

Daleville City Schools

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For more information concerning provisions of Title VI, IX, or 504 programs, contact Julie Sconyers at 598-2456 or 598-4461, ext. 2216.

Foreword

The Daleville High School Handbook should not be considered solely as a rule book regarding disciplinary problems, but rather as an information booklet to help you in all aspects of student life at the school. Any time that a large group of people come together to live and work, it has been necessary that some rules of conduct be formulated to protect the best interest of all concerned. It is in this spirit that this book has been formulated.

Daleville High School

Home of the Warhawks

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! Teachers, administrators, and staff members want this year to be an especially good one for each student. This student handbook is published to help us achieve this goal. The student handbook is designed to be in harmony with School Board policy and the Student Code of Conduct.

We recommend that you and your parents review the entire handbook and keep it as a reference during the school year. If there are any problems about the material contained in this handbook, please contact a teacher, counselor, or a member of administration. Like us on Facebook @DalevilleHS and follow us on Twitter @DHSWarhawks.

Daleville High School has a reputation of academic, artistic, and athletic excellence. This is because of the tremendous effort and hard work of our students, parents, faculty, and staff. Continue to pursue these goals of excellence throughout the school year!

Joshua Robertson, Principal

Ted Folsom, Assistant Principal

Mission Statement

The mission of Daleville High School is to provide our diverse student body with a variety of educational opportunities and successes in a safe environment that will enable them to be confident, self-directed, lifelong learners who are ready to excel in post graduate education or the work force and possess the ability to apply core academic skills to real world situations through collaboration, precision, and punctuality.

Vision

Our vision is that each and every graduate of Daleville High School will become a competent, caring adult who respects diversity in others and is capable of success in college or their chosen career field.

Gifted Children Sought In Dale County

Intellectually gifted children and youth are those who perform at high levels in academic or creative fields when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment. These children and youth require services not ordinarily provided by the regular school program. Children and youth possessing these abilities can be found in all populations, across all economic strata, and in all areas of human endeavor.

Please notify the school counselor, gifted teacher, or special education coordinator if you would like to refer a child to the gifted program. Contact Julie Sconyers, Daleville City Schools, (334) 598-2456 ext 216.

Disabled Youth Offered Services

The special education coordinator of the Daleville City Schools is in the process of identifying all children with disabilities from birth to 21 years of age who are not presently receiving special education services. If you know of any disabled child or youth that is not being served in a school program, please contact Julie Sconyers, Daleville City Schools, (334) 598-2456 ext 2216.

Career Tech Statement

The Daleville High School Career Tech Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

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2019 – 2020 Academic Calendar

August 5, 2019	First Day of School
September 2, 2019	Labor Day
September 11, 2019	Parent Conference (1/2 day)
October 11, 2019	Parent Visitation Day
October 14-15, 2019	Columbus Day & Fall Break
October 16, 2019	Teacher In-service
November 11, 2019	Veteran’s Day
November 25-29, 2019	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 20, 2019 – January 6, 2020	Christmas Holiday
January 6, 2020	Teacher In-service
January 20, 2020	Martin Luther King Day
January 29, 2020	Parent Conference (1/2 day)
February 17, 2020	President’s Day
March 30, 2019 – April 3, 2020	Spring Break
May 21, 2020	Last Day of School

Grade Reporting Periods

Progress Reports	End of Period	Report Cards
September 10, 2019	October 4, 2019	October 9, 2019
November 6, 2019	December 19, 2019	January 8, 2020
January 28, 2020	March 6, 2020	March 11, 2020
April 15, 2020	May 21, 2020	June 2, 2020

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ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

- **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

The Daleville City Board of Education and its employees believe that regular school attendance is necessary for each student to attain his/her maximum level of educational achievement. Regular attendance by students facilitates the development of skills necessary to attain success and function in a positive manner in our current mobile and democratic society. With this in mind, the Board seeks to promote regular school attendance by enforcing the Alabama Compulsory Attendance Law. In compliance with Alabama Law, the prompt and regular attendance of students that exhibit proper conduct is of high priority. Parents/guardians will be held responsible and liable, according to Alabama Law, for the student's non-attendance (State Statue 12-15-102 #4) or improper conduct. According to policy, each student is required to be in attendance in EACH of his/her classes in order to be eligible to receive credit for the academic work completed in each class respectively.

The Board further states, that teachers and other applicable personnel shall maintain accurate daily attendance records in accordance with Alabama Law, State Board of Education polices, State Dept. of Education guidelines, and local Board policy. The Attendance Officer will maintain a record of attendance, which may be used by the principal, or Attendance Officer to enforce the Compulsory School Attendance Law. The following coding system is used for Daleville City Schools:

- **ABSENTEEISM**

A student is considered absent if he/she misses more than 50% of the regularly scheduled class time. Exceptions would consist of but not limited to: Students involved in a school sponsored meeting, or is involved in a school sponsored activity that is taking place off campus for a portion of the class period. Students will not be marked absent for attendance on school-sponsored field trips.

- **ABSENCE CODES**

1X Doctor or Administrative Excuse

*An administrative excuse will need to be secured from the Principal in advance of the absence.

2X Acceptable WRITTEN Parent Excuse

3X UNEXCUSED

4X Suspensions

- **ACCEPTABLE EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Every student MUST supply appropriate school personnel with an acceptable written excuse signed by his/her parent/guardian within three days of returning to school. Failure to do so will result in the absence/absences being marked UNEXCUSED. Absences for the following reasons will be considered excused:

1. Illness
2. Death in the immediate family
3. Inclement Weather, as determined by the Superintendent and/or principal.
4. Legal Reasons
5. Emergency conditions as determined by the Superintendent and/or principal.
6. Prior permission of the principal.
7. Any student with a chronic long-term medical diagnosis that has been documented by a medical doctor must have proper documentation on file with the school nurse in order for the absences related to the condition to be excused. This documentation must be renewed at the START OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR. Any absence beyond 8 per 1 credit class and 4 per 1/2 credit class related to this diagnosis must be accompanied by a current Dr.'s excuse.

This list is not considered an all-inclusive list. Other situations may arise that the principal and/or Superintendent may choose to excuse. Permission should, however, be secured in advance of the absence.

- **ABSENCE REQUEST FORM**

This form must be used when students are checking out of school during the regular school day. It can be found on the school website and in the front office. If a student knows in advance that he/she will need to check-out of school, the student must secure a form from the office of the principal and return it the next day. This form is not a substitute for an official excuse. It is an absence request for students who need to be excused for one or more blocks during the school day. Upon return to school the student must present an excuse for his/her absence to the attendance office.

- **EXCESSIVE ABSENCES**

For purposes of clarification, excessive absences shall be defined as those absences in excess of reasonable and allowable standards listed below:

1. 8 absences per 1 credit class
2. 4 absences per 1/2 credit class

Any absence beyond the limit allowed will require a current doctor's or administrative excuse.

- **TRUANCY GUIDELINES**

The following procedures for handling trancies for children enrolled in school shall be uniformly administered throughout Daleville City Schools. Truancy is defined as: A parent, guardian, or other person having charge of any child officially enrolled in Alabama Public Schools (K-12) shall explain in writing the cause of any and every absence of the child no later than three (3) school days following return to school. A failure to furnish such explanation shall be evidence of the child being truant each day he/she is absent. The child shall also be deemed truant for any absence determined by the principal to be unexcused based upon the State Department of Education's current School Attendance Manual. Seven unexcused absences within a school year constitute a student being truant for the purpose of filing a petition with the Court. The Interagency Committee on Youth Truancy Task Force recommendations known as Early Warning Truancy Prevention Program timeline for reporting truancy shall define the truancy status of any student as follows:

- 1st Unexcused Absence (Warning)
 - The school principal or Attendance Officer shall notify Parent/guardian that the student was truant and the date of the truancy.
 - Parent/guardian shall also be provided with a copy of Alabama's Compulsory Attendance Laws and be advised of the penalties that can be applied and the procedures that shall be followed in the event that other unexcused absences occur.
- 3rd Unexcused Absence (Letter)
 - The Attendance Officer and/or Principal shall contact the parent/guardian by letter and/or phone call to inquire as to the nature of the absence and explain to the parent/guardian the Daleville City Schools Attendance Policy. The Attendance Officer and/or Principal will document the parental contact for future reference.
- 5th Unexcused absence (conference)
 - The parent, guardian, or person having control of the child shall:
 - A. Attend a conference with the Attendance Committee, consisting of Principal, Assistant Principal, Attendance Officer, and Guidance Counselors and/or participate in the early warning program provided by the juvenile courts.
 - B. Attendance at one of these conferences shall be mandatory except where prior arrangements have been made or an emergency exists.
 - C. Failure to appear at the school conference and/or at the early warning program shall result in the filing of a complaint/petition against the parent under Code of Alabama 1975, 16-28-12(c)(failure to cooperate), or truancy against the child, whichever is appropriate.
- 7th Unexcused Absence (court)
 - File complaint against the parent/guardian and/or child within 10 school days.

- Absences that exceed the allowable number will result in the possibility of any one or more of the following:
 - Disciplinary action may be assigned by the school administration in accordance with disciplinary policy.
 - Meeting to determine grade reduction or grade retention. The principal will make the decision in regards to this sanction. The parent/guardian has the right to appeal this decision to the Superintendent.

- **TARDY POLICY**

Tardies to school or to class will not be tolerated, as they decrease the student's mandatory amount of instructional time set forth by the Alabama State Board of Education. Tardies will be considered excused with a valid doctor's excuse or valid written parental note explaining the nature of the tardy. The excuse will need to be presented to school personnel at the time the student is checking in to school. Non-compliance will result in the tardy being coded unexcused. Actions to be taken are as follows.

- Third Tardy: Warning.
- Fourth Tardy: Parental contact with two days after school detention or corporal punishment
- Fifth Tardy: Parental contact with three days after school detention, ISS or corporal punishment
- Sixth Tardy: Referral to Attendance Committee and may result in ISS or suspensions for any subsequent tardy.
- Excessive excused tardies or excessive excused tardies of a questionable nature may result in any one or more of the following sanctions:
 - Parent/guardian will be contacted by the principal or attendance officer to inquire as to the nature of the excessive excused tardies. These contacts will be documented for future reference.
 - Parent/Guardian will be invited, by the principal and/or attendance officer, to a meeting with the attendance committee to explain any extenuating circumstances resulting in excessive tardies.

- **LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DEPARTURES**

All students arriving after 7:39 a.m. or leaving before 3:01 p.m. must sign in/out in the office. All late arrivals must have an admission slip before entering class. Tardies caused by car trouble, rides being late, oversleeping, faulty alarm clocks, or bad weather are UNEXCUSED tardies. Tardiness due to illness or medical or dental appointments that could not be arranged before or after school will be EXCUSED when accompanied by a signed doctor's note. Students missing 50% or more of any class shall be considered absent. Names of students who arrive in class before 50% of the class has elapsed but after they have been reported absent must be reported to the office so a correction can be made.

Students arriving on campus prior to the beginning of morning classes are not to leave campus. Students violating this policy will be charged with truancy.

- **CHECKING OUT OF SCHOOL**

Students must never leave school without first checking out through the high school office. An Absentee Request Form, written parent note, or signed fax is necessary before a student will be allowed to check out. Students arriving at school during the day or returning to school after checking out must check in at the high school office prior to entering class. Failure to sign out will constitute truancy and will be dealt with accordingly.

The administration and faculty discourage students from leaving school during the school day unless absolutely necessary (illness, emergency, etc.). Students should try to schedule appointments which do not conflict with the school day. If it becomes necessary for a student to check out of school, the following procedures must be followed:

- A. Persons checking out the student are to do so through the office. Student will be called from class at that time and not prior to the parent/guardian being in the office.
- B. Students checking themselves out will be required to have written permission from parent or guardian, with telephone number for verification. The notes are to be turned in to the attendance officer. The student will be called from class to sign out at checkout time listed in note.
- C. No student will be allowed to return to school that same day without doctor/dentist excuse or administrative excuse.
- D. Telephone check out requests will not be accepted.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **LOCKERS**

Lockers may be rented for the school year for \$10.00. The school reserves the right to search lockers or other school property without the presence of the student when there is reasonable suspicion. No personal locks are allowed on lockers. Students may not share lockers.

- **CHANGING CLASSES AND MOVING IN THE HALLS**

Certain rules have to be observed when a large number of people are moving in a building. Students are not to run in halls, classrooms, buses, or the cafeteria. Students should walk on the right side of the corridors to facilitate movement. Students who "horse play," make excessive noise, loiter in the halls during change of classes, at break, or lunch are subject to punishment. **Any student in the hall during class hours must carry their student planner signed by a teacher or member of the administration or be considered "out of area."**

- **CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM, (CNP)**

School Breakfast and Lunch Program Guidelines for Grades 7-12. The Daleville City School System provides a nutritious breakfast and lunch each school day for students in grades 7-12. Daleville City Schools also provides nutritious snacks for the after school education programs. The Child Nutrition Staff encourages all students to participate in the breakfast, lunch, and snack programs.

Meal Prices for Students:	Breakfast = \$1.50 full price	\$0.30 reduced price approval
	Lunch = \$2.25 full price	\$0.40 reduced price approval

Meal Prices for Employees:	Breakfast = \$1.75
	Lunch = \$3.00

Meal Prices for Adult Visitors:	Breakfast = \$2.50
	Lunch = \$4.25

Meal Prices for Child Visitor:	Breakfast = \$2.50
	Lunch = \$3.00

Any student may apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits at any time during a school year. New family income guidelines are established each year, and those families meeting income guidelines will be notified as soon as possible of their eligibility. A new family application must be filed each year and on each student regardless of their eligibility during the previous school year.

Daleville City School Services utilizes a computerized cash register system. This allows us to provide better services to the students and parents as well as account for all meals served. Each student is assigned a personal identification number (PIN) on the first day of school or when enrolled in the school. Students will keep the same PIN number as long as they are enrolled in Daleville City Schools. This will be their PIN from grades seven until they graduate. During mealtime students will

key in their PIN on a keypad. The current money balance in the student's meal account will be shown on the register screen. If an account has enough money, the transactions will be processed and the amount of the meal will be deducted from the student's account balance. If there is not a sufficient balance the student will be asked for money.

There is a policy of "No Charging" for grades 7-12. If in an emergency, where a student does not have the funds for a meal, the student is to see the Principal or designated administrator prior to meal service. The CNP cashiers will not accept a check for return change and will not accept any bills larger than \$10.00 for return change. This guideline will insure there will be sufficient funds to operate each serving line each day. Breakfast meals for grades 7-12 are complete meals to include milk. Extra breakfast food items may be purchased for an additional cost. During the lunch serving time the "OFFER VS SERVE" program is followed. A complete, traditional school meal consists of one serving of meat, one serving of bread, two servings of fruit or vegetables (different items), and one serving of milk. A garden salad with milk is also considered as a school meal. With the traditional school meal, a student may choose all five food items or may decide to choose as little as three. The price will be the same whether they choose all five food items or just three. This service gives the student the opportunity to choose what they want to eat. Additional food or drink items may be available for an additional cost in addition to the items being served on the regular daily menu.

Students are reminded that this system will work well if they have their PIN memorized and money to pay for meals and or any extra items each day.

- **CAFETERIA RULES**

1. Each student is responsible to have his or her PIN memorized when he/she reaches the cashier.
2. CNP cashiers will not accept a check for return change.
3. The cashiers will not accept bills larger than \$10.00 for return change.
4. No running in the cafeteria.
5. Never push or attempt to cut ahead in line.
6. Food or drink is not to be taken out of the cafeteria.
7. Cafeteria cleanliness is each student's responsibility.
8. Students are not allowed to charge in the cafeteria.
9. **No food may be taken and eaten from a commercial food establishment during the regular scheduled breakfast or lunch times.**
10. Only students eating breakfast are allowed in the cafeteria before the start of school each morning.

- **TEXTBOOKS**

All textbooks furnished free of charge to pupils shall remain the property of the state or local school system. At the completion of each course of study, or at the instructions of the principal or teacher in charge, such textbooks shall be returned as directed. These books must be used for several years. If a student damages or loses a state-owned textbook, he must pay for a replacement. The parent, guardian, or other person having custody of a child to whom such textbooks are issued shall be held liable for any loss, abuse, or damage in excess of that which would result from normal use of such textbooks. It is the responsibility of the student or his/her parents, guardian, or persons having legal custody of the child to pay for lost, or damaged textbooks before the issuance of a replacement.

Report cards will be held until all fees are paid and textbooks are returned.

- **BOOK BAGS/BACKPACKS/SPORTS BAGS**

Book Bags/Backpacks that are made of a mesh or see through material may be carried throughout the day. Solid material book bags/backpacks/sports bags will not be allowed in the classroom for any reason. Book bags must be kept in lockers during the school day if they are not made of a mesh or see through material. No exceptions will be made for PE or other campus activity.

- **LIBRARY**

The library is open on school days from 7:00 until 3:00. Materials may be checked out for two weeks and may be renewed if necessary. A fine of five cents per school day will be charged for overdue books. Students may come to the library any time they need to check out books, use reference materials, etc., but they must have a pass from their teacher when entering the library. Teachers may reserve the library for class use. The library is a place for study, research, and quiet browsing. Unnecessary noise will be an annoyance to the other students and will not be permitted.

- **EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PROCEDURES**

Fire and severe weather drills will be conducted periodically during the school year. All areas will have an evacuation plan posted. Lockdown drills will also be conducted periodically.

- The following rules should be observed during the fire drills:
 - No talking or playing during drill.
 - Do not take books or other articles from the room.
 - Move quickly, quietly, and carefully from the classrooms to designated outside areas.
- In the case of a tornado drill, the following will apply:
 - Move to designated areas of hallways.
 - Protect the head.
 - Stay away from windows.

- **STUDENT ILLNESS**

Students who become ill during the school day are to report to the school nurse. Contact with a parent or guardian must be made before a student leaves school.

- **MEDICATION**

The regulations governing medication administration at Daleville City Schools are in accordance with those of the Alabama Department of Education and Alabama Board of Nursing.

1. No prescription medications will be given at school without completion of appropriate paperwork (School Medication Prescriber/Parent Authorization form) by a parent/guardian and healthcare provider. This form may be obtained from the school nurse.
2. Approved prescription medications for chronic health conditions may be self-administered by the student (according to the orders of the prescriber) if the parent or legal guardian provides the

School Medication Prescriber / Parent Authorization form completed and signed by both the parent/guardian and prescribing physician with acknowledgement that the school shall incur no liability in regards to any claims that may arise relating to the self-administration of these approved medications. (Act 2007-463, Act 2003-271)

3. Over-the-counter medications taken during the school day must be approved by the school nurse. An authorization form must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian PRIOR to medication being given. Over-the-counter medications are NOT provided by the school. If desired to be given during school hours, these medications must be in a container with the original label and child's name.
4. Asthma inhalers, Epi-Pens, and medications approved for self-administration may be carried on the student's person as indicated on the School Medication Prescriber / Parent Authorization form.
5. ALL prescription medication should be brought to school in a pharmacy-labeled container.
6. Medications to be stored and/or given by school personnel should be turned in to the school nurse or medication assistant to be counted and recorded.
7. Only the school nurse or school personnel who have completed a medication training program will be allowed to give medication.
8. No student is permitted to possess a controlled substance on school property. Prescription medications of this type will be administered by the school nurse or medication assistant and must be brought to the school by a parent/guardian or adult family member.

- **FUND-RAISING**

Any fund-raising project conducted in the name of Daleville High School must be cleared through the principal and the Superintendent before the project begins. No fund raising activities will be approved which infringe upon instructional time. Students will not be allowed to conduct fund-raising activities on campus which are not related to school clubs or organizations.

- **ASSEMBLIES**

Students are expected to conduct themselves properly during assemblies and to show proper courtesy to speakers and guests. Unwarranted acts in assembly such as whistling, booing or stamping feet are out of order. Students are asked to cooperate by:

1. Entering at designated doors.
2. Staying off the basketball court.
3. Sitting in assigned grade sections.
4. Not sitting on the stage or around the walls.
5. Following directions from faculty and staff. Improper conduct at assemblies will result in loss of privilege to attend in the future, as deemed appropriate.

- **CAMPUS LITTERING**

Students are not to litter the campus with soft drink cans, cups, bottles, containers, food wrappings, or food bags. These items are not to be brought on campus in the mornings and will be confiscated when seen. Repeat violations will result in campus clean-up duty.

- **HOMEWORK**

Parents and students should realize that homework is an integral part of the educational experience. It is a reinforcement of the classroom and will affect the final grade. Students will be assigned homework on a regular basis and should make every effort to complete it on time.

- **ARTICLES OF VALUE**

Large sums of money or articles of great value should not be brought to school. This is for the protection of the owners. **The school cannot be responsible for money or valuable items that are brought to school.** If it is necessary for a student to bring a sum of money to school, the office will be glad to cooperate with the student and keep the money until the student needs it. Students are reminded that it is not good practice to keep valuables or money in lockers.

- **ARTICLES NOT PERMITTED AT SCHOOL**

(A) Firearms, explosives, and other lethal weapons are not permitted at school. Items forbidden shall include but will not be limited to the following: knives, razors or razor blades, box openers, firearms, laser pointers, air/co2 pellet guns, etc., explosive devices including fireworks of any description, chains, items which may be used as clubs made of any materials and of any length, and all sharp or pointed objects for use as weapons. Students who bring such articles will be subject to Class II or III disciplinary action.

(B) Students are not to bring radios, I-Pods, Frisbees, skateboards, water pistols, cameras or other such articles of entertainment to school. Students who bring such articles will be subjected to Class II disciplinary action.

(C) Obscene literature will not be allowed at school. Students who bring such objects will be subject to Class II disciplinary action.

(D) Pepper Spray, mace, or other defensive sprays are not allowed in student possession on campus, at school sponsored events, or in buses. (See class III, J.)

- **CONFISCATED ITEMS**

Items confiscated will be returned to the parent/guardian or student by the school board employee. The school board employee will determine when and if items shall be returned to the student.

- **DRUGS AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

The use, possession, or sale of any alcoholic beverage, narcotic, illegal drugs, or other controlled substance or the dispersion of same is expressly prohibited in the Daleville City School System. Persons deemed in violation of this policy on campus or at any school related or school sponsored activity shall be adjudged in accordance with the policies of discipline of students. Possession of prescription drugs in school requires permission from the principal.

- **VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS**

Video surveillance cameras are utilized in the hallways to monitor the school for safety purposes.

School administrators may utilize the video tape for reviewing incidents that require investigation. Video cameras may be utilized on school buses for the same purposes. This equipment may or may not be monitored at any time. No one other than school system employees may view school and bus camera footage.

- **PARENTS AND STUDENTS RIGHT TO PRIVACY**

The Daleville City School System fully recognizes the rights of parents and students in regard to their privacy. The parents of students under 18 years of age have the right to inspect and review the educational records of their children. This regard shall be accorded the students upon reaching the age of 18. Parents and eligible students are entitled to an explanation of these records and will be given a hearing to challenge the accuracy of this information.

Records of attendance and scholastic progress as well as vital statistics and significant health facts will be maintained under the direction of the principal of Daleville High School. Upon high school graduation, the educational records will be destroyed except for the permanent record card containing quarterly averages, attendance, vital statistics, significant health facts, and graduation date. Professional and para-professional personnel in the Daleville City School System having a legitimate educational reason are to have access to these records. No other persons except where specifically authorized by law will have access to these records without the written consent of the parent or eligible student. The only exception to the above requirement is that information which is described in

Section 99.3 of the General Education Provisions Act, Title IV, of Public Law 90-247 as amended.

The principal shall be responsible for reviewing and expurgating of current records and is hereby instructed to review and destroy all existing school records in accordance with Section 99.14 of the General Education Provisions Act, Title IV, of Public Law 9- 247 as amended.

Parents and eligible students visiting to review the education record shall contact the principal with a request for the reviewing. The principal shall honor that request within 45 days of the initial contact. Those parents and/or eligible students desiring to challenge any portion of the educational record will be given a hearing by the principal in closed session within 45 days of the request.

Nothing in this section shall prohibit the school from including appropriate information in the educational record of any student concerning disciplinary action taken against a student for conduct that posed a significant risk to the safety or wellbeing of that student, other students, or members of the school community, or disclosing such information to teachers and school officials, including teachers and school officials in other schools, who have legitimate educational interests in the behavior of the student. Disclosures may be made without prior consent to the entity or persons designated in a federal grand jury subpoena or any other subpoena issued by law.

The School Board may release "directory information" to the general public.

- 1) Directory information includes the following data about a student
 - a) Name;
 - b) Address;
 - c) Telephone number, if listed;

- d) Participation in officially recognized activities and sports;
 - e) Weight and height, if an athletic team member;
 - f) Name of the most recent school or program attended;
 - g) Dates of attendance at schools in the system and degrees and awards received.
- 2) Information described in subsections (1), (A), (D), (E), (F), and (G) herein may be published routinely by the school board in conjunction with press releases about school activities, honor roll announcements, athletic events, and other school related activities.
 - 3) Directory information shall not be published when the student's parent(s)/legal guardian submits written notification to the principal prior to September 1, or within ten (10) school days after the student enrolls. Failure to advise the student's principal shall be deemed a waiver of any right to preclude release of such directory information.

- **HARASSMENT STATEMENT**

The Daleville City School System recognizes the personal rights of their students, faculty, and staff. The system does not condone or tolerate any harassment of any individual. This includes threats (verbal / and non-verbal), sexual harassment, or acts of intimidation of students/faculty by any individual. Failure to comply with the high standards of behavior set by the Daleville City School System could result in serious disciplinary action. In cases of harassment, officials will follow procedures according to those outlined in the code of conduct and/or administrative discretion if deemed necessary.

- **SMOKING / TOBACCO PRODUCTS/PARAPHERNALIA**

Federal Law prohibits the usage or possession of any tobacco products in school buildings, on school grounds, or during school sponsored activities. Students violating this policy will be subject to Class II disciplinary action. Non students violating this policy will be advised of said policy and compliance would be requested.

- **PARKING LOT**

Students who drive a motor vehicle on campus must park in student designated areas only. Students (White Spaces) are not to park in areas reserved for faculty parking (Red), visitor parking (Yellow), superintendent office parking (Yellow), or along the curb immediately in front of the main school building. Your hanging decal must be visible at all times when driving on campus. Parking permits may be purchased in the front office for \$20.00. Student's driver's license and current automotive insurance must be on file in the front office. Student parking is first come, first serve. There are not any reserved parking spots for students. Parking permits are nontransferable and all vehicle information must be updated through the high school office.

Students are reminded that extreme caution must be taken at all times when driving on campus. Speeding and reckless driving will be considered a police matter and tag numbers will be reported to the department for appropriate action. Parking and driving rules are intended for the protection of students' property and safety - violations of these rules will result in the loss of student parking privileges.

Students are not to loiter in the parking lots at any time. Students are not permitted to sit in, on,

around, or about vehicles in school parking lots. When arriving to school in the morning, students are to leave their vehicles immediately and are not to return to their cars during the school day without special administrator permission or unless leaving school. It is also recommended that students keep their vehicles locked. The school is not responsible for valuables taken from or damage done to parked vehicles.

- **VISITORS ON CAMPUS**

All visitors to Daleville High School must check in to the front office. Approved visitors will be issued a pass and will be escorted to the intended location on campus.

Office personnel will not deliver personal messages or belongings except those of an emergency nature as determined by the principal or assistant principal. Students will not be authorized to have guests or visitors in the classroom at any time.

Unauthorized persons on school property are trespassers and will be subject to legal prosecution.

Visits to campus that are social in nature: alumni, former students with babies or children, etc., will be denied until a time that will not interrupt the normal operation of the school.

No sales person will be allowed to visit the teacher's class during instructional time.

All parent/teacher conferences will be held on the teachers' planning period or at 3:00pm.

- **FLOWERS AND GIFTS**

Flowers, balloons, gifts, cards, etc., will not be delivered to students during the school day. Students, parents, or friends desiring to give these items should make arrangements to have them delivered to the home of the student.

- **FIELD TRIP TRANSPORTATION**

The use of personal vehicles on field trips is not allowed without prior permission from the principal and for extenuating circumstances.

- **PREGNANT STUDENTS**

A student who becomes pregnant may remain in school unless her physician certifies that it is unsuitable for her to do so. The student will be responsible for her own health and safety as well as making arrangements for make-up work during her absence for delivery. A student who is physically unable to attend school may apply for home instruction service.

- **CARE OF CLASSROOMS, BUILDINGS, AND GROUNDS**

All students are expected to do their part in keeping Daleville High School clean and attractive. No food or drinks will be allowed in the classroom areas or parking lots during school hours. Please use trash cans! Students may be asked to help clean areas of the school campus.

- **TELEPHONE USE**

The office telephone is for business use only and is not to be used by the students except in cases of emergency. Please inform your child(ren) of after school activities and transportation prior to the beginning of school. Only emergency messages will be delivered to students. Be certain that parents, relatives, and friends understand that messages to students which are not school related will not be delivered.

- **MAKE-UP WORK**

Make-up work and tests missed due to absence will be made up by all students no matter what type of absence; however, make up work is the student's responsibility. If a student misses an announced test or assignment due to an absence from school, the teacher may require the student to make up the test or turn in the assignment upon the students' return to class.

Advance assignments such as book reviews, class reports, research projects, etc. should be turned in prior to the time of the absence, especially when the student knows of the absence in advance.

Students who miss class due to school related activities must make arrangements with their teachers prior to the absence. The teacher may require students to take tests or turn in assignments in advance. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange with teachers the appropriate time in which missed assignments are to be made up upon returning from an absence.

The student will have a one-week time limit on make-up work. Failure to make-up work/tests will result in a zero. Parents will be contacted by the teacher when make-up work is not completed prior to the zero being recorded.

STUDENT REGULATIONS

- **DISCIPLINE**

The maintenance of good order in the school is a necessity; therefore, it shall be the responsibility of teachers and administrators to maintain good discipline and educate students in an orderly manner. Students are expected to conduct themselves properly at all times. Video cameras may be used to monitor student conduct and movement between classes. The school has the prerogative to determine if conduct interferes with educational process and the means in which that conduct can be corrected. Students will be referred to the office of the Assistant Principal at which time every effort will be made to give the student those rights afforded him under due process law. Methods of correction may include, but not be limited to, conferences with school counselors, referral to Department of Youth Services counselors, parents and administrators, detention hall, corporal punishment, suspension, and expulsion.

- **AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION**

The principal or his/her designee has the authority to assign students to a designated area at the end of the regular school day for a reasonable and specified period of time. The parent is responsible for providing transportation in these cases. A reasonable attempt will be made to notify parents prior to the assignment of a student to detention. If the parent is notified on the day of the misbehavior, the student will be assigned that day; if not, the student will be assigned following notification of parent(s). Detention time shall be limited to forty-five (45) minutes per day. After School Detention will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, students will be given a detention notice to notify parents of assignment dates and times. **Following a student's third detention notice each semester, they will no longer be eligible for detention. Other disciplinary measures will be taken, i.e. Corporal Punishment, ISS, or suspension.**

- **SCHOOL BUS SUSPENSION**

The administration has the authority to deny a student the privilege of riding a school bus. This denial, based on the misconduct of the student, will be for a reasonable and specified period of time. The parent(s) will be notified prior to the suspension from the bus.

- **CORPORAL PUNISHMENT**

The Daleville City Board of Education permits reasonable and proper spanking/paddling of students for disciplinary purposes. Corporal punishment will be used under the following guidelines:

1. The student will be given the reasons for the punishment and the opportunity to explain his/her actions.
2. The student's parents or guardians must be contacted and give their verbal approval before corporal punishment is administered.
3. Corporal punishment will be administered by the principal or designated person(s). A witness must be present during administration of punishment.
4. Administration of corporal punishment is prohibited in the presence of other students. A

written report will be prepared for each incident.

- **SUSPENSION**

Suspension is defined as the temporary removal of a student from a school for violation of school rules or regulations. The authority to suspend a student from school rests entirely with the principal or his/her designee. All suspensions shall be for a specified number of days. Students will not be allowed on campus during suspension time. Students may not participate in extracurricular activities during suspensions. Any deviation from said pattern shall require authorization from the superintendent of schools or his designee. Suspension will not be counted as unexcused absences (3X) for attendance purposes. However, suspension will be a violation of unexcused absences for the purpose of exempting finals.

- **IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS)**

ISS will be used in lieu of suspension for severe behaviors and truancy. The purpose of ISS is to provide the student with the opportunity to continue their educational services while they are removed from the general education setting for disciplinary reasons. Students assigned to ISS must report to ISS when they arrive on campus. All further rules and regulations will be disseminated in the ISS classroom. All school rules will be in effect during the ISS assignment. The end of the ISS assignment will be considered 3:01 PM on the last day of the ISS assignment. Students may not participate in extracurricular activities during the duration of their ISS assignment. Additional days added by administration will extend the ban on extracurricular activities. **MISBEHAVIOR IN ISS MAY RESULT IN OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION, WHEN THE STUDENT RETURNS THEY WILL FINISH THEIR TIME IN ISS.**

- **EXPULSION**

Expulsion is defined as the removal of a student from a school for violation of school rules or regulations. The authority to permanently expel a student is retained by the Board of Education who alone can approve such an action.

- **DISCIPLINARY POLICY IN REGARD TO EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS**

Those students who have been identified as exceptional by the Special Education Department will be expected to abide by the rules and regulations of Daleville High School. No exceptional student will be allowed to interfere with the learning environment or to cause physical harm to himself or others. In cases of excessive disciplinary infractions, an attempt will be made to determine whether or not the misbehavior is a manifestation of the identified exceptionality. An I.E.P. committee shall convene and make a recommendation to the Superintendent of Education as to the appropriate disciplinary measures to be implemented. All suspensions shall be for a specified number of days. Any deviation from said pattern shall require authorization from the superintendent of schools or his designee.

- **LEGAL GUIDELINES**

Driver's License/School Attendance/Weapon Possession

Alabama Act 93-368, the Department of Public Safety shall deny a driver's license or learner's license for the operation of a motor vehicle to any person under the age of 19 who does not, at the time of application, present a diploma or other certification of graduation or present documentation that the person: (1) is enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a course leading to a general educational development certificate (GED) from a state approved institution, or has obtained the certificate; (2) is enrolled in a secondary school; (3) is participating in a job training program approved by the State Superintendent of Education; (4) is gainfully and substantially employed; (5) is a parent with the care and custody of a minor or unborn child; (6) has a physician certify that the parents of the person depend on him/her as their sole source of transportation; or (7) is exempt from the requirement due to circumstances beyond his or her control.

The attendance officer shall provide documentation of enrollment status on a form approved by the Department of Education to any student 15 years or older that is properly enrolled. This act also requires that whenever a student 16 years or older withdraws from school, the attendance office shall notify the Department of Public Safety. Withdrawals shall be defined as more than 19 consecutive or 15 total unexcused absences during a single semester.

Whenever the withdrawal from school of the student or the failure of the student to enroll in a course leading to or to obtain a GED or high school diploma, is beyond the control of the student, or is for the purpose of transfer to another school as confirmed in writing by the parent or participating in a job training program approved by the state Superintendent of Education, no notice shall be sent by the proper school official to the Department of Public Safety to suspend the license of the student. If the student is applying for or renewing a driver's license or a learner's license, the attendance officer, upon request, shall provide the student with documentation to present to the Department of Public Safety to exempt the student from this act. The local Superintendent of Education, with the assistance of the attendance officer or other appropriate school official, shall be the sole judge of whether the withdrawal is due to circumstances beyond the control of the person. Suspension or expulsion from school or imprisonment in a jail or penitentiary is not circumstance beyond the control of a person. For more information on this Act you may contact the attendance office.

Alabama Law Act No. 93-672, requires that parents or guardians having legal control or custody of any child enrolled in public school who fail to require the child to regularly attend school or fail to compel the child to properly conduct himself or herself in accordance with a written policy of school behavior adopted by the board of education which may result in the suspension of the student, shall be reported to the superintendent by the principal. The superintendent or his designee shall report suspected violations to the district attorney.

- **IT'S THE LAW! Parental Notification of Civil Liabilities and Criminal Penalties**

The following laws relate to civil liabilities and criminal penalties for violence or other misbehavior by students on school property or against school employees:

Attendance and Conduct (Act 94-782) Each parent/guardian or other person having control or custody of a child required to attend school who fails to require the child to enroll, to regularly attend school, or to compel the child to properly conduct himself/herself as a pupil in accordance with the written policy on school behavior adopted by the local board of education shall be guilty of a misdemeanor (may be fined up to \$100 and may be sentenced to hard labor for up to 90 days).

Teacher Assault (Act 94-794) A person commits the crime of assault in the second degree (Class C felony) if the person assaults with intent to cause serious physical injury to a teacher or to an employee of a public educational institution during or as a result of the performance of his or her duty.

Drug Dealing (Act 94-783) A person who unlawfully sells, furnishes, or gives a controlled substance to a minor may be liable for injury or damage or both suffered by a third person caused by or resulting from the use of the controlled substance by the minor, if the sale, furnishing, or giving of the controlled substance is the proximate cause of the injury or damage.

Drugs, Alcohol, Weapons, Physical Harm, or Threatened Physical Harm (Act 94-784) The school principal shall notify appropriate law enforcement officials when a person violates local board of education policies concerning drugs, alcohol, weapons, physical harm to a person, or threatened physical harm to a person. If any criminal charge is warranted, the principal is authorized to sign the appropriate warrant. If that person is a student, the local school system shall immediately suspend that person from attending regular classes and schedule a hearing within 5 school days.

If a person is found to have violated a local board of education policy concerning drugs, alcohol, weapons, physical harm to a person or threatened physical harm to a person, the person may not be readmitted to the public schools until criminal charges, if any, have been disposed of by appropriate authorities and the person has satisfied all other requirements imposed by the local board of education as a condition for readmission.

Weapons in Schools (Act 94-817) No person shall knowingly with intent to do bodily harm carry or possess a deadly weapon on the premises of a public school. Possession of a deadly weapon with the intent to do bodily harm on the premises of a public school or school bus is a class C felony. (Note: Deadly weapons include but are not limited to hand grenade, explosive or incendiary device; a pistol, rifle, or shotgun; or a switch-blade knife, gravity knife, stiletto, sword, or dagger; or any club, baton, billy, blackjack, bludgeon, or metal knuckles.)

Vandalism (Act 94-819) The parents, guardian, or other person having control of any minor under the age of 18 with whom the minor is living and who have custody of the minor shall be liable for the actual damages sustained to school property, plus the court costs, caused by intentional, willful or malicious act of the minor.

Pistol Possession Driver's License (Act 94-820) Any person over the age of 14 who is convicted of the crime of possession of a pistol on the premises of a public school, or a public school bus, shall be denied issuance of a driver's permit or license to operate a motor vehicle for 180 days from the date the person is eligible and applies for a permit or license. If a person over age 14 possesses a driver's license on the date of conviction; the driver's license will be suspended for 180 days.

Drop-Out/Driver's License (Act 94-820 which amended Act 93-368 as codified in §16-28-40, Code of Alabama 1975) The Department of Public Safety shall deny a driver's license or learner's permit to any person under 19 who is not enrolled or has not received a diploma or certificate of graduation. Exceptions are students who: are enrolled in a GED program, are enrolled in a secondary school, are participating in an approved job training program, are gainfully employed, are a parent of a minor or unborn child, or are the sole source of transportation for the parent.

- **THE GUN-FREE SCHOOLS ACT OF 1994**

P.L. 103-382, Part F, Section 14601

In accordance with applicable federal and state laws, persons who are determined to have brought to school or have in their possession a firearm in a school building, on school grounds, on school buses, or at other school-sponsored functions, shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary actions. For the purpose of this policy, the term "firearm" shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code. When there are violations of the prohibition on firearms being brought to school or the possession of firearms by students, the school principal shall notify the appropriate law enforcement authority which may include City Police, County Sheriff, and the local District Attorney. In addition to notification of law enforcement officials, the school principal shall notify the parent(s) or guardian of students who violate the firearm-free school environment. A substantiated charge against a student shall require the expulsion of that student for a period of twelve calendar months.

- **NOTIFICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES**

Notification of law enforcement authorities means notification of Dale County Juvenile Court Service and/or the Daleville Police Department.

- **STUDENTS EXPELLED FROM OTHER SYSTEMS**

Students in this category must receive the Superintendent's approval prior to registration.

- **BEHAVIOR AT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

All rules pertaining to student behavior shall apply while a student is attending a school-related or school-sponsored activity on or off campus. Misbehavior while in attendance at such activities shall be dealt with as an in-school problem.

Student conduct at assemblies and extra-curricular activities such as athletic events will be closely monitored by the administration and faculty. Misconduct can lead to a student's loss of right to attend such events, as determined by the administration after proper investigation.

- **CELL PHONES and ELECTRONICS**

Purpose: To establish policies regarding student possession and use of cellular phones and other

electronics communication devices at school, at school sponsored events, and on school buses.

Policy: July 1, 2006 was established as the as the effective date of State Legislative Act No. 2006-530. This law allows local boards of education to adopt policies pertaining to the possession and use of electronic communication devices on school property. The provisions adopted by the Daleville City Board of Education that address the issues are listed below.

1. The Daleville City School System prohibits the student use of all electronic communication devices, including cellular phones and pagers/beeper, iPods, cameras, etc. . . . at all during the school during the school day. This is to include using cellular phones to make voice calls, to take photos, and/or to send/receive text messages. Students shall be allowed to possess such electronic devices; however, such devices must be turned off (meaning all functions not operative) when a student arrives on campus and must remain turned off until the end of the school day. Devices are not to be visible during the school day. Exceptions may be granted by the school principal or his/her designee. Students involved in before or after school academic programs shall observe School hour rules during these programs.
2. Students' use of cellular phones/electronic communication devices shall be allowed on school buses on regular routes before and after school provided they are not causing any disruption. Photos may not be taken on the bus utilizing camera phones or other type imaging products due to student confidentiality regulations and safety concerns. Violations on regular bus routes shall be referred by the bus driver to the principal or assistant principal of the school the students attends.
3. Students use of cellular phones/electronic communication devices for field trips, sporting events, extracurricular activities, etc. during school hours or before or after school hours will be at the discretion of the principal and sponsor/coach.
4. Consequences for violations of this policy shall result in disciplinary action being taken. Specific consequences shall be stated in student handbooks provided to students at each school. See Below.
5. The school/school system will not be responsible for the loss, damage, or theft of any electronic device brought to school or a school event.

CONSEQUENCES

1. Use of an electronic device will be treated as a Class I offense and discipline will be administered accordingly.
2. Use of an electronic device for taking pictures or videos will be treated as a Class II offense and discipline will be administered accordingly.

● **DRESS CODE**

The Daleville City School System encourages and expects its students to dress appropriately for school. We believe that part of the educational process includes maintaining a healthy and wholesome appearance. Dress or grooming that distracts from the desired goal of the school system must be changed.

1. None of the following are to be worn in the building: hats, bandanas, caps, do-rags, hoods,

- athletic headbands, and sunglasses covering eyes.
2. See through shirts, plunging necklines, spaghetti straps, razor backs, strapless shirts, one shoulder shirts, open back shirts and clothing showing cleavage is prohibited. Also all shirts must cover midriffs even when arms are raised. All sleeveless shirts must cover the entire width of the shoulder. Boys are not to wear sleeveless shirts of any kind. Blankets may not be carried and used at school.
 3. Young men's shirts that fall below the pockets of their properly worn pants must be tucked into the pants. Pants should be worn properly at the waist. No sagging will be tolerated; undergarments should not be visible at any time.
 4. All shorts, dresses (including sweater dresses worn with leggings) and skorts must be no more than 2 inches above the knee all the way around (this includes the split in skirts). Pants with holes or tears must not show skin more than 2 inches above the knee.
 5. Clothing, tattoos, or other accessories cannot bear any reference to an illegal substance (including alcohol and tobacco), gang affiliation, racial expression, profanity, obscenity, provocative words, vulgarity or sexual connotation.
 6. The carrying and wearing of chains, or chains connected to wallets are prohibited.
 7. Shoes, boots, or sandals must be worn. No bedroom/house shoes.
 8. Hair must be clean, well groomed, should not impair vision, a natural color, and should not cause a distraction in the learning environment. (Administrator Discretion)
 9. Any facial piercings are limited to small studs (organizational rules may supersede this policy and prohibit them).
 10. Pajamas/lounging pants, tights, yoga pants or other skintight clothing is prohibited.

Dress Code violations will be treated as Class I offenses. All violations must be corrected before the student is returned to class. Students that do not correct the violation will be placed in ISS for the remainder of the school day.

● SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

The following regulations for the operation of the buses have been adopted by the Daleville City School System. All school rules as stated in this handbook apply to buses. In addition:

1. All students will be seated while the bus is in operation.
2. Students may be assigned seats by the driver.
3. There will be no smoking on the school bus.
4. Keep heads and arms inside the bus and not out the window.
5. Keep down all unnecessary noise so the driver can concentrate.
6. There will be no eating or drinking on the bus.
7. No weapons are allowed on the bus.
8. Pupils shall leave the bus in an orderly fashion and cross the road only in front of the bus.
9. A pupil who is willfully disobedient, fights, or destroys property while on a school bus may lose transportation privileges and be subject to disciplinary action. Utilization of transportation vehicles is a convenience and is conditional upon good behavior and strict observance of the rules of the Board of Education for pupil transportation.
10. According to NHTSA guidelines, students should be at the bus stop five minutes prior to the pick-up time.
11. Any violation/act which the school administration may deem reasonable to fall

within this category after consideration of extenuating circumstances.

- **BUS CONSEQUENCES**

The safety of every child who is transported by bus to and from school each day is a major priority. If your child's behavior becomes a problem, the bus driver may refer the problem to the principal or assistant principal. Students who cause serious disruption or habitual problems on the bus will be dealt with in an appropriate manner determined by the principal or Assistant Principal. Chronic problems may result in the loss of bus transportation privileges. The consequences stated below are guidelines for minor bus referrals, all disciplinary decisions are at the discretion of the administration.

- 1st Bus Referral-Warning
- 2nd Bus Referral-1 Day Bus Suspension or other action
- 3rd Bus Referral-3 Day Bus Suspension or other action
- 4th Bus Referral-5 Day Bus Suspension or other action
- 5th Bus Referral-A Required Parental conference will determine the continued privilege of bus transportation

Please support us in our efforts to provide for the safety of your children.

- **CLASSIFICATION OF VIOLATIONS**

Violations of the Code are divided into three classes: Class I - Minor, Class II -Major, and Class III - Terminal. Each classification is followed by a disciplinary procedure to be followed by the principal or his/her designee.

In the following classes of violations and disciplinary procedures, it is understood that the student will be provided with due process before any disciplinary action is taken.

CLASS I - Minor Offense

- a. Use of profane or obscene language or gesture toward a student
- b. Non-conformity to dress code
- c. Inappropriate public display of affection (no more than hand holding)
- d. Eating or drinking in unauthorized areas
- e. Littering on school property
- f. Sitting in parked vehicle
- g. Cheating, copying, or plagiarism, defined as any willful attempt to obtain or assist in obtaining answers or information on graded work using unauthorized methods
- h. Disruptive behavior in hallway
- i. Minor disruptions of the classroom setting
- j. Use of electronic devices
- k. Any violation which the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category after consideration of extenuating circumstances.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR CLASS I OFFENSES

- i. First Referral: Warning and parental contact.
- ii. Second Referral: 2 days of afterschool detention or corporal punishment or ISS and parental contact.
- iii. Third Referral: 4 days of afterschool detention or corporal punishment or ISS and Parental contact.
- iv. Any further Class I referrals will result in days of suspension or corporal punishment, or ISS at the discretion of the principal.

CLASS II - Major Offense

- a. Illegal organizations- any attempt to use the school day for activities that are not school related or school sponsored.
- b. Gambling- any participation in games of chance for money and/or other things of value
- c. Defiance of School Board employee's authority, any verbal or non-verbal refusal to comply with a lawful direction or order of a School Board employee.
- d. Inciting a verbal/physical altercation
- e. Fighting - physical altercation with another student. (Automatic 3-day suspension and 5 days ISS, 2 fights will result in a hearing with the superintendent)
- f. Stealing, larceny, petty theft- the intentional unlawful taking or carrying away of property valued at less than \$25 belonging to or in the possession or custody of another. Possession of stolen property with knowledge that it is stolen.
- g. Written or verbal proposition to engage in sexual acts.
- h. Harassment, bullying, intimation or obscene behavior (verbal, written, gesture) toward another person including, but not limited to, physical contact of another student/faulty member.
- i. Possession of obscene and/or pornographic materials
- j. Directing obscene/profane or inappropriate language/gesture to a School Board employee or student
- k. Out of area without permission
- l. Refusal to give name or intentionally giving false information to authorized person. This includes false absence excuses or passes.
- m. Truancy- defined as a student's unexcused absence from a class or from school without the knowledge or consent of the school administration.
- n. Repeated violations of dress code after multiple warnings
- o. Any unauthorized use of school computers including, but not limited to changing computer settings, accessing non approved internet sites, sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures, employing the network for commercial purposes. Also any tampering with computers, smartboards or other electronic devices in classrooms.
- p. Use of electronic devices to take unauthorized pictures or videos.
- q. Any other violation which the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category after consideration of extenuating circumstances.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR CLASS II OFFENSES

***Law enforcement may be notified.**

- i. First Referral: Parental contact and corporal punishment or 1 day suspension or ISS.
- ii. Second Referral: Parental contact and 2 days suspension or ISS.
- iii. Third Referral: Parental contact and 3 days suspension or ISS.
- iv. Any further Class II referrals will result in a hearing with the superintendent.

CLASS III - Serious / Terminal

Alabama Law - Act 94-784

- a. The use, possession, or sale of any narcotics, illegal drugs, other controlled substances or alcoholic beverages on campus or during a school sponsored function or off-campus if the off-campus conduct has a direct and immediate effect on the discipline or general welfare of the school.
- b. Arson - the willful and malicious burning of any part of School Board property.
- c. Disrespect/Defiance of School Board employee's authority.
- d. Robbery - the taking of money or other property which may be the subject of larceny from the person or custody of another by force, violence, assault, or by instilling the fear of same.
- e. Stealing, larceny, grand theft - the intentional unlawful taking and/or carrying away of property valued at \$25 or more belonging to or in the possession or custody of another.
- f. Burglary of school property - entering or remaining in a structure or conveyance with the intent to commit an offense therein during the hours the premises are closed to the public.
- g. Criminal mischief - willful and malicious injury or damages at or in the excess of \$50 to public property or to real or personal property belonging to another.
- h. Possession of firearms - any firearm (including a starter gun) which will, or is designated to, or may be readily converted to expel a projectile.
- i. Unauthorized discharge of a pistol, rifle, shotgun, airgun or any device, or any other weapon, instrument, or object.
- j. Possession of weapon - instrument as defined in AL Act 94-817 (p22 of the handbook) or tear gas gun, knife, chemical weapon or device, or any other instrument or object to be used as a weapon.
- k. Bomb threats - any such communication which has the effect of interrupting the educational environment.
- l. Explosions - possessing, preparing or igniting on School Board property explosives likely to cause bodily injury or property damage.
- m. Sexual acts - acts of a sexual nature including, but not limited to battery, intercourse, attempted rape, or rape.
- n. Aggravated battery - intentionally causing great bodily harm, disability or permanent disfigurement, or the use of a deadly weapon.
- o. Inciting or participating in a major student disorder - leading encouraging or assisting in

major disruptions which result in destruction or damage of private or public property or personal injury to participants or others.

- p. Indecent exposure.
- q. Assaults or threats directed toward a school board employee or students.
- r. Dispensing or applying or threatening to spread a bodily fluid or substance.
- s. Possession of a knife on school campus.
- t. Any other offense which the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR CLASS III OFFENSES

- i. 5 days suspension pending a hearing conducted by the principal with the student and parent or guardian. Possible disciplinary actions may include: Extended ISS assignment, out-of-school suspension for up to ten (10) days, and recommendation for expulsion. Offenses deemed to fall under zero tolerance policy will be dealt with according to the policy.
- ii. Notification of the Superintendent of Education of the incident.
- iii. Appropriate law enforcement officials shall be notified as provided by state law. If any criminal charge is warranted arising from the conduct, the principal is authorized to sign the appropriate warrant.

GUIDANCE INFORMATION

- **GUIDANCE SERVICES**

Guidance services are available to all students. A counselor will be in the guidance office each period and during the day to assist students with educational, vocational, and personal problems. An appointment may be made with a counselor at any time that is suitable for the student to come to the office. Daleville City Schools will utilize counselors from the Department of Youth Services, and appointments may be made through the guidance office. Any student coming to the guidance office during class time must have a pass from the Guidance Counselor.

Information concerning colleges, scholarships, business vocational schools and job opportunities is available in the counselor's office. Students are encouraged to become familiar with these materials as an aid in making decisions about future plans.

Some test data are available in the guidance office for students and parents in order that they may better understand the achievements and ability levels of the student. Also, information concerning tests for college entrance and vocational-technical school entrance is in the guidance office. Students in grades 11 and 12 are urged to consult with the counselor about these tests.

- **WITHDRAWALS FROM HIGH SCHOOL**

Please observe the following steps in withdrawing from Daleville High School:

Ample notice is required to complete withdrawal papers. A 48 hour notice is requested to complete your withdrawal packet.

1. Parents must come to the guidance office to sign the Permission to Withdraw form.
2. The student will secure blank withdrawal forms from the guidance office.
3. Go to each subject teacher for all grades that do not cover a complete grading period and turn in textbook.
4. Clear the library for books and fines.
5. Clear missing textbooks and class fees with the office.
6. Return to guidance office for final signature.
7. Students age 17 and above, who are absent for 10 or more consecutive school days and do not notify the school as to the reason, will be automatically withdrawn on the 11th day.

No student will be able to withdraw legally without following the above procedure. Therefore, no official transcript will be sent to the school in which the student expects to enroll unless these requirements have been met.

- **TRANSFER OF CREDITS**

Daleville High School will accept credits transferred from state or regionally accredited institutions and apply these toward credit totals required for graduation.

- **CRITERIA FOR GRADUATION**

Students must earn credits for graduation. Students may choose between the regular diploma and the advanced diploma. The number of credits required has changed due to the change in schedule and the number of classes offered per year. The requirements are as follows:

Alabama High School Diploma

English - 4 credits

Science - 4 credits (Biology and 1 Physical Science required)

Math - 4 credits (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II equivalent required)

Social Studies – 4 credits (World History, Beg and Mod US History, and Gov't and Econ)

Career Preparedness – 1 credit or approved substitute

Physical Education -1 credit or approved substitute

Health -1/2 credit

Career Tech and/or Foreign Language and/or Arts Education – 3 credits

Electives – 7 ½ credits for the Class of 2019, 6 ½ credits for the Class of 2020, 5 ½ credits for the Class of 2021, and 4 ½ credits for the Class of 2022 and beyond

Advanced Academic Diploma

English - 4 units (Honors/Advanced/or AP English all four years)

Science - 4 units (Biology and 3 of the following: Anatomy, AP Biology, General Chemistry, Advanced Chemistry, or Physics)

Math - 4 units (Geometry, Algebra II/Trigonometry, and Pre-Calculus without any A & B courses taken)

Social Studies - 4 units (Honors/AP all four years)

Career Preparedness – 1 Unit or approved substitute

Physical Education -1 unit or approved substitute

Health -1/2 unit

Career Tech and/or Foreign Language (2 units required) and/or Arts Education – 3 Units

Electives – 7 ½ credits for the Class of 2019, 6 ½ credits for the Class of 2020, 5 ½ credits for the Class of 2021, and 4 ½ credits for the Class of 2022 and beyond

Total Credits for Graduation: 29 for the Class of 2019
 28 for the Class or 2020
 27 for the Class of 2021
 26 for the Class of 2022 and beyond

- **GRADING SYSTEM**

90-100 A
80-89 B
70-79 C
60-69 D
59-0 F

- **PROMOTION AND RETENTION POLICY**

Students will observe the following grade placement guidelines.

- a. Grades 7 and 8 students must successfully pass all required core academic subjects (Math, Science, English, Social Studies) in order to be promoted to the next grade level.
- b. Grade 9 will have been promoted from the eighth grade.
- c. Grade 10 will have successfully completed six (6) total credits.
- d. Grade 11 will have successfully completed thirteen (13) total credits.
- e. Grade 12 will have successfully completed nineteen (19) total credits.

Additional placement and promotion procedures are as follows:

- a. Students must complete prerequisites before taking subsequent courses.
- b. No student will be allowed to participate in graduation exercises unless he/she has completed the required credits, Foreign Exchange students shall be allowed to participate in graduation exercises and receive an appropriate certificate if they have completed their senior year at Daleville High School.
- c. Transfer students moving to Daleville from a school requiring fewer credits for graduation will have their requirements adjusted on the basis of time left in the Daleville High School.

- **Career Tech Department**

The Daleville City School System offers Career and Technical education programs at Daleville High School. These programs are designed to prepare our students to be College and Career Ready and are offered under the guidance of certified instructors. The following is a list of programs being offered during the 2015-2016 school year and the general criteria for admission.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Criteria For Admission</u>
Agriscience	Be able to work in an environment with various machinery, plants, and chemicals
Army JROTC	Be able to function in a military style environment.
Business	Be able to work with various business machinery and soft-ware programs.

All Career and Technical education programs follow the system’s policies of non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, and disability in all programs, services, activities, and employment. In addition, arrangements can be made to ensure that the lack of English language proficiency is not a barrier to admission or participation.

- **PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Parents are encouraged to contact teachers regarding the progress of their child. A conference can be arranged by calling the guidance office (598-4461) ext. 231 or 213 between the hours of 8:00 and 3:15 p.m.; Monday through Friday. Conferences must be arranged during a teacher's planning period or after school.

- **FEE SCHEDULE**

The following fee (in dollars) schedule is established for elective courses:

- i. Agribusiness - 10.00
- ii. Band Fee - 40.00
- iii. Business Education (each class) - 10.00
- iv. Keyboarding - 10.00
- v. Chemistry - 15.00
- vi. Computer Elective Classes - 10.00
- vii. Driver Education - 25.00
- viii. Cosmetology - 25.00
- ix. Human Biology - 15.00
- x. Physics - 15.00
- xi. Anatomy & Physiology - 15.00
- xii. Transcript Fee
 1. Hand Carried - 1.00
 2. Mailed - 3.00

- **FINAL EXAMS**

Students who miss semester exams at their scheduled times must have an excused absence before making up an exam. Students who have been suspended from school during the semester will not be exempt from final exams. Other extenuating circumstances must have written approval from the principal before a student may miss an examination. Students should not schedule routine dental or medical visitations during the exam schedule. Final exam papers become the property of the school as part of the student's legal record and will be kept on file for one year.

Seniors may exempt final exams if they have an A average and no unexcused absences. Days of suspension count against this policy and will prevent exemption from exams. Excuses for absences must be turned in within three days of the absence. **Excuse notes will not be accepted late for the purpose of exempting final exams.**

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY CONCERNING PUPIL PERSONNEL

- **DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS**

- A. Purpose: To establish policy and procedure concerning the disciplining of students in order to ensure and promote a healthy learning environment in the school.
- B. General Policy: The maintenance of good order in the school is a necessity; therefore, it shall be the responsibility of teachers and administrators to maintain good discipline and to educate students in the Daleville City School System in an orderly manner. Punishment for misbehavior or infractions of rules or regulations shall be in compliance with the policies of the Board of Education.
 - 1. Principal shall be ultimately responsible for the discipline of students.
 - 2. Disposition of cases of discipline shall be at the principal's discretion in accordance with Board policies and procedures.
 - 3. Students shall be subject to the disciplinary procedures prescribed by the Board during attendance at school, while on the school grounds or buses, and while attending any school related or school sponsored activity on or off the school campus.
 - 4. A record of all disciplinary action shall be kept on file in the principal's office.

- **SUSPENSION**

- A. Purpose: To establish policy and procedure concerning the disciplining of students in order to ensure and promote a healthy learning environment in the school.
- B. Policy: Suspension shall be used in cases of persistent wrong-doing and severe disciplinary problems. Suspension shall be at the discretion of the principal, or in his/her absence, his/her designee.

The following situations call for automatic suspension:

- i. If the presence of a student interferes with the learning process of others.
- ii. If a student's presence endangers others.
- iii. If a student is guilty of destroying or damaging school property.
- iv. If a student is involved in the use, possession, or sale of any narcotics, illegal drugs, other controlled substances or alcoholic beverages on campus or during a school sponsored function or off-campus if the off-campus conduct has a direct

and immediate effect on the discipline or general welfare of the school.

C. Procedure

1. Suspension for five (5) days or less:
 - a. The principal or designated person shall have the authority to suspend a student from school for a period of time not to exceed five school days.
 - b. The principal or designated person shall give immediate notice to the student of the nature of the offense, the action to be taken, and the right to an administrative hearing.
 - c. A record of the hearing with the student shall be kept on file in the office of the principal.
 - d. A letter describing the action taken and the reason for taking such action shall be mailed to the parents at the address shown in the school records.

2. Suspensions for more than five (5) school days:
 - a. Suspensions for a period of more than five school days must be approved by the superintendent.
 - b. In such cases the principal shall file with the superintendent a copy of all matters pertaining to the offense or offenses making such suspensions necessary.
 - c. The principal shall give written notice to the student and parents by certified mail of their right to a formal hearing before the superintendent of Daleville City Schools.
 - d. At the conclusion of such hearing, and after all facts have been presented and considered, the superintendent shall inform the student and parent of the decision rendered in writing by certified mail.
 - e. Conduct of hearings:
 - i. Notice given in cases of suspension of more than five school days shall state time, date, and place of the hearing and before whom it shall be held.
 - ii. Said notice shall, also, inform the student and parent of their right to:
 - (a) Examine and secure copies of all evidence to be presented.
 - (b) Present evidence and witnesses on behalf of the student.
 - (c) Question and cross-examine witnesses appearing against the student.
 - (d) Have present and be represented by legal counsel.
 - (e) The student affected shall be afforded an open, fair hearing with the right to cross-examine witnesses; contradict evidence; and present witnesses and arguments on his behalf.
 - f. Suspension action shall be in keeping with policy set forth in Discipline.

- **EXPULSION**

- A. Purpose: To establish policy and procedure for the expulsion of students from the Daleville City School System.
- B. Policy: Expulsion of a student must be recommended to the Board by the principal and superintendent. Expulsion of a student is subject to approval by the Board after all evidence pertaining to the case has been reviewed and considered by the Board. The Board's decision in such cases shall be considered final.
- C. Procedure
 1. The principal shall present to the superintendent for his approval a recommendation for expulsion in writing which shall include all supporting evidence relating to the recommendation.
 2. The superintendent shall notify the student and parents in writing by certified mail of their right to a hearing before the Daleville City Board of Education.
 3. Conduct of hearing
 - a. Notice given in cases of expulsion shall state the time, date, and place of the hearing before the Board.
 - b. Said notice shall, also, inform the student and parents of their right to:
 1. Examine and secure copies of all evidence to be presented.
 2. Present evidence and witnesses on behalf of the student.
 3. Question and cross-examine witnesses appearing against the student.
 4. Have present, and be represented by, legal counsel.
 - c. The student affected shall be afforded an open, fair hearing with the right to cross-examine witnesses; contradict evidence; and present witnesses and arguments on his behalf.
 - d. At the conclusion of such hearing, and after all facts have been presented and considered, the superintendent shall inform the student and parents in writing by certified mail of the decision rendered.

- **HONOR DESIGNATIONS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS**

- A. Purpose: To establish a uniform policy concerning selection of valedictorian, salutatorian, and honor student representations.
- B. Policy: The selection of valedictorian(s), salutatorian(s) of the graduating senior class shall be determined by the principal of the high school. This determination shall be made by computing the cumulative grade point averages for all courses taken beginning with the ninth grade through the third nine week grading period of the senior year. For the purpose of determining the grade point average whole numbers shall be computed. Averages shall be rounded up to the next highest whole number beginning with the fraction (.50). The student with the highest weighted grade point average shall be designated valedictorian. After computation of the weighted grade point average, if there are students with averages

above 100, or multiple valedictorians, all students shall be declared valedictorians and there shall be no salutatorian(s) designated.

Those members of the graduating senior class who rank in the top ten (10%) per cent of the senior class or who have accumulated an overall "A" average shall be designated as Honor Students. This ranking shall be weighted cumulative grade point average for all courses taken from the ninth grade through the third nine week grading period of the senior year. For the purpose of determining the grade point average whole numbers shall be computed. Averages shall be rounded up to the next highest whole number beginning with the fraction (.50).

In computing the number to be used as the base number for comprising the top 10%, the month which has the highest 12th grade enrollment during the year shall be used. In order to be named a valedictorian, salutatorian, or honor student, a student must meet all requirements for a diploma set forth by the Alabama State Board of Education and the Daleville City Board of Education.

RANKING OF STUDENTS

- A. **PURPOSE:** To provide the systematic process of ranking students by class using a grade point averaging procedure.
- B. **POLICY:** At the end of each semester, a ranking of students in grades 9-12 by class shall be completed. The Class Ranking shall be accomplished utilizing a weighted average for all courses taken. Final averages for class ranking shall be rounded up to the next highest whole number beginning with the fraction .50. Provision shall be made to provide for the weighting of courses taken by students transferring from an accredited high school. Only transferring courses comparable to the Daleville High School curriculum will be subject to weighting. Requests for weighting of transferring credits are the responsibility of the student and all requests for consideration shall be completed prior to the end of the first nine weeks of the senior year. The principal shall develop a system to determine comparable courses and if transferring courses have been previously weighted by the school transferring the credits. Students with a high school educational record that includes courses below grade level shall not be ranked and the student shall not be eligible for honor designation. For the purpose of ranking students, courses such as office aide and teacher's aide shall not be included in the grade point average.
- C. The following course offerings shall have the indicated points added to the course grade before the average is calculated:

- ADVANCED HONORS - 10.0 points
- HONORS COURSES - 5.0 points
- REGULAR COURSES - 0.0 points

Qualifying Courses:

ADVANCED HONORS

All Advanced Placement Courses
Physics
Calculus
Pre-Calculus
Anatomy and Physiology
Advanced Chemistry (2nd Year)

HONORS

All Advanced/Honors Classes
Algebra II/Trigonometry
Spanish I and II
General Chemistry (1st Year)

REGULAR: All other not previously listed.

● **INTERROGATION AND SEARCH**

- A. The individual rights of the student shall be the primary consideration of school officials in situations involving the questioning and interviewing by outside agencies of students of the Daleville City School System.
- B. The Board authorizes teachers and administrative personnel who have reasonable belief that a student or students are in possession of stolen property, weapons, illegal drugs, or other items harmful to the student or welfare of the student body, to search the person of said student(s).
- C. Desks, lockers, and other equipment may be entered and searched by school officials when there is reasonable belief that a material contained therein is illegal, harmful to the safety of the student or student body as a whole, or disruptive or dangerous to the overall discipline of the school.

● **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

- A. Purpose: To establish policy and procedure for settling possible grievances of professional and non-professional employees or students.
- B. Policy: The Daleville City Board of Education recognizes that harmonious relations with its employees and student body can be maintained and improved through effective communications. The interests of all parties will best be served by sincere efforts of all concerned to promote understanding and cooperation. The Board, therefore, has adopted the following grievance procedure as a means of examining and resolving possible problems of students or personnel which cannot otherwise be solved.
- C. Definition
 - 1. A grievance is a complaint by any member/members of professional staff, the non-professional staff, or the student population. It may not include matters involving the Board's authority to establish educational policy or to determine rules and regulations for the conduct and management of the schools. This grievance procedure does not apply in cases of the non-renewal of contracts of teachers who are on continuing or non-continuing service status.

2. The grievance shall be initiated orally at level one. This is to be done within a reasonable length of time following the complaint. Beyond level one, the grievance shall be presented in writing.
 3. The term "immediate supervisor" is that employee possessing the administrative authority to direct the activities of the grievant. In the case of students and classroom teachers, it shall mean principal.
- D. Procedures: Each level shall be observed in the manner and sequence herein stated. If an emergency situation necessitates an exception to the rule, the grievance shall be expedited under the supervision of the superintendent in as near ordinary manner as may be possible.
1. Informal conference with Supervisor the aggrieved shall call attention to the grievance by discussing the problem with the immediate supervisor. The objective of this conference shall be to resolve the issue informally to the satisfaction of both parties.
 2. Written Appeal to Superintendent if, as a result of the informal proceedings, the matter is not resolved, the grievance shall be set forth in writing by the aggrieved.
 3. Written appeal to Board of Education if the aggrieved is not satisfied with the decision rendered by the superintendent, he may appeal to the Board of Education by setting forth his grievance in writing.
- E. A copy of the Grievance Procedure may be obtained from the Principal, at Daleville High School, as the above is an abbreviated copy for handbook purposes only.

- **FINAL EXAMS FOR SENIORS**

Policy: Seniors will be given only one opportunity on semester and final examinations. Those students having a 90 or above average in a course and no unexcused absence may be exempt from the semester and final exam if they so desire. In any event, examination grades earned by students taking final tests will be the grades used in computing the final average.

- **SCHOOL FEES**

- A. Purpose: To establish policy and procedure for the collection of school fees in Daleville Schools.
- B. Policy: The Board recognizes that parents of students in Daleville Schools desire quality education for their children. In order to maintain high standards and offer varied programs, the Board shall allow certain limited funds to be paid by students. The payment of these fees shall be allowed by the Board under the terms of Legislative Act 129 which was passed by the 1976 State Legislature.

It shall be noted that Section 3-5 (d) of Act 129 states in part.

It is the intent of the legislature that no fees shall be collected in the future in courses required for graduation. In non-required courses, local school boards may set reasonable fees for courses requiring laboratory or shop materials and equipment provided; however,

such fees shall be waived for students who cannot afford to pay the fees.

(Refer to policy Fee Exemption Standards)

C. Procedure

1. The elementary schools shall not require students to pay fees; however, bona fide voluntary contributions may be solicited and collected in grades K-6. The voluntary nature of a solicited contribution must be brought to the attention of the parent to insure that the contribution is knowingly and freely given. In no case shall a student whose family does not make a contribution be pressured, nor shall he be deprived of any materials or supplies furnished to other children.
2. The junior and senior high school (grades 7-12) shall collect certain fees for expendable materials and maintenance charges for elective courses.

● **FEE EXEMPTION STANDARDS**

A. Purpose: To establish policy for exemption of approved fees in order to insure that school programs shall not be discriminatory.

B. Policy: Parents of students in grades 7 through 12 may apply for exemptions from payment of Board approved school fees on the basis of inability to pay. The following standards are to be applied in determining eligibility:

1. Families with income of \$14,079 or less per year shall be eligible for exemption from all fees.
2. Families with three or more students in school and whose income does not exceed 125% poverty level (\$23,803), shall be eligible for fee exemptions.

C. Procedure

- a. Applicants desiring exemptions are to apply in writing through the principal's office.
- b. Applications for exemptions are to include the family income of each student applicant.
- c. Applicants must be willing to answer questions regarding family income and financial circumstances.
- d. Standard forms shall be supplied to individual schools by the Central Office.

● **HOMEWORK POLICY**

A. Purpose: To provide guidelines for the assignment of homework within the Daleville City School System.

B. Policy

- a. Homework should be a meaningful experience.
- b. Homework should be planned and made a part of the learning program of the student.
- c. Homework should be a reinforcement of class work and should be a follow-up of class work. It should provide extra practice for students who need to work on skill

development.

- d. Homework should not be assigned for punishment or "busy work;" it should have a definite purpose.
- e. Teachers should work together so that the student will not be overloaded with homework or have three or more tests in one day. Consideration of the student should be kept in mind.
- f. Time-consuming assignments should be made far enough in advance to give the student ample time to complete them.
- g. The parents should be given a clear understanding of the objectives behind homework as it relates to each course and its requirements.
- h. Each individual teacher shall decide on actual homework assignments whether written or unwritten.

- **CLASS DISRUPTION**

- A. Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to maintain the integrity of the full instructional period.
- B. Policy: It shall be the policy of the Daleville City Board of Education that the integrity of the uninterrupted instructional period be maintained. Therefore, all announcements over the public address system shall be made during the homeroom period except those that are of immediate need or an emergency nature as determined by the designated building level administrator. Office personnel shall not deliver personal messages, personal belongings and/or gift items during the instructional period except those that are of an emergency nature as determined by the designated building level administrator. All non-school personnel/visitors shall report to the building level principal's office when on campus. Students will not be allowed to have visitors in the classroom at any time. Instructional personnel shall not have his/her instructional time and/or planning time interrupted by unauthorized personnel. Visitors of instructional personnel must report to building level administrator for permission to see instructor.

- **FUND RAISING**

- A. Purpose: The purpose of this policy shall be to maintain the integrity of the full 360 minute instructional day.
- B. Policy:
 - 1. School faculty and/or students shall be allowed, on voluntary basis, to engage in fund raising activities which do not infringe on instructional time.
 - 2. All fund raising activities in the Daleville City Schools shall be under the direction and control of the building level principals. Any and all fund raising activities shall be approved in advance by the principal and placed on the activity calendar in the school office. The sponsor or organization must give clearly stated rationale for fund raising activity at the time of the initial request.
 - 3. For purposes of this policy the instructional day shall be from the beginning of the first instructional period until class dismissal at the end of the last instructional period.

- **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION**

- A. Purpose: The Daleville City Board of Education recognizes the value of all extracurricular activities as they relate to the total students. The Daleville City Board of Education also recognizes and supports high academic standards and the necessity of developing a framework to annually assess each student involved in extracurricular activities and his/her class. This Board of Education also recognizes that the Class of 2000 and subsequent classes will be required by State Board of Education resolution and the Alabama Administrative Code to earn a minimum of 24 credits in Grades 9-12, with four (4) credits each in science, mathematics, social studies, and English.
- B. Policy: In accordance with Alabama Administrative Code 290-3-1-02(17), the Daleville City Board of Education prescribes the following regulations for eligibility by students in this school system to participate in all extracurricular activities:
 - 1. Students entering Grades 10-12 must, for the immediately preceding school year, have a passing grade and earn the appropriate number of credits in each of six (6) subjects that total six (6) Carnegie units of credit, including four (4) credits from the four (4) core subjects composed of English, science, social studies, and mathematics.
 - 2. Physical education may count as only one (1) unit per year.
 - 3. No more than two (2) Carnegie units may be made up during summer school. If a unit(s) or subject(s) is repeated in summer school, the higher numerical grade for the unit(s) or subject(s) may be used to compute the composite grade average.
 - 4. A student who is eligible at the start of the academic year remains eligible for the entire academic year. Students deemed ineligible at the beginning of the school year by virtue of having failed to meet the requirements for eligibility in the two most recently completed semesters, including summer school. Eligibility restoration must be determined no later than five (5) school days after the beginning of the succeeding School Athletic Association for sports and rules to be developed by this Board of Education as they pertain to other extracurricular activities.
 - 5. Each eligible student must have a minimum composite numerical average of 70 on the six (6) Carnegie units from the preceding year including summer school. Summer school work passed may substitute for regular school work repeated in computing the 70 average.
 - 6. Each eligible student involved in athletics must meet the definition of a regular student as defined by the Alabama High School Athletic Association.
 - 7. Any student who earns more than four (4) credits in the core curriculum in any given year or who accumulates a total in excess of the required four (4) per year may be exempt from earning the four (4) core courses in the succeeding year as long as that student remains on schedule for graduation with his/her class.
 - 8. Students entering Grades 8 and 9 must, for the immediately preceding school year, have a passing grade in five (5) subjects with a composite numerical average of 70 with all other rules applying the same as to students in grades 7-12.
 - 9. Students promoted to the seventh grade for the first time are eligible.
- C. Extracurricular activities associated with athletics are defined as those recognized and

sanctioned by the Alabama High School Athletic Association, and other extracurricular activities are defined as those that are sanctioned by a public school which are not related to a student's academic requirements or success in a course(s). Regular curricular activities are defined as those that are required for satisfactory course completion. School sponsors are required to submit a request for each curricular activity that occurs outside the regular school day and/or school to the principal, superintendent and the local Board of Education for approval. Each request for full participation by all students, regardless of academic standing, in a curricular activity shall be granted if the principal, superintendent and the local Board of Education approve participation in the activity as an extension of a course(s) requirements) and it is an event sanctioned by a state/national subject matter association. Notwithstanding anything of the contrary in this policy, student participation in extracurricular activities offered by the school through math, science, band, choral music, and other courses at events such as athletic events (pre-game, game, half time, or other breaks), club conventions, parades, amusement park trips and competitions, trips by tour companies, performances at various meetings, etc., are extracurricular, and students academically ineligible under this policy shall not be allowed to participate.

- D. This policy is effective for all students in Grades 7-12 beginning with the 1999-2000 school year with their eligibility determined by grades earned during the 1998-99 school year and 1999 summer school, and shall remain in effect for each succeeding year in the same format as described herein.

INTERNET/NETWORK POLICY

- **STUDENT ACCESS TO NETWORKED INFORMATION RESOURCES**

- A. The Board for the Daleville City School District recognizes as telecommunications and other new technologies shift the ways information may be accessed, communicated, and transferred by members of society, those changes may also alter instruction and student learning. The Board generally supports access by students to electronic information resources, which include the Internet (E-mail WWW, search engines, etc.), along with the development of appropriate skills to analyze and evaluate such resources
- B. Students attending Daleville City Schools (hereinafter referred to as DCS) are encouraged to utilize the computing capability of DCS in pursuit of their educational objectives. DCS strives to keep up-to-date equipment, software and communication capabilities at all schools in the system. Students and their parents or guardian in return for the privilege of using the computing resources, software and communication infrastructure of DCS must agree to this policy. Students and their parents agree that violation of these policies could result in the suspension of their privilege of using the DCS computing resources but will not relieve or waive the responsibility of the students to complete any work assigned by their teachers.
- C. The use of computers at Daleville City Schools is a privilege afforded to our students to enrich their education and prepare them for the technology they will use both in college and the workforce after graduation. Students who abuse this privilege in any way will be barred from using the computers in the future and subject to discipline appropriate for the offense. Disciplinary measures can include the following: ISS, out of school suspension, expulsion, and/or legal charges if in violation of state and federal law. Students are to use the computers only for educational purposes related to their classes. Things they may not use the computers for include, but are not limited to, games, chat rooms, downloading any type of music, movies, videos, etc. E-mail is to be used only when supervised by a teacher for educational activities. Students are not to use the Internet to access any type of pornographic sites, sites containing profanity, or other sites inappropriate for the educational setting.
- D. Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on school computer networks just as they are during any other school activity. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply. The computer network is provided for students to conduct research and to communicate electronically. Access to network services will be provided to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Individual student use of the Internet will be permitted upon submission of the User Agreement and Parent Permission Form signed by the parents of minor students (under 18 years of age) and by the students themselves.
- E. Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards and to exchange messages with people throughout the world. The Board believes the benefits from access to electronic information resources and opportunities for collaboration exceed the disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards their children should follow when using

media and information sources. To that end, the Daleville City School District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for individual access to the computer network.

- F. Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General rules of behavior and communications apply.
- G. The network is provided for students to conduct research and to communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege – not a right. Access entails responsibility.
- H. Each individual user of the district computer network is responsible for his/her behavior and communications over the network. It is presumed that users will comply with district standards and honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the district is not responsible for restricting, monitoring, or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.
- I. The District reserves the right to access stored records in cases where there is reasonable causes to expect wrongdoing or misuse of the system. Courts have ruled that old messages may be subpoenaed and network supervisors may examine communications in order to ascertain compliance with network guidelines for acceptable use.
- J. Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly.

No Student or Staff Personnel Shall:

1. Utilize DCS computing resources except for the purpose of meeting educational requirements of an activity directly assigned as part of classroom work, extra credit activity, or school supported functions, which are supervised and monitored by school personnel.
2. Access, transmit, copy or retransmit material which promotes violence or destruction of property or the manufacture and use of explosive or other destructive devices such as but not limited to; explosives, fireworks, incendiary devices or other devices capable of causing injury or damage to property.
3. Access, transmit copy or retransmit any material judged obscene by community standards as defined by the DCS Board or any entity designated by the DCS Board to provide such definition. Material, including text, lyrics, images, or sound that is pornographic, material designed to stimulate erotic feelings by the description or portrayal of sexual activity, is strictly prohibited.
4. Access, transmit, copy or retransmit material which promotes or advocates violence, hatred, harassment, defamation, cyber-bullying or discrimination against any individual or group on the basis of race, ethnic origin, gender, age, religion, sexual preference or disability is strictly prohibited.
5. Utilize DCS computer resources to purchase, lease, sell or otherwise engage in any form of commerce.

6. Access, transmit, copy, create, possess or retransmit software, executable files, code, scripts, macros or any other material not specifically authorized and installed by DCS.
7. Commit or attempt to commit any willful act involving the use of DCS equipment or network capabilities that disrupt the operation of the DCS network.
8. Access, transmit, copy, create, possess or retransmit software, executable files, code, scripts, macros or any other material commonly known as a computer virus or worm.
9. Access, create, engage in or otherwise participate in role-playing or the playing of games or gaming software, other than as specially authorized by DCS personnel.
10. Willfully or negligently damage DCS equipment or facilities including but not limited to computing equipment, network equipment, printers or other peripheral equipment.
11. The student and parent or guardian agrees to reimburse DCS for the cost of repair to pre-damage status or value of the equipment as determined by DCS including labor at the prevailing local rate for any willful or negligent damage.
12. Copy, retrieve, modify transmit, or retransmit copyrighted materials, except with permission, or as a single copy to reference only.
13. Hacking is prohibited. Use of technology, local area networks, wide area networks, or the Internet to intentionally browse, see information about, obtain copies of, or modify files, passwords, or data belonging to other users is prohibited.

Network Etiquette

1. Be polite. Do not use abusive or otherwise inappropriate language in your communications.
2. Do not reveal addresses of students or colleagues unless approved by those individuals. E-mail addresses are frequently shared and may be used.
3. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by others.
4. All users have the same right to use equipment. Users shall not play games, or use the computer resources for other non-academic activities when other users require the system for academic purposes.

Notification of Blocking, Filtering, and Monitoring of Technology

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or “Internet filters”) shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children’s Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Students and staff of DCS are subject to the provisions of the Alabama Computer Crime Act (1985).

Controversial Material

Users may encounter material that is controversial and which users, parents, teachers or administrators may consider inappropriate or offensive. It is the users' responsibility not to initiate access to such material. Users who voluntarily access such material may be prohibited from using the Internet and/or other disciplinary action.

Violations

- a. Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action
- b. Your signed receipt of the student/parent handbook confirms that you will comply with these procedures.**

● PARENT PERMISSION

Internet & E-mail Permission Form

- A. The Daleville City School District is pleased to offer students access to the district computer network for e-mail and the Internet. To gain access to e-mail and the Internet, all students under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and must sign and return this form to the school. Students 18 and older may sign their own forms.
- B. Access to e-mail and the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases and bulletin boards and to exchange messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some materials accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people.
- C. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe the benefits to students from the information resources and opportunities for collaboration provided by the Internet, exceed any disadvantages. Ultimately, parents and guardians of minor children are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the Daleville City School District supports and respects each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

District Internet & E-mail Rules

- A. Students are responsible for appropriate behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General rules for behavior and communications apply.
- B. The network is provided for students to conduct research and to communicate with others. Access to network services is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. Access is a privilege - not a right. Access entails responsibility.
- C. Each individual user of the district computer network is responsible for his/ her behavior and communications over the network. It is presumed that users will comply with district standards and honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, the district is not responsible for restricting, monitoring or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.
- D. Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the

system responsibly. During school, teachers of younger students will guide them toward appropriate materials. Away from school, families bear the same responsibility for such guidance in the use of electronic information resources that they exercise with other information sources such as television, telephones, movies, and radio regarding potentially offensive material.

E. As outlined in board policy and procedures on students' rights and responsibilities, copies of which are available in school offices, the following are not permitted:

1. Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
2. Using obscene language
3. Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
4. Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
5. Violating copyright laws
6. Using another person's password
7. Trespassing in another person's folders, work, or files
8. Misusing system resources
9. Employing the network for commercial purposes

F. Violations may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.

G. Your signed receipt of the student/parent handbook confirms that you will comply with these procedures.

ANNUAL FERPA NOTICE TO PARENTS

- A. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99), the Daleville City School System is pleased to provide this notice of your rights under FERPA. FERPA is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education.
- B. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."
- C. Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies.
- D. Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.
- E. Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):
 - a. School officials with legitimate educational interest;
 - b. Other schools to which a student is transferring;
 - c. Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
 - d. Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student; Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school; Accrediting organizations;
 - e. To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
 - f. Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
 - g. State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.
- F. Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. The actual means of notification (special letter, inclusion in a PTA bulletin, student handbook, or newspaper article) is left to the discretion of each school.
- G. For additional information, please contact the Superintendent at (334) 598-2456

Health Information

- **New Health Information beginning the 2017-2018 school year, Go To Alabama State Department of Education to learn more:**
 - Children are now allowed to carry and use FDA regulated over the counter **SUNSCREEN** at school, read resolution 2017-278 for more information.
 - Act 2017-19 gives education on the impact of **HEAVY BACKPACKS** and lists some therapeutic measures to help prevent injury including a maximum weight of no more than **10% of the child's bodyweight**.
 - Act 2017-368 requires that school systems provide **INFLUENZA DISEASE/VACCINE** information:

- **Influenza Disease**

What is influenza disease?

- Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by a virus.
- The virus infects the nose, throat, and lungs.
- It can cause mild to severe illness, hospitalization, and even death.

What are the symptoms?

- Anyone can get flu and it strikes suddenly and can last several days.
- Symptoms of flu disease may include:
 - Fever or feeling feverish/chills
 - Cough
 - Sore Throat
 - Runny or stuffy nose
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headaches
 - Fatigue (very tired)
 - Vomiting Diarrhea

How does influenza disease spread?

- Flu is spread by:
 - An infected person's droplets from cough, sneeze or talk enter the mouth, eye or nose.
 - Touching a surface or object with flu virus on it and then touching mouth, eyes or nose.
 - An infected person can infect others 1 day before symptoms start and up to 5 to 7 days after symptoms start.
 - Some people, especially young children and people with weakened immune systems, might be able to infect others for an even longer time.

How do I prevent the flu?

- Get a yearly flu vaccine.
- Wash your hands properly and often.
- Cover your cough and sneeze with arm.
- Clean and sterilize surfaces.
- Stay home if you are sick.

Where can I find more information?

- Ask your doctor.
- Call the Alabama Department of Public Health, Immunization Division, at 1-800-469-4599.
- Go to cdc.gov and type influenza in the SEARCH box.

● Influenza Vaccine

Who should get the influenza (flu) vaccine?

- The flu vaccine is recommended every year for everyone age 6 months or older.

Who should be vaccinated against influenza because they are at increased risk?

- Children 6 months of age through 5 years
- Adults 65 years of age or older
- Pregnant women
- Residents of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People who have medical conditions including the following:
 - - Asthma
 - Chronic Lung Disease
 - Heart Disease
 - Blood Disorders (such as sickle cell disease)
 - Kidney Disorders
 - Liver Disorders
 - Weakened immune systems due to disease or medication (such as HIV/AIDS or cancer)
 - People younger than 19 years of age who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy
 - People with extreme obesity

What are the common vaccine side effects and risks?

- Flu vaccines are safe, but some side effects can occur.
- Minor problems following the flu vaccine include soreness, redness, and/or swelling from the shot, hoarseness, sore, red or itchy eyes, cough, fever, aches, headache, itching, and fatigue.

- More serious problems may include Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) in fewer than 1 or 2 cases per one million people vaccinated, children receiving multiple vaccines slightly increase in fever with seizure.
- People who should not get the flu vaccine include anyone with severe, life threatening allergies, had GBS before, or not feeling well the day of vaccination.

Where can I find more information?

- Ask your doctor.
- Ask you school nurse.
- Call the Alabama Department of Public Health, Immunization Division, at 1-800-469-4599.
- Go to cdc.gov and type influenza in the SEARCH box.

Alabama Department of Public Health Immunization Division, 201 Monroe St, Montgomery, AL 36104

Parent/Student Handbook Signature Sheet 2019-2020

This student guide has been published for you. It is our sincere wish that it will be helpful in giving you information about Daleville High School. If there should be any questions concerning this student guide, please contact the school administrators or staff. We would also like you to list your suggestions for improving this booklet.

This perforated page has been designed to be torn out and returned to the homeroom teacher. It will be filed in the office where it will be used in publishing next year's student guide.

Parent/Guardian:

As the guardian of _____

I have read the student guide and fully understand the regulations and policies of Daleville High School.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Student:

I have read the student guide and fully understand the regulations and policies of Daleville High School.

Student's Signature _____

Please provide the following information.

Student's Name _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____

Current Address _____

Current Phone Number

Current E-mail