WALTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2022-2023 HANDBOOK

FOR

WALNUT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL



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Daily Bell Schedule 2022-23

Period	Begin	End
1 st	7:30	9:05
2 nd	9:10	10:48
3 rd	10:53	1:10
	LUNCH	
1st Lunch	10:48	11:14
2nd Lunch	11:18	11:43
3rd Lunch	11:47	12:12
4th Lunch	12:16	12:41
5th Lunch	12:45	1:10
4 th	1:15	2:40

ROTC SHUTTLE SCHEDULE			
Departs WGHS	Arrives MAHS	Departs MAHS	Arrives WGHS
9:00	9:20	10:33	10:53

Advisement Bell Schedule Thursdays 2022-23

Period	Begin	End
1 st	7:30	8:48
2 nd	8:53	10:12
Advisement	10:17	10:48
3 rd	10:53	1:10
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8:55	9:15	9:55	10:15

COMMUNICATION

It is important that parents provide current phone numbers, email addresses, street addresses, and emergency contact information to be available in Infinite Campus. Families will be contacted about absences using the household phone number provided. Teachers use parent phone numbers and email addresses to communicate information regarding academics, behavior, progress, and attendance. School personnel also send announcements and information via WGHS website (walnutgrovehigh.org), the official Walnut Grove High School Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages.

PARENT, TEACHER, STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)

PTSO is a very active organization in our school. The PTSO provides additional Services to our faculty and staff all during the school year. Membership dues will be assessed each year. Joining the PTSO will enable you to become more actively involved in your child's school. We encourage parents and teachers to join this group. Look for PTSO information on the school webpage. All funds go toward the PTSO Scholarship Program.

MEDIA CENTER

The primary responsibility of the Media Center is to implement, enrich, and support the educational program of the school. The media center provides a wide range of materials that represent varied levels of difficulty, cover a diverse range of subjects, appeal to all students, and present varying viewpoints. The media center provides comprehensive support, Chromebook support, instruction, and materials to all students and staff. Students using the media center are expected to work quietly on school-related assignments. The media center staff has the authority to recommend to an administrator that students who do not conduct themselves properly in the media center will be denied visitation privileges.

PERSONAL ITEMS

The school is **NOT** responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal items. Students are advised to keep their belongings with them, or in their own locker. Students taking classes in the gym will be expected to keep belongings in a locker in the locker room. (See section regarding "prohibited items" in the following pages.)

MEDICATIONS

Students may not carry medications at school unless they have documented permission by the nurse or administrators. If a student must have medications, the parent or guardian must deliver it to the nurse in the front office. Students found carrying medication, prescription or non-prescription, will receive a disciplinary referral.

VISITORS

Students are not allowed to bring visitors to school without prior administrative permission with at least a 24-hour notice. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to make appointments to see teachers, administrators, or counselors, or to visit classrooms. **
NOTE** ALL VISITORS TO THE CAMPUS MUST FIRST CHECK IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE.
Persons found on campus without office permission will be considered in violation and will be asked to leave or face criminal ramifications.

DELIVERIES

Students in Walton County Schools are not allowed to receive deliveries at school from outside vendors or their locations. This includes, but is not limited to: flowers, gifts, and food deliveries.

STUDENTS ON CAMPUS AFTER DISMISSAL

The school is NOT responsible for students on campus before 7:00 a.m. and after dismissal unless they are participating in a teacher-supervised extracurricular school sponsored activity. Any student who is found unsupervised after dismissal will be subject to disciplinary actions. Repeated offenses may result in trespassing charges being filed. All students waiting for a ride need to wait outside of the building in the student pick up area.

CHROMEBOOKS and SCHOOL-ISSUED MATERIALS

Students are expected to care for their books, electronics, and other school property in a manner that will prolong their usefulness. Loss, unusual wear, or destruction of school property will result in the student being charged a replacement fee. It is each student's responsibility to return materials and textbooks to issuing teachers. Students who fail to clear outstanding fines as a result of a failure to return all materials assigned to them will not receive any grade reports or transcripts, and class schedules may be inactivated. In addition, students failing to return all materials may not be able to participate in extracurricular programs. Students who fail to clear all fines will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremonies.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

Forms may be picked up in the front office. While there is no charge for the first certificate, there will be a fee for multiple requests.

TRANSCRIPTS

Requests for transcripts should be submitted through Parchment. From walnutgrovehigh.org, go under the Resources tab and click Registration/Enrollment information. https://www.walton.k12.ga.us/WGHSRegistrar.aspx

COPIES OF STUDENT RECORDS

There will be a fee for copies of student records such as immunization documents, social security cards, birth certificates, etc. Requests for these documents should be submitted to Parchment. From walnutgrovehigh.org, go under the Resources tab and click Registration/Enrollment information. https://www.walton.k12.ga.us/WGHSRegistrar.aspx

WORK PERMITS

Work permits must be initiated by the student and employer through https://dol.georgia.gov/get-youth-work-permit-online. When the student and employee sections are filled out, the student should email their Minor Security Key to Irene.pope@walton.k12.ga.us at least 3 days before the permit is needed. The completed form will be filled out, and students may pick up in the front office.

DEBTS/HOLDS

Students are financially responsible for lost textbooks, library books, school-issued uniforms, cafeteria charges, fund-raising products, club dues, etc. Such debts should be paid immediately. New chrome books or textbooks may not be issued until lost textbooks are paid for or arrangements made for payment. Students who do not pay off their debts will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies. The list of dues is available in the front office.

ADAP Certificates

Any student needing to replace a lost or stolen ADAP Certificates will be charged a \$5.00 processing fee. Please contact your PE teacher or Patty Baker, Receptionist in front office: patrica.baker@walton.k12.ga.us for replacements.

STUDENT PARKING

DRIVING AND PARKING A CAR IS A PRIVILEGE. Students who have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance must purchase parking permits if they wish to park on campus. Students may only park in the designated student parking area. Spaces designated for staff use are for staff use only. Students may not park in these spaces under any circumstances and may be subject to a fine if they do so. Also, the spaces marked "VISITOR" are not for student use.

Parking permits are available for purchase from the school through MyPaymentsPlus. Students who wish to purchase parking permits must fill out an application form complete with parental signature and submit this form with payment. **ONE-DAY parking passes are available at the front office** for \$1.00 per day. If a driver is late to school excessively, his or her parking privileges may be revoked without refund of payment.

After parking their vehicles, students are to leave the vehicles and come into the building. Students are **not** to go to their vehicles during the school day unless approved by an administrator. Reckless driving will not be tolerated, and students who abuse their parking privileges will be subject to disciplinary action and may include:

- Warning stickers applied to windshields of improperly parked cars.
- Police charges
- Fines for repeated infractions.
- Revocation of parking privileges for any period, ranging from 5 days to the rest of the year.
- Students can lose driving privileges if they do not pay their debts or fines in a timely
 manner. Students who leave campus in their vehicles without permission may have
 their parking privileges revoked for the remainder of the semester. Students who
 purchase parking permits in the fall and fail to meet the academic standard of passing
 three out of four may have their permits revoked for the second semester.
- · Students who have more than 10 unexcused absences from school will have their parking privileges revoked without refund of fees.

Students who continue to park on school property after their permit has been revoked will have their vehicles towed at the owner's expense. Vehicles found improperly parked or without parking permit will also be towed at the owner's expense. Any parking violation will result in parking privileges being revoked for the remainder of the semester. To apply for a parking permit go to our website under Resources, called Parking Information, or visit: https://www.walton.k12.ga.us/WGHSparking.aspx Any student whose parking privileges are revoked for any reason will not be entitled to receive a refund of parking fees.

PROPERTY SEARCHES

Cars on campus, school lockers, book bags, personal belongings and students are subject to being searched by school authorities at any time.

OFFICE TELEPHONE

Students may use the office phone in an emergency. Students requesting to use the phones in order to leave early due to illness <u>must first</u> be evaluated by the school nurse.

ATTENDANCE

ABSENCES

Poor attendance is a major cause of a lack of student success in school. Students should strive to attend school every day.

After any absence from school, the student must bring or email to school a written excuse from the parent or guardian. The statement should give the reason, and list the date of absence. The student should present the excuse note to the attendance clerk, Irene.pope@walton.k12.ga.us following the return from an absence. No parent excuse will be accepted after 3 school days following return from an absence. These parent notes are kept on file in the office and are NOT returned to the student. All serious illnesses, doctor's notes, surgery, injuries due to accidents should be brought to the attention of the school nurse. Any diagnosed illness such as strep throat, mononucleosis, flu, conjunctivitis, etc. requires a note from the doctor admitting student to school and should be given to the school nurse when the student returns to school.

It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with teachers to make up all work missed during an absence. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange a time convenient for the teacher to receive any assignments immediately upon their return to school. Review individual course syllabi for detailed procedures for missed work.

Excused Extended Absences Daily Checklist

- ✓ Check student email look for emails from my teachers.
- ✓ Check Schoology to review lessons and assignments from each block.
- ✓ Complete lessons and assignments for each block.
- Check Infinite Campus Do I have any missing assignments? Has my teacher graded something since I've been out that I need to complete?
- ✓ Send my teacher an email if I have any questions or concerns about the lessons, assignments, or grades.

Students who encounter long-term illness may be eligible for the **Hospital Homebound** program and should make an application for this program when they anticipate being absent for 10 or more **consecutive** days. A physician's statement that the student is too ill to attend school for 10 or more days will be required to determine eligibility for the program.

Students who accumulate more than 10 absences in one school year may have their driving privileges revoked without refund of parking fee.

TARDY POLICY

1st**period:** All students must be in class by 7:30 A.M. each day. All students arriving after 7:30 A.M. without an Excused Tardy Slip, will be counted as tardy.

2nd, 3rd, & 4thperiods: All students must be in class when the tardy bell stops ringing.

The following dispositions will be used in dealing with tardiness:

1-3 Unexcused tardies	Warning from teacher
4-6 Unexcused tardies	After-school detention with the teacher.
7 + Unexcused tardies	Students will receive an Administrative Referral assigning student to ISS, OSS, Administrative Probation, and/or loss of Parking Privileges. Excessive lateness is considered a chronic problem.

Checking-In

- 1. Students must sign in with the front office staff.
- 2. Tardiness will only be excused with a note from a parent or doctor.
- 3. If a student signs in after **8:00** for 1stperiod the tardy will be counted as an unexcused absence unless they have a doctor's note for a doctor's appointment or a parent's note for an illness.

Checking-Out

To check out of school early, a handwritten note signed by the parent or legal guardian must be put in the Attendance Box (located in the front hallway outside the office) **before 7:30 AM for verification**. Please do not send emails or faxes for student check-out. For security purposes, the handwritten note must contain the following information:

- 1. Student's full name, student number, and date of early check-out
- 2. Exact reason for checking out
- 3. Phone number at which parent or guardian can be reached during the morning. If the parent cannot be reached by phone, the student will not be permitted to leave.
- 4. Any student checking out early must sign out at the front reception desk after providing the receptionist with an approved check-out slip from the attendance clerk.

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IF A STUDENT LEAVES CAMPUS WITHOUT PROPERLY SIGNING OUT, A DISCIPLINARY REFERRAL FOR LEAVING CAMPUS WITHOUT PERMISSION WILL BE THE RESULT.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS: Parents must show picture identification when signing students out of school early. Emails and faxes for student check-outs are NOT accepted. This is for security purposes in an effort to keep students safe.

Honor Code ACADEMICS

WCPS recognizes honesty and integrity as being necessary to the academic function of the school. The following regulations are in place in the interest of protecting the fairness and validity of our schools, grades, and to help students in developing standards and attitudes that are appropriate to our society. We expect all students to abide by this code:

- 1. No student should give or receive help on an essay, lab report, test, or other assignment included in any class offered by the school without permission from the teacher and/or administrator.
- No student should take or share any materials pertaining to the day-to-day conducting of a class, including, but not limited to, tests, lab equipment, roll books and teachers' edition textbooks without permission from the teacher and/or administrator.
- 3. No student shall take, sell, give, or lend any material that contains the questions or answers to any quizzes or tests in any class offered by the high school without the permission of the teacher and/or administrator.
- 4. Plagiarism is prohibited. Essays, term papers, tests, and other similar requirements must be the work of the student submitting them. When direct quotations are used, they must be correctly acknowledged using the defined citation style of the class. Students should never "cut and paste" from any internet source to submit for a class grade.
- 5. Failure of any student to abide by the principles set forth in this Honor Code will be subject to disciplinary action, and receive no credit for the assignment.

Exam Exemption Policy

- 9th/10th Grade May exempt <u>ELECTIVE COURSES</u> only-if they meet the following criteria:
 - O Grade is 85 to 89 with 3, or less, absences (includes excused and/or unexcused absences for that class)
 - Grade is 90, or higher, with 5, or less, absences (includes excused and/or unexcused absences for that class)
- 11th/12th Grade May exempt their exams if they meet the following criteria:
 - O Grade is 85 to 89 with 3, or less, absences (includes excused and/or unexcused absences for that class)
 - Grade is 90, or higher, with 5, or less, absences (includes excused and/or unexcused absences for that class)

^{*}Students who are enrolled in an EOC, should not be given a final exam for that class.

Credits needed to Graduate from WGHS	28 credits	
Science	4 credits: Biology, Chemistry (or Environmental Science), Physics, and a 4 th Science	
Math	4 credits: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and a 4 th Math	
Social Studies	4 credits: World History, US History, Government, Economics	
English	4 credits: 9 [™] Grade Literature, American Literature, and 2 more English Language Arts courses	
Personal Fitness and Health	1 credit	
CTAE, World Language, Fine Arts, ROTC	4 credits: CTAE/ROTC: Students may earn 3 units of credit in a coherent sequence of CTAE course pathway. World Language: All students are encouraged to earn two units of credit in the same World Language. Students planning to enter a University System of Georgia post-secondary institution must take two units of the same language for admission. Note: Technical College System of Georgia institutions do NOT require World Language for admissions. Fine Arts: Electives may be selected from courses in fine arts.	
Electives	7 credits	

GEORGIA END-OF-COURSE MILESTONES TESTS

EOCs will be given in Biology, Algebra 1, US History and American Literature.

PSAT TEST and NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

The PSAT/NMSQT assesses reading, math, and writing skills; provides excellent practice for the SAT; and connects students to scholarships and personalized online tools. The administration of the PSAT to all 10th graders in October gives them the opportunity to get in valuable practice and item-by-item feedback, as preparation for taking the SAT. The 10th grade PSAT administration is well-timed, since most of our students will be taking the SAT for the first time during their 11th grade year. Students in 11th grade may be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship program and other programs that use PSAT scores.

The National Merit program recognizes 11th grade students who score at the highest level, so 11th graders who take the PSAT and score exceptionally high on the test may be invited, as semi-finalists, to compete at the highest level for National Merit scholarships. Students will have to score in at least the 97th percentile, compared to 11th grade students across the country, to be selected as a semi-finalist, so that is a much more exclusive number than the top 3% of students in our school, county, or even state. Being such an exclusive group, students recognized through the National Merit Scholarship Program are to be commended.

EARNING A DIPLOMA/GRADUATION POLICY

All students must meet graduation requirements to receive a diploma. Only those students who qualify to receive a diploma will be allowed to participate in the Graduation Ceremony. Students who do not meet current requirements may participate in the following school year's ceremonies if they have met the requirements by that time.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

In order to participate in the Commencement exercises, each graduate MUST participate in all graduation rehearsals. **NO EXCEPTIONS** will be made. The principal will make the decision to dismiss seniors at the end of rehearsal. **Seniors** will not be allowed to participate in the commencement ceremony if they have not met all graduation requirements.

GRADE REPORTS

Parents have access to view grades and attendance at any time by logging-in to Infinite Campus online. Report cards may be printed at the student or parent's request. The semester grade is recorded on the student's permanent record which is kept in the office and used to compute the student's grade point average, and to determine eligibility status under Georgia High School Athletic Association guidelines.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Changes will be considered for the following situations:

- 1. Classes on the schedule have already been taken and passed (including summer session).
- 2. Prerequisites for class scheduled have not been met.
- 3. A change in study that reflects an increase in academic rigor is recommended.
- 4. A student is unable to meet the requirements of a class due to health limitations

ADVISEMENT

The Advisement Program is a program that is used to enhance the high school experience. Each student will be assigned a faculty adviser who will, along with the guidance counselors and classroom teachers, assist the student in making decisions about course of study, post-secondary considerations, career choice and monitoring academic achievement. Advisement is designed to engage in grade-specific activities that are designed to make high school meaningful outside of the academic realm.

DISCIPLINE PROGRAMS

AFTER-SCHOOL DETENTION:

After-school detention is a study hall assigned by a teacher or administrator for Level I offenses. Non-attendance for an after-school detention will result in an Administrative Referral. Disciplinary action can include ISS, OSS, or other measures determined appropriate by the administrator.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS):

The In-School Suspension Program (ISS) is a discipline approach that utilizes the removal of a student from the regular school setting to a supervised setting away from the mainstream of regular school routines for disruption to the learning environment. ISS is assigned for misconduct for up to ten days. A student's behavior in ISS determines if additional days must be served beyond the original assignment, or if the student must be suspended Out-of-School (OSS). Students and parents must understand that ISS is an alternative to OSS and that repeated referrals to ISS are an indication that a student's inappropriate behaviors are not being corrected. Misbehavior in ISS may result in OSS.

Students are counted present for the time they attend ISS, and they receive assignments from each of their teachers that, as closely as possible, reflect what other students are doing in regular classes. The ISS teacher will also have materials for remediation, or enrichment, that can be used when low achievement is contributing to students' behavioral or adjustment problems. In the event that certain assignments or tests are not suitable to be given in ISS, the student will be afforded the opportunity to complete these under the supervision of the classroom teacher. Students must properly complete all assignments provided by the teachers and, if applicable, additional assignments given by the ISS teacher, and serve all assigned days before they may return to regular classes. Any time missed from ISS due to absence, checking out, arriving late, etc., must be made up before a student is released back to regular classes.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (OSS):

Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) is a discipline approach that utilizes the removal of a student from all classes and activities of the school. Students under OSS are not to be on campus for any reason unless they are accompanied by a parent/guardian and report to the office. Students under OSS who come on campus without the express permission of the administration will be referred to local law enforcement officials as trespassers. Students under OSS are not allowed to attend any WCPS extracurricular activities.

PROHIBITED ITEMS (See WCSD Code of Conduct for more details)

A. The following items are expressly forbidden at all times and will be confiscated immediately with possible legal action taken against the person(s) found to be in possession:

- 1. Firearms of any kind (including ammunition)
- 2. Knives, box cutters, razor blades, or other sharp objects
- 3. Fireworks or explosives
- 4. Drugs, alcohol, dab pens, or other controlled substances
- 5. Tobacco products, vapor pens, electronic smoking mechanisms, or other Paraphernalia associated with those items
- 6. Lighters, matches, smoking paraphernalia
- 7. Obscene items, books, magazines, pictures, etc.
- 8. Water pistols or water balloons
- 9. Skateboards
- 10. Animals/pets (unless approved by administration for specific classes)
- 11. Gang-related objects, symbols, drawings, clothing, etc.
- 12. Laser Pointers
- 13. Computer "hacking" software
- 14. Pepper spray, mace, tasers, or other weapons
- B. Students are to notify school staff immediately when prohibited items are found in the school or on the school grounds. Students are advised not to handle these items.
- C. Any prohibited item that is confiscated from a student will be returned to the parent unless the item is turned over to local law enforcement in accordance with state and local mandates.
- D. Students are not allowed to sell any items, food or non-food, at school during the school day without prior approval of an administrator.
- E. Students are advised that the administration has the legal authority to conduct a search of students, their lockers, their possessions, and their automobiles when on school grounds. The administration is required to have only a "reasonable suspicion" to conduct such searches. Students failing to comply with school officials in conducting such searches will be turned over to law enforcement authorities.
- F. Students are advised that any adult employee of the Walton County School System, including bus drivers, paraprofessionals, school secretaries, substitute teachers, as well as regular teachers and administrators, has the right to give reasonable instructions to students and expect these instructions to be carried out. Failure to carry out reasonable instructions will result in advanced disciplinary action.
- G. In a continuing effort to maintain drug-free schools, school officials will work cooperatively with local police in soliciting and allowing K-9 units to search vehicles and/or lockers. This may happen at any time, and without faculty/staff notice.

USE OF ELECTRONICS

Cell phones should not be visible during class time unless it is for an educational purpose dictated by the teacher. Students should not leave the classroom with their cellphones, and must be left in their bookbags. Earbuds **should not be powered on, or visible, during instructional time**. Teachers will dictate when electronics and communication devices may be used in the classroom by using the green/red card system. Although students will have school issued ChromeBooks, teachers have the authority to prohibit the use of any electronics at any time during class time. Students who disregard the teachers' instructions will receive a discipline referral that will most likely lead to In-School Suspension. Students are expected to turn off all electronic devices during assemblies, and when interacting with teachers and administrators. The use of cell phones, smartphones, earbuds, IPad, PDAs, or unapproved electronic devices during testing will result in disciplinary action. If the use of such instruments causes an irregularity during standardized testing, a disciplinary hearing may ensue.

DRESS CODE

Walton County Board of Education Policy JCDB states students are to dress in a manner that is reasonable and not distracting to other students and teachers. Any attire of an extreme nature will not be tolerated. Each school principal or designee will make final decisions regarding student dress in his or her school. Administrators reserve the right to amend the following dress code at any time during the school year if deemed necessary. Students who are not in compliance with the dress code may be sent to ISS for the remainder of the school day, or they may be sent home.

- 1. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times.
- 2. Fingertip Rule:
 - * All dress, shorts, and skirt lengths will be **no shorter** than the end of the longest finger when standing with hands at sides
 - * No holes, slits, rips, or tears in clothing shall expose skin above the end of the longest fingertip when standing with hands at sides
- 3. Skirts, pants, shorts, shirts, and blouses:
 - must be worn in a way that covers undergarments.
 - No exposed undergarments are allowed.
 - No part of the midriff shall be visible.
 - No sleeveless shirts shall be worn. No tank tops shall be worn.
 - No sheer or "see through" clothing shall be worn without a shirt worn underneath.
- 4. No hats, hoods, visors, or full-face masks may be worn unless approved by Administration. Jacket hoods should never be worn, even on Spirit days.
- 5. No personal items including but not limited to: book bag/backpack, notebook, purse, locker, or vehicle shall contain or display the following:
 - Suggestive or explicit language, graphics, symbols, or slogans.
 - Profane language, graphics, symbols, or slogans.
 - Any references (language, graphics, symbols, or slogans) to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, or gangs.

- Any language, graphics, symbols, or slogans that are not in keeping with the values of the community, or that administration deems will cause school disruption.
- 6. All students taking Physical Education classes must abide by the dress code as outlined above.
- 7. No flags or blankets should be worn at school unless approved by Administration.
- 8. Hoodies may be worn, but the hood may not be worn while at school.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION GUIDE

INSURANCE POLICY

Each student must be covered by either the school approved insurance policy or by a family policy. Proof must be provided that the student is covered by insurance. The proof must be provided for each sport.

PHYSICAL

All students/athletes must have a current physical on file. Physicals are valid for the entire school year if taken after April 1 of the preceding year. Physicals must be on a Georgia High School Association (GHSA) approved form, and performed by a medical doctor.

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be declared eligible and names submitted to GHSA for each particular sport prior to beginning pre-season practice or tryouts. Students must meet all State and Local requirements for participation.

PARTICIPATION

A student athlete may not quit one sport and be eligible to play another sport during the same season unless there is mutual consent between the coaches of the two sports, and/or approved by the Athletic Director and/or the Principal.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

Students are not allowed to participate in any athletic activity (other than practice) while serving In-School Suspension. For example, if a student is serving In-School Suspension on Monday and Tuesday, they cannot compete until Tuesday after school when the ISS penalty has been satisfied. The student may practice while in ISS.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION, ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

No student may participate in any athletic activity while under terms of OSS, or attending alternative school. If a student is suspended from school Monday and Tuesday, that student cannot participate in any way until Wednesday. During their OSS, students may **not** attend **ANY** event on any Walton County Schools campus.