## GALENA HIGH SCHOOL POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORT "GALENA STRONG"

## **Grade-Level Expectations**

## 12th Grade: FINISH STRONG

- The ultimate goal for the 12<sup>th</sup> grade program is for all seniors to FINISH STRONG. In order to achieve this goal, the following strategies will be implemented:
  - All 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be assigned an Advisory classroom that will meet regularly to discuss important issues related to their courses and grades. Lessons will be provided during Advisory focusing on the impact of grades/credits on graduation as well as the reading of high school transcripts.
    - 12<sup>th</sup> grade advisory will pay close attention to deadlines and requirements for scholarship applications and college admissions.
    - All 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be encouraged to complete TWO college visits during the course of their academic year and consult with the counselor upon their return.
  - The school will sponsor or encourage attendance at a local "FAFSA Frenzy" event to help students and parents complete the necessary requirement to file for federal aid for college.
  - All 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in monthly lessons created by teachers that focus on academic and behavioral expectation for Galena High School.
  - o The PBIS "STRONG" Matrix will be posted and implemented in ALL 12<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.
- FINISHING Strong involves all 12<sup>th</sup> grade students developing appropriate academic and behavioral skills. In order to achieve that result, the following strategies will be implemented:
  - O Dual Enrollment opportunities will be provided during the school day to allow students the chance to complete college courses during the high school day. The Galena R-II School District will pay the tuition costs for 1 course per semester per student.
  - Quarterly ACT workshops will be established throughout the school year to provide embedded opportunities for students in preparation for the national ACT test dates. Each workshop will be 2 days (Thursday-Friday) immediately preceding a national test date for the ACT. Curriculum materials have been developed by the Galena R-II School District and will be administered by Galena High School teachers.
- FINISHING Strong involves the creation of a positive learning environment for all 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to thrive at Galena High School. In order to create a positive learning environment for all students the following strategies will be implemented:
  - Teachers will be provided with "STRONG CARDS" at the beginning of each month to identify students that have exemplified the behavior matrix of Galena High School. Those cards will be sent to the office where they will be read and signed by the building principal and mailed to the student's parent/guardian. Teachers will be allotted enough cards to deliver 4 per month. At the end of each quarter, all students receiving a Strong Card will have their name placed in a drawing for a gift card to be awarded at the quarterly Galena STRONG Assembly.
  - Monthly recognition and prizes will be awarded for individuals and grade levels for the following:
    - Perfect attendance (individual recognition/award)
    - Class Attendance (Class recognition/reward)
    - Fewest tardy reports (Class recognition/award)
  - Galena STRONG Behavior Expectations will be posted in all classrooms and in all school settings as a reminder of the school-wide expectations as established by the Galena STRONG team.