believe:

- all students and teachers deserve the right to a safe and orderly environment
- learning is a lifetime activity among students, parents, teachers, administrators, and community
- there is worth and potential in every student
- students can and must be taught to accept responsibility for their own education that will lead them to become responsible, thinking individuals
- successful education takes place at school and is supported at home

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

District learning goals:

- Reading Literacy
- Math Numeracy
- Behavior/Social-Emotional Learning

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Students are free to confer with teachers at a time convenient for both. Parents may schedule conferences with teachers by emailing directly. Building-wide conferences are scheduled once each semester.

Bell Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Friday

Hour 1....7:40-8:25

Hour 2.....8:30-9:15

Hour 3.....9:20-10:05

Advisory/Seminar/Academic Intervention.....10:10-10:50

Advisory/Seminar.....10:10-10:20

AI.....10:20-10:50

Hour 4.....10:55-12:10

Lunch 1.....10:50-11:15

Lunch 2.....11:17-11:42

Lunch 3.....11:45-12:10

Hour 5.....12:15-1:00

Hour 6.....1:05-1:50

Hour 7.....1:55-2:40

Wednesday (Odd Block)

Hour 1....7:40-9:15

Hour 3.....9:20-10:55

Hour 5.....11:00-1:00

Lunch 1.....11:00-11:25

Lunch 2.....11:30-11:55

Lunch 3.....12:05-12:30

Lunch 4.....12:35-1:00

Hour 7.....1:05-2:40

Thursday (Even Block)

PLC 7:15-7:50

Hour 2....7:55-9:30

Advisory/Seminar/AI....9:35-9:55

Advisory.....9:35-9:55

AI 1.....9:55-10:25

AI 2.....10:25-10:55

Hour 4.....11:00-1:00

Lunch 1.....11:00-11:25

Lunch 2.....11:30-11:55

Lunch 3.....12:05-12:30

Lunch 4.....12:35-1:00

Hour 6.....1:05-2:40

*All staff will receive schedule posters for their wall, and lunches will be listed for each department.

*All students are required to take 7 classes per the Board of Education.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Philosophy

A high correlation exists between regular attendance and success in school. It is expected that each student will attend all classes every day. The primary responsibility for attendance rests with the student and parent.

Procedure

If a student must miss classes, parents are asked to call the Attendance line at 913-780-7845 or email onattendance@olatheschools.org in advance of the absence or by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the absence. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to contact the school no later than 3:30 p.m. on the day following the absence in order to excuse the student. Absences are classified in the categories explained below.

The Attendance office is open between the hours of 7:00 am until 3:30 p.m. The voicemail/email for student absences is always available anytime outside of the designated hours. Please clearly state the following information required by the Attendance Office: the student's name, grade, intended time to arrive or time to depart, whether he/she will return to school.

Excused Absences

The State of Kansas delegates to the Board of Education the responsibility of determining reasons for excusable absences. As Board of Education designees, building administrators will determine if an absence is excused or unexcused. According to the Board of Education policy, the following are recognized as excusable reasons for absences:

- Personal illness
- Serious illness or death of a member of the family or close friend
- Obligatory religious observances of the student's own faith
- Participation in a school-approved student activity
- Verified physician or dentist appointments
- Court appearance
- Emergency situations requiring immediate action
- An absence which has been requested in writing and approved in advance by the building administration
- In-school and out-of-school suspensions

Please Note the Following

- Students will be afforded the opportunity to make up missed work assigned during an excused school absence.
- Requests to excuse an absence may be made by parents, legal guardians, or emancipated youth 18 years of age or older (with prior approval by an administrator).
- Building administrators, following district procedures, may take action if a student is excessively absent from school or class. **EVEN FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES.**

Semester Exams

Semester exams will be taken during the Olathe School District's designated calendar dates. Exceptions must be approved by the building principal. No early finals will be given.

Unexcused Absences

According to School Board policy, **an unexcused absence is one, which has been classified as such by the building administration.** An absence will be classified unexcused if it does not fit one of the Board's eight (8) stated reasons for excusable absence or if the student and the parent or legal guardian does not follow the building attendance procedure.

Any student may be subjected to disciplinary action for reason of non-attendance. One form of disciplinary action may be suspension from school. If a student's attendance becomes irregular or infrequent and indicates a lack of commitment to the degree that maintaining the student's name on the class roster is unreasonable, the student may be suspended providing that:

- a) There is evidence of effort on the part of school personnel to encourage regular attendance
- b) A conference was scheduled with the parent and student to advise all parties that suspension was imminent unless marked improvement was shown
- c) A reasonable educational alternative is suggested which may include re-enrollment at the next semester, reduced course load, summer school, etc.

In accordance with board policy and procedures, building administration has the authority to establish building procedures, which respond to students who are inexcusably absent. Building attendance and procedures are provided in student handbooks, which are reviewed annually by the board.

Attendance Consequences - Unexcused Absences

Any student who leaves the building without permission will be considered unexcused and will face disciplinary action. Students will also be considered unexcused absent if they do not report to class within the first 10 minutes of every class period. In addition, students who are out of class for an unexcused extended period of time will also be considered unexcused.

DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES are assigned at the discretion of the Administration, and parent contact will be made.

Contracts may be written by administration as the first step of disciplinary action.

Detentions will be assigned during lunch.

In-School Suspension/RISE may occur the same day of the infraction, or the following day, at the administrators' discretion. Students may be in ISS for one or more hours or for a full day(s). Students are able to participate or attend any activity/athletic event.

Out-of-School Suspension/RISE+ begins immediately upon notification by school personnel. Students in OSS/RISE+ are not allowed to participate or attend any activity/athletic event involving the Olathe School District until they have successfully completed their assigned suspension. (Students are prohibited on being on any Olathe School District property during the suspension period.)

*All disciplinary action is subject to administrative discretion.

Make-Up Work

Making up classroom assignments/ activities within the time period set by the teacher, is the responsibility of the student, not the teacher. A teacher may request that the student come in before or after school to collect these information/instructions.

School policy requires that students be given a minimum of two days for each day of absence in order to make up work missed. In periods of extended illness or injury, (longer than one week), a reasonable plan will be developed for the completion of missed work.

Teachers often give **long-term assignments** and set due dates several weeks in advance. If a student attends class up to the due date of a long-term assignment and has an excused absence on the date the assignment is due, the student is still expected to submit the assignment on the due date unless the student or parent has made special arrangements with the teacher in person or by phone. The teacher is not required to accept a long-term assignment for a student whose absence was unexcused.

For any unexcused absence, the teacher is not required to give credit for missed work. However, the student may request the information missed during the absence so that he/she may keep up with the material covered.

NOTE: A teacher may request that the student come in before or after school to collect this information.

Daily Attendance Procedures

1. The attendance station will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The desk is located in the area adjacent to the 600 entrance off the parking lot.
2. Students recorded as unexcused will receive notification the following school day.
3. An unexcused absence may be excused with proper verification only within 24 hours after the student's return to school following an absence.
4. **Any student arriving to the building between the hour of 7:40 a.m. and 2:40 p.m. must check in through the attendance office with a valid picture ID**
5. **Any student leaving the building between the hours of 7:40 a.m. and 2:40 p.m. must check out through the attendance station at the 600 door in the Blue room. Failure to check out through the attendance station will result in the absence being declared "unexcused."**
6. If a student becomes ill during the school day, the student must check out through the nurse's office. The nurse will notify the parent/guardian and advise the attendance clerk of the student's departure from the building as necessary.
7. Students will only be released to a parent, a parent designee, or a legal guardian.
8. Students will leave the building by 2:55 on school days unless under the direct supervision of a teacher or sponsor.

Tardies

Promptness to class is needed to ensure a desirable academic climate. A student is tardy when he/she fails to meet the expectations of the classroom teacher. Tardies will be handled as follows:

1. In an effort to respect instructional time for all, teachers will not be permitted to excuse a student to another class.
2. When a student is tardy, the teacher will document in Synergy and the student will go to the tardy table for a tardy pass.
3. Excessive tardies will result in disciplinary consequences which will include the following:
 - a. Students will receive three tardy warnings per quarter
 - b. Tardies 4-7 detention during lunch will be assigned
 - c. 8+ tardies students will meet with administration for additional disciplinary actions.

Truancy

Truancy is defined as absence from a class or classes without prior knowledge or approval of the parent/guardian and the attendance office. The school principal or his representative may rule that an excessive absence without reasonable excuse is truancy. For students under the compulsory attendance law which includes students up to and including those 18 years and under, the following procedures will be followed:

1. When truancy occurs the first time, the school officials will make an effort to get the pupil back in class immediately. School personnel will attempt to notify parents. A parent conference will be arranged prior to notifying the District Attorney.
2. If a student misses three (3) days in a row or five (5) days in one semester, or seven (7) days in a school year, the District Attorney's office will be notified. Included in this notification will be the following: student's full name, date of birth, parent's address, date or dates of truancy from school, and remarks.
3. The District Attorney will notify parents that his office has been notified.

For students not under the compulsory attendance laws, the following will apply.

1. In cases of truancy, parents will be notified of the occurrence and the disciplinary action taken.
2. Subsequent truanies may involve a parent conference at the school to determine expectations of improvement of the student's attendance. Repeated truanies will make the student subject to suspension or expulsion from school under the terms of Kansas Statutes 2004 and 1300.
3. Regular school attendance is the combined responsibility of parents, students, and school personnel.

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

The following services are provided through the guidance and counseling department:

Educational planning assists students with high school course work, post-secondary education, or career/technical program after high school. This includes college admission, financial aid, and scholarship information as well as testing.

Counseling services are needed when pupils encounter problems, circumstances or a crisis that they cannot deal with alone. Often the death of a classmate, personal or family problems, or a violent act on the school grounds or in the community can have a devastating effect on the academic, emotional, and social aspect of the student's growth. Students may make appointments with their counselors by signing up in the main office.

College and military visitations are posted in the guidance area and it is the student's responsibility to make appointments to visit with the college representatives of their choice.

Career and Technical Planning: Post-Secondary education credit is available for successful completion of course works in most areas and through articulation agreements with Johnson County Community College.

Individual Plan of Study: This is a State Mandated expectation for all Kansas students. It is designed to help students prepare for post-secondary options. Student will be required to complete IPS during Seminar or Advisory throughout the school year.

Student Evaluations: These are designed to:

- help pupils and their teachers determine whether the pupils are making satisfactory progress in their school work

- identify and diagnose learning problems and to plan appropriate remedial programs
- identify pupils for special programs involving exceptional children
- help students discover what they need to know about themselves in order to make sound educational and post-secondary plans
- help identify and cope with distracting and disturbing forces which interfere with efficient learning and healthy living

Testing Programs: Administered by the guidance department throughout the school year.

- The **Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)** can be taken during the 9th, 10th and 11th grade. It gives verbal and numerical scores, and it is good practice for the SAT given during the senior year. Results on the 11th grade test are the criteria for National Merit Scholarship awards.
- Information is distributed about the tests commonly referred to as the "College Boards." The **Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)** and the **American College Testing Program (ACT)** achievement tests are administered approximately eight times yearly in the Kansas City area. Olathe North is one of the testing centers. See the calendar for dates of these tests.

Schedule Changes: An administrator must approve any schedule changes after school starts. These changes are only permitted in emergency situations. Also, see page 14.

Special note: The following reasons do not qualify a student for a schedule change:

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| ▪ dislike for the teacher | ▪ desire to maintain a high GPA |
| ▪ personality conflicts | ▪ desire to be with friends |
| ▪ too much work | ▪ desire for a particular teacher |
| ▪ class too difficult | |

Transfers & Withdrawal: Anyone wishing to withdraw from school for any reason should first report to the guidance office to speak with the Guidance Office Secretary who will refer you to the appropriate counselor. There, the appropriate forms will be completed and further instructions will be provided regarding the process. A parent must accompany any student under the age of eighteen (18) years of age. All books and equipment must be turned in before leaving the building. No records will be sent to any other school, employer, or the military service until all school obligations have been cleared.

Graduation Requirements - 24 Credits

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| <i>English</i> | <i>4 credits</i> |
| <i>Applied Communication or International Language</i> | <i>1 credit</i> |
| <i>Social Studies</i> | <i>3 credits</i> |
| <i>Fine Arts - Visual or Performing Arts</i> | <i>1 credit</i> |
| <i>Science</i> | <i>3 credits</i> |
| <i>Math</i> | <i>3 credits</i> |
| <i>Technology</i> | <i>1 credit</i> |
| <i>Health & Wellness</i> | <i>1 credit</i> |
| <i>Practical & Consumer Studies</i> | <i>1 credit</i> |
| <i>Individual Focus</i> | <i>6 credits</i> |

Kansas Board of Regents (Qualified Admissions)

The Kansas Board of Regents has established admissions requirements for all students who enter a Kansas Board of Regents university. The specific classes and requirements are listed in the Olathe District Schools Program Planning Guide.

Students who are planning to attend a Kansas Board of Regents university should consult with their counselor to assure that they take the required curriculum.

The Kansas Board of Regents universities are:

- Kansas University
- Kansas State University
- Wichita State University
- Fort Hays State University
- Emporia State University
- Pittsburg State University

COURSE SELECTION OPTIONS

Pass/Fail

Students have the option of taking one class on a pass/fail basis each semester. This is in addition to Teacher Aide and Work Placement, which are graded pass/fail. Pass/Fail classes cannot be used in calculating final GPA and may impact a student's class rank. Application, which includes written parental permission, must be made through the counselor prior to the end of the first quarter of the course. Applications for pass/fail made after that time will be denied.

Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement courses allow students to earn college credit by making an acceptable score on these nationally recognized tests. The guidance office will have information concerning AP exams.

Independent Study

Students have the option of choosing three different programs. Details about both options are available from your counselor. Both programs will utilize a committee to review the initial application and determine the final credit/grade.

College Now

Olathe North students have the opportunity to take academic courses in high school, which have been identified by the school district and Johnson County Community College as College-Equivalent Courses (College Now). Upon payment of specified tuition and fees and successful completion of the courses, college credit can be earned. Only students admitted to designate College Equivalency Courses can apply for this special dual credit option.

High school courses available for dual credit can be found in the current 2023-2024 Program Planning Guide (PPG)

The PPG can be found on the Olathe district website.

These hours are readily transferable to all state universities in Kansas - i.e., Fort Hays State, Pittsburg State, Emporia State, Wichita State, Kansas State, and the University of Kansas.

JCCC will charge an amount not to exceed that charged to any student as tuition for enrolling in similar campus based courses. No additional charge beyond those authorized for high school rental fees and materials used for classroom activities will be made. Enrollment information will be distributed each semester in all designated dual credit courses.

See the Guidance Office for more information.

Assignment of Letter Grades

Approved BOE Policy IDA – Secondary Credit – General Criteria

The assignment of letter grades will be based upon student learning relative to adopted district instructional outcomes. Credit for successful completion of outcomes in regularly scheduled courses at the secondary level is determined and assigned by the principal, based upon the grade determined by the student's teachers of record for the courses. Credit will be awarded for letter grades of "A", "B", "C", "D", or also for "P" if in accordance with an approved Pass/Not Passed option. Grade of "F" or "I" for incomplete will not be awarded credit for the grading period. Credit may also be awarded by the principal for successful completion of approved coursework or educational alternative experiences in accordance with Board Policy. Credits earned in grades 7-8 at the junior high will be used to determine readiness for work at the high school level. Credits earned in grades 9-12 will be used to determine completion of district credit requirements leading to graduation.

The following grading scale appears on our official district transcripts.

A = 90% or above Superior

B = 80-89% above Average

C = 70-79% Average as compared with standards for this grade, subject and age

D = 60-69% Minimum achievement of passable work

F = below 60% Failure to meet minimum standards

P = Pass (not included in GPA)

Quick Step

Another opportunity for students to take advantage of JCCC is the Quick Step program. It is for high school students who have completed at least 15 high school units and who want to enroll in classes on the JCCC campus. Interested students should contact the Guidance Office for enrollment procedures.

Alternative Education Opportunities and Programs

- Extended Absences Services is available for students who are ill or injured and who will miss more than two weeks of classes.
- Summer School is primarily available for students who want to take Driver Education. Students who need to recover credits for graduation can do so through the credit recovery program which can also take place during the school year and during the summer. Please see your counselors for information.
- Guided Study Hall is designed to supplement normal classroom work by providing an hour during the school day when a student is given time to work on classwork and touch base with a teacher on all classes and assignments. Referral to the program may be made by the student, teacher, or counselor. Grading is strictly pass/fail and cannot be used in calculating final GPA.
- Project S.O.A.R. is an alternative education environment for students at risk of not completing their diploma or students that struggle with a larger academic setting. This program is primarily available for upper classmen. The student enters the program following the recommendation of Olathe North and an interview with the S.O.A.R. program.
- Project Choices is an alternative ½ day education program for students that can also receive work program credits toward graduation, if they are employed.
- Project HOPE is an alternative education program for students that have been long-term suspended or expelled from school.
- Off Campus Learning (OCL) is a program for upper classmen that offers a computerized environment in which students can work at their own pace, with teacher support, to complete credits and courses to keep them on track for graduation.

Weighted Grades

A complete explanation of the Olathe District weighted grade system is listed in the Program Planning Guide (PPG).

ACADEMIC RECORDS

Progress Reports

Progress reports are issued four weeks into each nine-week grading period.

Grade Reports

Reports on grades will be issued every quarter (nine weeks), and available through ParentVue.

Permanent Record

- Only completed course grades (quarter, semester, and year) are placed on the permanent record. A student's relative rank in class also becomes part of the record.
- Rank in class is determined by the student's grade point average for semester grades, which are converted as follows: A=4; B=3; C=2; D=1; F=0; P=does not count; 1=0. Selected advanced classes receive a weighted factor of .05 per semester.
- An incomplete grade (I) indicates that a student has not completed the required work for the period indicated. Incompletes automatically become an "F" after a specified time if the student has not taken care of his/her obligations. This can also pertain to unpaid fees in other programs.
- All grades become final on January 15th for fall semester and June 15th for spring semester.

Transcripts

Transcripts can be obtained by going to the Olathe North Website, click the Counseling Tab, and follow the directions under the Transcripts heading.

Honor Roll

To be on the Principal's Honor Roll a student must receive all A's. The regular honor roll will consist of those students who maintain a B average. Any student receiving any grade of D, F or incomplete is not eligible. A student may have one P grade and still be eligible, provided the other conditions are met. A student must be carrying five units of credit to be eligible for honor roll.

Release of Student Records

The school may, without the consent of the student or his parents, release student records to the following:

- to other school officials who have a proper educational purpose
- to officials of other school systems in which the student intends to enroll, upon condition that the student's parents be notified of the transfer, receive a copy of the record if desired, and have an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of the record.
- to persons specifically named in Section 513 of the General Education Provisions Act, Part C.

No others may have access to a student's records, except in the following circumstances:

- Records will be available to the student or his parents, upon proper request to school officials, no later than 20 days after the request is made. An official competent in interpreting student records must be present.
- Records will be released to others only upon the written consent of the student's parents specifying records to be released, the reasons for such release, and to whom, and with a copy of the records to be released to the student's parents, if desired.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION (DIRECTORY/MILITARY)

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.*If you do not want the Olathe School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the district in writing by September 10. **Any denial of permission by the student's parent or guardian must be renewed each year by contacting the schools. Otherwise, the district will release that information for the year.** The Olathe School District has designated the following information as directory information:

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| Address | Grade level | Dates of attendance |
| Student's name | Electronic mail address | |
| Date and place of birth | Major Field of study | |
| Photograph | Telephone | |

Additionally, the following information is included in directory information:

Participation in officially recognized activities and sports; Weight and height of members of athletic teams; Degrees, honors and awards received; and the most recent educational agency or institution attended

*These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U. S. C. 7908) as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110), the education bill, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (P.L. 107-107), the legislation that provides funding for the nation's armed forces.

News Media

- Interviews and photos for local TV and newspaper coverage
- Photos to be used in district publications
- Photos to be used on school and/or district Web sites

Release of information for media is consent to your child being interviewed, photographed and or videotaped by the news media or representatives of the Olathe School District, its agents and independent contractors. Any information or images obtained from those activities may be reproduced by the school district and/or the public media for use in advertising, publicity or educational activities, including, but not limited to, district and school publications and/or videos, print and television news and district and/or school Web sites. You also waive any claims you may have and release the school district and its employees from any liability or claims arising out of such activities.

STUDENT SERVICES

Bus Transportation is arranged through DS at 913-361-7400. Families will be emailed directly the links to setup bussing services for their student. Students who disobey the rules outlined for bus transportation may lose bus privileges, in addition to a school discipline referral.

Student Intervention Team or SIT (comprised of representative teachers, specialists, counselors, the school nurse, and administrators) convenes weekly to address specific student needs. Students are referred to the team for academic concerns from a variety of sources including the student or parents themselves.

Fire and Tornado Drills are held periodically throughout the school year. Students should listen closely to directions and move in a quick and orderly manner to the designated area.

I.D. Cards must be on students at all times. Students will be charged \$5.00 for each replacement.

Lockers are not given out to each student. Students will receive a locker by request only. Students will be given a locker if they are enrolled in PE.

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR LOCKER LOCKED. DO NOT REVEAL YOUR COMBINATION TO ANY OTHER STUDENT. Items of extraordinary value should not be left in lockers. The school does not assume responsibility for items stolen from lockers. Students must use only their assigned locker. Lockers are school property, and the administration reserves the right to inspect lockers at any time deemed necessary. Personal locks will be removed from lockers. Inappropriate posters are not permitted. Report to the office any locker not working properly. The Johnson County canine unit will perform periodic checks of lockers.

Breakfast & Lunch are served daily at school. More information about cost, approval process, etc. can be found on the district web site, www.olatheschools.com then click on Students & Families then on Lunch Menus. If you have any questions, call USD 233 Food Services at 913-780-7005.

The automated computer system requires **ALL** students to know their Student ID Number That number will be used to access cafeteria accounts and will be used in the media center to check out books.

Olathe North has a closed lunch. Students will be expected to eat in our cafeteria. *Students may bring lunches from home, but they may not eat off campus or order take-out food to be delivered to the school for lunch.* Students will only be allowed to leave for lunch under the supervision of a parent with administrative approval.

Students will take their trash with them when leaving the table.

Media Center hours are from 7:15 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Over 35 Internet stations with 10 online reference databases available for student research. Students must present their I.D. cards to check out material from the Media Center. Students must have passes from their teachers to use the library during the school day. Admittance to the media center during A.R.T. must be prearranged.

Parking

Eligible students may park on campus if the following requirements are adhered to:

1. Students must register their car, pay the district-approved fee, and display the parking hangtag in their window.
2. Parking hangtags must be visible while on campus. Without this hangtag, students will be asked to move their car out of the school parking lot.
3. Students will not park in the faculty or staff parking spaces nor will they park in handicapped or visitor spaces. All fire lanes, median strips, grassy areas, exits, and entrances are also off limits to student parking.
4. Students are required to park in their assigned spot that corresponds to the number on their office issued hangtag.
5. This policy is in effect from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Violation of the parking policies will result in administrative action, which could include loss of parking privileges.

School Nurse is on duty every day to cover emergencies, illness, and other health matters. She is located in at the intersection of 400 and the Main Hall.

Students desiring to see the nurse should first have a planner signed by his/her teacher. All students will sign in and out, denoting arrival and departure times. If it is necessary for students to leave the building a "Permit to Leave Building" slip will be provided to the student.

Nurse services include:

- Maintaining student prescription medicines – Medicines prescribed by a dentist or physician must be brought to the nurse in the original bottle. The nurse can keep medicines refrigerated as needed. All prescription or non-prescription medication, if taken at school, must be taken under the supervision of the school nurse or designee. A physician's note should accompany all medications. The nurse can administer over the counter medication if you have written approval on file.
- While the nurse keeps a supply of Tylenol, Band-Aids, etc., please rely on these supplies for emergency only.
- Exclusion from school – If it is the nurse's opinion that your son/daughter should go home, you or your emergency contact will be notified. No student is sent home without approval. If the nurse thinks that the student is too ill to drive, she will ask parents to provide transportation.
- Chronic health problems – The nurse should be notified of any special health needs that may become a problem at school. Students with long-term conditions (colostomy, migraines, and special medications) will be monitored. The nurse will make a confidential list of students with health difficulties that will be communicated with teachers.

Immunization Policy

Kansas immunization law was last revised in 1994 discontinuing the 90-day waiting period to provide proof of immunizations for new students. Olathe school nurses re-examined the compulsory immunization requirement procedure this past school year, presented recommended procedural change to the board of education and received notice of approval of these changes on May 6, 1999. The changes align the district more closely with state law helping to ensure a safe environment for all.

Immunization Procedure

For students new to Olathe, parents must present proof of each required immunization before student will be allowed to attend classes and any needed boosters must be received by October 1 or 30 days for those admitted after September 1 of each year:

DTP, DtaP and/or DT/Td

OPV or IPV

MMR

Immunization Implementation

This is done thru the counselors' office with school nurse instruction.

For students currently enrolled, parents will be notified by May 15 of each year of any immunization needed for the following school year. Exclusion day for needed boosters will be September 1 (Exception: The exclusion date for the 10-year Td boosters will be the first day of next month following 10- year anniversary date of last DTP.)

Security is provided for the protection of students. Officers assist with problems anywhere on school property, including the staff and student parking lots.

Visitors are not permitted in the high school during the school day. However, parents/guardians who wish to observe in a classroom must arrange in advance for a visit through the principal. All visitors must check in at the front office with a valid ID and will be expected to follow guidelines and procedures. Visitors are under the jurisdiction of the building principal who approves the date and time of each visit in compliance with Olathe District Schools' policy.

Laptops

All students will be checked out a laptop that they will use 9th-12th grade. Students are responsible for lost or damaged equipment.

Library Media Center

The library will serve as a quiet work area where students can study and have availability for printing student class work.

Club Meetings

Clubs can meet once every two weeks during Academic Intervention. There are no restrictions on meeting after school. We will create a google.doc, displaying the club meetings for the two-week period. All sports and co-curricular activities cannot mandate a rehearsal or practice or schedule a "voluntary" practice.

Outside Food and Drink

Students are expected to remain on campus and eat from the cafeteria or bring food from home. Outside fast food and drink CANNOT be dropped off for students.

Tutoring

Honor societies MAY decide to offer tutoring on certain days. This will be organized by the honor society supervisors and officers. Students who provide this service may receive community service credit for it. This is currently a work in progress.

Lunch Protocol

We will have two food serving areas. We will utilize the cafeteria in the lower and upper Commons. Students will NOT be allowed to charge any food items, if their lunch account is in the negative.

Advisory and Academic Intervention

The purpose of these two periods is to serve as an extension of the academic programs at Olathe North and to further enhance classroom instruction and learning. Advisory is the first 10 minutes on Monday, Tuesday and Friday where students and teachers check in and take attendance. Students are then able to go to an office hour or a Mandatory class. On Thursday students will spend 25 minutes doing BSEL lessons then have the opportunity for 2–30-minute Academic Intervention (office hours) options. **Academic Intervention movement (office hours) must be arranged in advance and a pass through E-hall pass given.** Attendance is mandatory during this time period. Students and teachers are expected to maintain an academic environment during AI to include:

- completion of homework, makeup work, quizzes, labs, projects
- tutoring
- individual work with a teacher
- opportunity to learn new skills.
- use of the library for the purpose of conducting research
- Mandatory Study Hall
- Reading Mandatory Study Hall
- MTSS work
- club meetings

General Movement During the School Day

Students must use E-Hall Pass in order to leave the classroom for any reason.

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONCERNS

When a problem or concern arises about your student, please first contact the teacher, coach, or sponsor. This individual has the most knowledge about the situation and will be able to discuss the matter with you at a convenient time for both of you either by phone or at a conference. Normally, solutions can be found for your concerns by contacting the teacher, coach, or sponsor. If you do not feel your concerns are adequately addressed, contact the counselor next, and then the administrator that works with your student.

SCHOOL BOARD POLICY/DISCIPLINE

The Olathe Board of Education believes the following to be unacceptable action by students:

- willful violation of any published regulation for student conduct adopted or approved by the Board of Education;
- conduct which substantially disrupts, impedes, or interferes with the operation of any public school; or
- conduct which substantially impinges upon or invades the rights of others; or
- conduct which results in conviction of the student of any offense specified in Chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, or any criminal statute of the United States; or
- disobedience of an order of a teacher, peace officer, school security officer, or other school authority, when such disobedience can reasonably be anticipated to result in disorder, disruption, or interference with the operation of any public school, or substantial and material impingement upon or invasion of the rights of others.

In recognition of a student's individual rights, the Board expects school authorities to provide and maintain a suitable environment for learning. It expects that the school personnel will do everything in their power to maintain and facilitate the education program so that the individual needs of each student are met to the greatest possible degree.

The Board affirms that the administration, in order to implement these expectations, has the inherent and statutory responsibility and power to maintain order and discipline in the schools and to remove the privilege of school attendance temporarily from any member of the student body whose conduct is contrary to the best interests of the whole school community.

The administration has the further responsibility to recommend to the Board of Education expulsion from school for those students who are habitually and/or overtly in defiance of reasonable rules and regulation. The Statutes of the State of Kansas will be followed when the privilege of school attendance is to be removed from the student.

Specific Expectations

Students at Olathe North are expected to abide by the following guidelines:

- to be punctual and in attendance to all classes
- to comply with the directions and authority of teachers and other school authorities. Students are under the authority of ANY teacher or staff member of the Olathe public schools at ANY time they are on ANY school ground or at ANY school function not on school grounds
- to be respectful toward teachers, fellow students, and property
- to refrain from the use or possession of cigarettes, vapes, or other tobacco products on school grounds or at any school event
- to refrain from possession, use, consumption, sale, or distribution of alcohol or restricted drugs on school premises (This includes any evidence of being under the influence of such substances. This applies during the school day as well as during school activities before or after school hours.)
- with parent permission, students may carry a small quantity of over the-counter medications, antibiotic and inhalers as long as they are in their original containers. Controlled substances in the original prescription bottle must be administered by the nurse; these require a doctor's note
- to leave the school grounds when not under supervision of a teacher, coach, or administrator after school hours
- to not place any outside food orders for delivery to the main office-no exceptions
- to place trash in the containers provided
- to maintain clean tables in the cafeteria
- to keep all electronic devices, including cell phones and blue tooth speakers, in the silent mode.
- to refrain from playing cards or other games that involve chance, gambling, betting, or wagering.
- to refrain from public displays of affection
- to go directly to class when the first bell rings
- to always have an approved pass when in the halls during class time.
- to refrain from congregating or assembling in specifically designated areas

Students are not to infringe upon or become a nuisance to others by such acts as blocking hallways or doors; disturbing classes, assemblies, or any other school-sponsored activity; fighting, intimidation, or threats of physical harm.

Students, Staff and Visitors – Notice of Search

Students, staff, and visitors should be aware that all automobiles and personal belongings on the school premises or in the school parking lot are subject to search when officials have reasonable suspicion that the student code of conduct, state law or BOE policies have been violated.

Personal Electronic Devices

Board of Education Policy:

The board is committed to having an environment in all schools that is conducive to learning; orderly; free from unnecessary distractions, and promotes the responsible use of technology by all individuals.

Recognizing that student use of personal electronic devices (i.e. cell phones, smart watches, earbuds, headphones, etc.) while in school can hinder or disrupt student learning, the board has established the following guidelines:

- Student use of personal electronic devices during the school day must be consistent with all board policies, including policy JCDA (Behavior Code), JTB (Student Acceptable Use of Technologies Policy), and the Code of Student Conduct as adopted by the board.
- Students may have personal electronic devices in their backpacks, lockers, or on their person as long as such devices are not visible during the school day.
- Student use at the high school level of personal electronic devices is prohibited during class time unless being utilized for instruction as directed by the teacher. Student use of personal electronic devices by high school students during non-instructional activities (i.e. lunch, passing periods, as authorized pass, etc.), is allowed.
- Students may use personal electronic devices during the scheduled school day in emergency situations, or if necessary for the student's physical health.

Violation of this policy will result in a student receiving age-appropriate discipline as determined by building administration and as outlined in the Code of Student Conduct. Such discipline may include the temporary or permanent forfeiture of a student's right to possess or use personal electronic devices in school.

Olathe North Consequences and Procedures

Consequences for inappropriate personal electronic device usage are as follows:

- 1st Offense: Verbal Warning by Classroom Teacher
- 2nd Offense: Phone confiscated for the duration of the class period. The teacher will return the cell phone to the student at the end of the hour.
- 3rd Offense: Phone confiscated and turned into the nearest community office. It is the responsibility of the student to pick up the cell phone from the appropriate administrator in the office after 2:40pm. It is the responsibility of the student to notify their parent/guardian of cell phone confiscation and consequences for future infractions.
- 4th Offense: Phone confiscated and turned into the nearest community office. It is the responsibility of the student to pick up the cell phone from the appropriate administrator in the office after 2:40pm. Communication will be sent to the parent/guardian informing them of the situation and consequences for future infractions.
- 5th Offense: Phone confiscated and turned into the nearest community office. Communication will be sent to their parent/guardian that they will need to pick up the cell phone from the appropriate administrator in the office after 2:40pm.
- Additional Occurrences: Parents will be contacted to pick up the cell phone. Additional disciplinary actions may apply (i.e., Lunch Detention, RISE, OSS, cell phone contract, or loss of cell phone privileges).

****Consequences reset at the end of each semester.**

Individual Work Time:

- Students may listen to music from their school device using headphones when allowed by the classroom teacher.

Restroom Passes:

- Students must leave their phone with their teacher when leaving the room to use the restroom.

The school is not responsible and will not investigate loss, theft, or security of personal electronic devices.

Bringing such devices to school is done at the students' own risk.

Please go online to complete a police report at:

www.olatheks.org

Computer Network Policies

Students will not be allowed to use the computer network system for personal use without prior approval from the supervising teacher. This basically means that students cannot use the computers for any purpose other than those activities and assignments given by the faculty and administration that are directly related to school.

This policy covers but is not restricted to the following types of offenses:

- entering someone else's files
- placing computer games on the system
- creating hidden files and/or entering teacher files
- accessing outside information using modems
- sending messages through the system to other students
- loading viruses onto the systems *
- conducting other hacker-type activities

*** Those who commit this offense are automatically removed from the network.**

PLEASE NOTE: The Acceptable Use Guidelines form must be signed by the parent or guardian and student and be on file before student computer access is allowed. The school reserves the right to add to the list above and will not be placed in the position of being told that a punishable offense was not on the list or specifically mentioned in the policy.

Computer Technology Student Agreement

The Olathe District schools provide access for students and staff to state of the art computer technology, electronic mail and the Internet. To protect the integrity of the system as well as the privacy of both student and staff files.

Students in a classroom, tech labs or library are expected to follow these guidelines:

- Use computer technology for school-related activities and assignments only.
- Games should be played only with teacher approval.
- Personal files should be saved only on student's H://Drive.
- At no time should a student load any programs onto the system
- Websites accessed should be limited to those related to school assignments and activities.
- Changes in the configuration of the desktop should not be made.
- Refraining from other "hacker-type" activities such as the creation of hidden files

Internet guidelines:

- Access to the Internet/e-mail by staff permission only
- Refrain from accessing inappropriate websites.
- When access to the Internet is approved, there should be:

No Downloads
No Chat Rooms
No Blogging
No Social Networking Sites

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal responses. Administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system safely and responsibly.

Weapons Policy

Any student who is determined to have brought a weapon (as defined in this subparagraph) to school is in violation of this policy and shall be suspended for a period of not less than one (1) year or be expelled and shall be referred to the appropriate legal authorities. The Superintendent may modify such suspension on a case-by-case basis. For the purpose of this sub-paragraph the term “weapon” shall mean a “firearm” as defined under 18 U.S.C. 921:

- any weapon which will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant.
- the frame or receiver of any weapon described above.
- any firearm muffler or firearm silencer
- any explosive; incendiary, or poison gas
- any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device described above, and from which a destructive device may readily be assembled.

For complete description of the term “weapon” please refer to the Class IV offenses section in the Code of Student Conduct book.

Drug and Alcohol Policy

The Olathe School District Board of Education, recognizing its responsibility to promote the health, welfare, and safety of students and employees in the Olathe schools, adopts the following policy to assist in protection from dangers, which result from the abuse of restricted drugs. As a condition of continued enrollment in the district, students shall abide by the terms of this policy.

Students shall not unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, consume, or use illicit drugs, controlled substances, or misuse “over-the-counter” or prescription drugs or alcoholic beverages on school district property or at any school activity.

Any student violating the terms of this policy will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement officials and will be subject to the following sanctions:

- Completion of the Alternative Discipline Agreement/ADA
- punishment up to and including short-term suspension

- punishment up to and including long-term suspension
- punishment up to and including expulsion from school for the remainder of the school year

Students who are suspended or expelled under the terms of this policy will be afforded the due process rights contained in board policies and Kansas Statutes Annotated 72-89021, et. Seq.

Nothing in this policy is intended to diminish the ability of the district to take other disciplinary action against the student in accordance with other policies governing student discipline.

Smoking/Vaping/Tobacco Policy

All public school buildings in the Olathe District Schools are posted as NON-SMOKING. Smoking and other use of tobacco products by students, staff, and visitors is prohibited in school buildings and on school grounds. For this reason, and for the health benefit, students are not to be in possession of any tobacco products or any related tobacco use items – for example, lighters.

As defined in this policy, “school building” shall include all buildings operated by the school district and the restriction is applicable to the buildings and on the grounds of the school district buildings. Consequences may result in suspension and law enforcement involvement.

Restroom Policy

Olathe North expectations when using the restrooms will apply to all students, staff and community in order to keep these areas clean and safe.

Restroom expectations are as follows:

- No eating
- 1 Person per stall
- No meeting up and loitering
- No smoking/vaping
- No fighting
- No vandalism

Any of the above behaviors will result in administrative consequences (lunch detentions, ISS, OSS, restitution and law enforcement involvement).

Academic Dishonesty (Plagiarism/Cheating)

Plagiarism: This is when an individual uses another person’s ideas, expressions or writing as if they were his/her own.

Acts of plagiarism include:

- presenting another’s essay or class assignment as one’s own
- failing to acknowledge the source when repeating another’s wording or particularly apt phrase
- failing to acknowledge the source when paraphrasing another’s argument
- failing to acknowledge the source when presenting another’s line of thinking
- making slight changes in wording from another source so that the passage is not copied word for word
- copying from another person’s test

Consequences for plagiarism include:

- In cases where it is apparent a student has copied all or part of an assignment from another student, from a printed source, or from electronic media, the student will receive a severe academic consequence such as a grade of zero.
- If, in the teacher’s judgment, the occurrence of plagiarism was not intended to be deceptive, the student may be given the opportunity to complete an alternative assignment.

- Students who are involved in more than one incident of plagiarism in the same class may be referred to administrators for further disciplinary action.
- Students involved in plagiarism may be removed from or disqualified for candidacy to National Honor Society and/or other organizations.
- All consequences will include notification to parents.

Sexual Harassment Policy

All employees and students are entitled to work and study in school environments that are free of sexual harassment. Sexual harassment by any employee or student of this school district is prohibited. Sexual harassment is defined as any sexual advance, request for sexual favor or sex-based behavior that is not welcome and not requested. Individuals found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

Bullying

All employees and students are entitled to work and study in school environments that are free of bullying. Bullying by any employee or student of this school district is prohibited. Bullying is defined as continuous or repeated harassment through physical, verbal, written, electronic or social media means. Individuals found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

Initiation and Hazing

There will be no initiation ceremonies, intimidation, or hazing of students. This could be associated with the selection process and participation of any student organization, activity, or team, but not necessarily.

Appearance/Apparel Policy

The Olathe Public Schools' high school dress code is designed to ensure the health and safety of students, while preserving the basic rights of individuals. It is our responsibility to strive for a learning atmosphere to prepare students for their future. The dress code puts focus on academics and allows students to express themselves through personality and individual achievement. Dressing appropriately creates a sense of school pride and belonging as well as reducing discipline issues and disruptions. To assist our students and their parents, the district has established the following dress code.

1. Basic Principle: Certain body parts must be always covered for all students.

Clothes must be worn in a way such that genitals, buttocks, and chest are covered with opaque fabric. All items listed in the "must wear" and "may wear" categories below must meet this basic principle.

2. Students Must Wear*, while following the basic principle of Section 1 above:

- A shirt (with fabric in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms), AND
- Pants/jeans or the equivalent (for example, a skirt, sweatpants, leggings, a dress, or shorts), AND
- Shoes with soles.

3. Classes that include attire as part of the curriculum or as a safety requirement (i.e., public speaking; job readiness, science classes, athletic shoes for PE, etc.) may include assignment-specific dress.

4. Students May Wear, as long as these items do not violate Section 1 above:

- Hats - must allow the face to be visible to staff, and not interfere with the line of sight of any student or staff. In the classroom, teachers have the discretion to ask students to remove hats (i.e., during exams).

- Religious headwear.
- Hoodie sweatshirts (wearing the hood overhead is allowed, but the face and ears must be visible to school staff).
- Fitted pants, including opaque leggings, yoga pants and “skinny jeans”.
- Ripped jeans, as long as underwear are not exposed.
- Tank tops, including spaghetti straps, halter tops, one strap shirts.
- Visible waistbands on undergarments or visible straps on undergarments worn under other clothing (as long as this is done in a way that does not violate Section 1 above).

5. Students Cannot Wear:

- Images or language depicting/suggesting/promoting violent language or images.
- Images or language depicting/suggesting/promoting drugs, alcohol, vaping, or paraphernalia (or any illegal item or activity).
- Bullet proof vest, body armor, tactical gear, or facsimile.
- Images or language depicting/suggesting/promoting hate speech, profanity, pornography, or that have traditional images or symbols of hate or intolerance.
- Images or language depicting/suggesting/promoting images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment for any student.
- Any clothing that reveals visible undergarments (visible waistbands and visible straps are allowed).
- Swimsuits and/or strapless shirts (except as required in class or athletic practice).
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon.
- Any item that obscures the face or ears (except as a religious observance or as personal protective equipment).
- Disruptive or offensive costumes and costume masks.
- Flags, blankets, towels, capes as clothing accessories.
- Clothing that is determined to be gang-related.
- Sunglasses in the school building

6. Dress Code Enforcement

To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff shall enforce the dress code consistently using the requirements below. School administration and staff shall not have discretion to vary the requirements in ways that lead to discriminatory enforcement.

- Students will only be removed from spaces, hallways, or classrooms because of a dress code violation as outlined in Sections 1 and 4 above. Students in violation of Section 1 and/or 4 will be provided three (3) options to be dressed more to code during the school day:
- Students will be asked to put on their own alternative clothing, if already available at school, to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day.
- If necessary, students’ parents may be called during the school day to bring alternative clothing for the student to wear for the remainder of the day.
- School staff may provide an alternative item of clothing, if available, to wear for the remainder of the day
- No student should be affected by dress code enforcement because of racial identity, sex assigned at birth, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, cultural or religious identity, household income, body size/type, or body maturity.

Students should not be shamed or required to display their body in front of others.

(students, parents, or staff) in school. “Shaming” includes, but is not limited to:

- Kneeling or bending over to check attire fit.
- Measuring straps or skirt length.
- Asking students to account for their attire in the classroom or in hallways in front of others.

- Calling out students in spaces, in hallways, or in classrooms about perceived dress code violations in front of others.
- Accusing students of “distracting” other students with their clothing.

These dress code guidelines shall apply to regular school days and summer school days. Exceptions may be made, with administrative discretion, for special events during the school day (ie. spirit days) or school events that occur after school hours.

Dances

A school dance is considered a school function. Any regulation for student behavior may be applicable for the dance. **Unacceptable behavior, including inappropriate dancing, is cause for removal from the dance.** Attendees may also be subjected to a Breathalyzer test. Dress for the Homecoming Dance is semi-formal, no jeans are allowed. Dress for Prom is formal attire. Students must be in high school or older to attend the dance. ONHS students may bring a guest for Homecoming and Prom. One ONHS student is allowed one guest. All guests must be registered in advance with administration by the Wednesday prior to the dance. All guests must sign in and present proof of identity. All ONHS students must present their school ID. Special dances require pre-registration and prepayment.

In-School Suspension

- In-School Suspension (ISS) is an alternative to out-of-school suspension and will be assigned at the discretion of the administrator handling the case.
- Students will be required to be productively involved during their ISS assignment.
- If a student is assigned to ISS, he or she will report for the total time assigned.
- If a student refuses to cooperate with the guidelines and policies or continues to be a disruptive force in the ISS program, then that student will be placed in out-of-school suspension.

The following rules must be observed while in ISS/RISE:

- The student must report to the assigned room by 7:40 am. A tardy to ISS/RISE will be referred to an administrator.
- Any request to leave ISS/RISE must be approved by an administrator.
- Student must turn in any electronic devices at the start of their ISS/RISE assignment.

****Changes to the District Student Code of Conduct**

INCITING TO FIGHT: The intentional promotion and/or recording or distribution by electronic device by a student(s) to engage another student(s) in physical conflict, continuous harassment, disruption, or to engage and/or encourage other students to engage in physical conflict or disruption for any purpose or behavior that interferes with the learning or conduct of others while in the school building or on school grounds.

CONTRIBUTING TO A DISRUPTIVE SITUATION: The intentional promotion or advocacy, including the recording and/or distribution by electronic device, of student misconduct by any student, for any purpose.

Out of School Suspension

Out-of-school suspension (OSS) of not more than ten (10) days is assigned at the discretion of the school administrator. An OSS is a likely consequence for those behaviors considered most detrimental to the educational process or for those unacceptable behaviors, a student chooses to repeat. *The student who has been placed on an out-of-school suspension may not participate in any extracurricular activity or athletics, nor be present on any district property school grounds at any time day or night during the suspension. The student may resume participation only after he/she has returned to classes. Project Stride is an Off-Campus alternative to attending school and is available to students who are suspended for 3-10 days.*

Student Activities

- All school rules apply at extracurricular functions and students will not be allowed to participate and/or attend activities while on suspension.
- Students must obtain approval for outside dates prior to school dance.
- Cleanup is the responsibility of the class or club which holds the function. Gyms, cafeteria, and common should be ready for the next school day.

Transfers

In order to make the optimum use of district school facilities, designated attendance areas for all schools shall be established by the Board of Education. An official description of school boundaries shall be presented annually to the Board of Education for adoption. Students residing within the attendance area of a school, except as otherwise provided by policies of the Board of Education.

Students shall attend the school designated for the attendance area in which the student resides. Under exceptional circumstances, however, student may be permitted to transfer to a school outside of the student's attendance area. The following is a list of reasons for transfers based upon exceptional circumstances:

- Family move
- Request from outside agency
- Family hardships
- Special education programs or other special programs
- Psychological, emotional, health, special needs
- Administrative placement

All applications for transfer will be reviewed and either approved or denied, pursuant to policies of the Board of Education. The Coordinator of Student Services shall notify the requesting party of the disposition of the request for transfer.

Secondary school students who have been approved for voluntary transfer of enrollment and entering senior high school for the first time shall be permitted to participate in interscholastic activities in accordance with regulations of the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

In general, a student is ineligible for 18 weeks if a change in school is made without an accompanying move on the part of the student's parents. For exceptions and additional information, refer to the Kansas High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) regulations for eligibility.

NOTE. In addition to the transfer rule, the students must meet all other rules and regulations such as age and scholarship.

___KSHSAA AND SUNFLOWER LEAGUE POLICY

Kansas State High School Activities Association is the state organization that supervises all interscholastic competition including debate, music, forensics, and athletics. All Olathe high schools are members of the KSHSAA and are subject to its rules.

KSHSAA Eligibility Requirements

Athletic eligibility is established by the Kansas State High School Activity Association (KSHSAA). There are some exceptions to the rules stated below, and there are some additional requirements. Consult the athletic director, guidance counselor or individual coaches for additional information.

In general, you are eligible for participation if:

- you passed five (5) semester credits of new course work during the previous semester and are currently enrolled in 5 new classes.
- you are not 19 years of age or older on or prior to Sept. 1
- you are legally enrolled in school, in regular attendance and are in good standing.

- you are not in violation of district alcohol and drug policy.
- you have not been in attendance more than three years or six semesters beyond the ninth grade.
- You have not competed under a false name.
- You do not play on an outside team in the same sport during a season in which you are representing your school.
- You have not accepted pay (cash or merchandise) for athletic achievement or have not played on a team with a paid player.
- You have an adequate physical exam on file with the athletic director. This physical must be dated May 1st or after

Students participating in or practicing in after-school events need to be in school a minimum of three (3) class periods that day.

Physicals

To be eligible to practice in either cheerleading or sports, a student must have a current physical on file. Physical forms are available on the Olathe North Website and must be uploaded BEFORE the first day of practice. "Current" is defined as May 1 of current calendar year.

Rule 52 (Sportsmanship)

- Rule 52 requires that KSHSAA member schools encourage sportsmanship from players and fans – both students and parents. It prohibits such activities as booing players and officials, rude chanting, holding newspapers up during opponents' introductions, etc. Schools violating Rule 52 can be subject to KSHSAA SANCTIONS.

Olathe North has always had an outstanding reputation for good sportsmanship. ONHS students and fans are expected to abide by the following:

- Under no circumstances is anything to be thrown at players, officials, other fans, or the playing surface.
- Profanity or obscene gestures have no place at an athletic contest.
- Rule 52 of the KSHSAA regarding acceptable behavior shall be followed by ONHS students and fans. In general, it says all actions should be positive and supportive of one's team. Any sort of negative action directed toward the opponent is discouraged and could result in penalties against the team and/or the school.
- Sunflower League policy prohibits the use of artificial noisemakers at athletic contests.

Transportation for Activities

All designated members of a special class or group participating in an official school activity shall travel to and from the activity on school provided transportation. Activity sponsor and/or coach cannot give a student permission to ride home with another student's parent.

Student in Simultaneous Activities

When a student chooses to participate in more than one activity in a season, there probably are conflicts. While these situations are rare, they create difficulties for the students. It is important that these conflicts be resolved with open communication between the student, the two coaches or sponsors, and the building A.D. The parties should work together to resolve the conflict with the student's best interest as the primary focus. The purpose of these guidelines is to aid the students, sponsors, coaches, and building administrators in resolving these conflicts.

- Sponsors, coaches, and building administrators should communicate to the students their responsibilities regarding practices, performances, and competitions prior to an athletic season or co-curricular activity.

- Sponsors, coaches, and building administrators are strongly encouraged to investigate prior to the start of each season any potential conflicts that might occur. Careful attention should be given to the members involved in each activity to determine whether a student is involved in concurrent activities.
- Consideration should be given as to the impact a student has on a particular activity.
- A student should not be adversely affected or receive negative repercussions.
- If the events in conflict are of the same priority level in these guidelines, the two sponsors/coaches involved in conflict should meet with the building activities director to discuss the conflicting events and reach a decision that is best for the student.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Students are encouraged to take part in extra-curricular activities. A wide variety of clubs, teams and other activities exist at Olathe North High School. In order to practice or participate in inter-school sports, activities, Drill Team or cheerleading, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

1. The completed Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA physical form, including emergency information on file with the Athletic Director)
2. Passing grades in five new subjects for the previous semester
3. Enrollment in five new subjects for current semester
4. Observance of rules of eligibility KSHSAA, the Sunflower League, and ONHS
5. Attendance for a full day of school on the day of practice or scheduled event.
6. A District Student Transportation Consent and Release form, signed by the parent/guardian must be on file in the high school office.

Participation in student activities is a privilege. Students who abuse this privilege by not following the guidelines set by the state activities association, the league, the school, the coach, or sponsor may forfeit the right of participation. Students must be in attendance a full day of school to participate in practice or competition. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Activities Director.

Please contact the Athletic Director, in the main office, with any athletic question.

CLUB INFORMATION

Please contact the Activities Director, in the main office, regarding up-to-date club information. Clubs are also listed on the ONHS website under the activities tab.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

**Olathe North High School does not accept any deliveries of flowers, gifts and/or fast food for students.
It is a disruption to instruction in classrooms. Thank you for your anticipated support.**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

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| Main Office | 913-780-7140 |
| Attendance Office | 913-780-7845 |
| Línea en Español de ON | 913-780-7851 |

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