



# **Waterford Durant High School**

## **Student and Parent General Information**

### **2019-2020 School Year**

***Our school goal: 100% passing all classes and 100% graduation.***

***Our motto: "Some wish for it; we work for it."***

#### **Attendance Policy and Absences**

Regular attendance is critical to success at all schools, but it is even more important at Durant. With only 10 weeks in a term, each day missed is like missing two days at another high school. Your regular attendance is extremely important to passing your classes. Students with excessive absences may be removed from our program. Please be sure to notify our attendance office when you are going to be absent.

#### **Blackboard Connect**

Weekly communication with parents and students about what is going on at Durant is an important part of our success at Durant. Through Blackboard Connect, you'll be getting information about our school's academic progress, important upcoming events at Durant (Mott and Kettering too), and other general information. In order to insure you get this information, it is critical that we have an updated email and phone contact information.

#### **Book Deposits**

The Waterford School District is no longer requiring book deposits. If you paid this fee in the past to Kettering or Mott, and do not owe for lost or damaged books, fines etc. the District will refund your deposit. To obtain your refund, please see the Bookkeeper at the school where you paid your deposit.

#### **Cafeteria and Meals**

Like all high schools in Waterford, our school is a closed campus. Students are not allowed to leave campus for lunch. If you need to bring a lunch to your student, please do so only during your student's lunch period. If you are unsure about that time, please contact our office and we can check for you. We do not want to disturb your student's class unless absolutely necessary, so please check your student's lunch schedule.

#### **Meal Prices**

Breakfast	\$1.50	Lunch	\$2.75
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### **Closed Campus**

Our school operates a closed campus. Students are not allowed to leave campus during the school day. Students who leave the building without permission will be considered truant. Students are not allowed in the outside areas around the building or in the parking lots during the school day without permission.

### **Dress Code**

Dressing for school means not distracting others with your outfit or dressing in an indecent manner. Students must dress in a manner that is not detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of others. While it is difficult to list all items of clothing that are acceptable and not, please use the following guidelines in making your school clothing decisions:

- Tops that reveal undergarments, the abdomen, or cleavage may not be worn to school.
- Jeans and shorts with tears and holes that reveal excessive amounts of skin are not allowed.
- Skirts and shorts must be at least fingertip length.
- Pants must be worn at the waistline and may not reveal undergarments.
- Hats and outerwear are not permitted during the school day. Bandanas are also not permitted. Hoodies are fine, but students must leave the hood down during the school day.
- Any clothing that depicts images or words that reference alcohol, drugs, tobacco, violence, or sexuality are not permitted.

### **Directory Information**

Federal regulations allow school districts to publish information about students without securing parental authorization with advanced notice. Such information is designated “directory information.” In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, the Waterford School District has designated the following information as “directory information:” student’s name, parents’ name, student’s address, student’s phone number, date and place of birth, participation, including photograph and image on film, in officially recognized school activities and sports, information generally found in yearbooks, achievement awards or honors, honor roll members, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, and most recent previous school attendance.

Parents, or students 18 years or older, who wish to withhold this information, must make a written request to the Superintendent’s Office, 501 N. Cass Lake Road, Waterford, MI, 48328. If you request exclusion your student’s name will not appear on honor rolls, yearbooks, athletic rosters, fine art programs, newsletters, website, newspapers, publications, and news releases.

### **Electronic Communication**

A student may possess a cell phone or other electronic communication devices (ECD) in school, on school property, at after school activities, and at school-related functions. Possession of a cell phone or ECD is a privilege, which may be forfeited if the student does not abide by the school district policy or misuses the privilege. Cell phones must be turned off and stored away and out of sight during class time and when directed to do so by school staff. The unauthorized use of cell phones to communicate or access information during classes or testing is prohibited. Any unauthorized use of a cell phone is subject to disciplinary action. The use of ECD’s in locker rooms is prohibited. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action against the student which may result in confiscation of the device. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen ECD’s.

### **Homework Requests**

If you have to be absent, please know it is the responsibility of the student to request missed school work from the teacher. If a student is absent for three or more consecutive days, the student, parent, or guardian may call the main office at (248)674-3145 to request homework. Requested homework may be picked up in the office after 2:30 p.m. on the day following the request.

### **Immunizations**

The immunization status of all new and returning students is assessed each September. *Students who do not have current immunizations will not be allowed to attend classes.* State law requires a second measles, mumps, and rubella shot (MMR), tetanus (TD) shot within the last ten years, and the Hepatitis B series. Immunizations can be obtained free of charge at the Oakland County Health Department, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, (248) 858-1280. Immunizations are also available at our Teen Health Center (248) 674-4876. Our Nurse Practitioner is Nicole Blair.

### **Locker Assignments**

All student lockers are the property of the WSD and may be inspected at anytime. A locker number and combination will be listed on the student's schedule. Students are assigned lockers for outdoor clothing, books, and supplies. Money and other valuable items are not to be left in lockers. The security of stored items can only be possible if lockers are properly closed, locked, and the combination kept confidential. Students should only use their locker and NOT share lockers with anyone else. Students who are careless, misuse, or destroy lockers will be assessed a fine. All materials left in the lockers at the end of the last day of school will be discarded.

### **Medication during the School Day**

Students who are required to take medication during the school day must complete the enclosed medical form and return it at registration on the first day of school. ***Doctor and parent signatures are required.***

### **Phone Messages**

In accordance with school policy, we only deliver phone messages when it is a family emergency and the phone call is from a parent or guardian. In an emergency, please call **248-674-3145**.

### **Selective Service**

Men turning 18, or ages 18-25, are required by law to register with the Selective Service System. Students may register in the counseling office, or through the Selective Service at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov). An on-line registration will provide a Selective Service Number immediately to put on job applications, federal financial aid forms, etc. An electronic printout containing the number may be obtained. Proof will also be mailed without any further action. Registration is a requirement for Federal Student Loans, job training benefits, and Federal employment. Registering with Selective Service is the law. Failure to register is a felony, punishable by monetary fines and/or five years in jail.

### **Thursday Seminar**

Seminar is scheduled and required school time for students to receive additional help and redo assignments to earn passing grades. **Students must plan to be in attendance every Thursday afternoon.**

Students who are passing all of their classes with a C or better and have no missing assignments or tests *may be* given the privilege to leave. If a student is not released by every teacher, it is because he/she needs extra help or has not turned in all of the assignments. ***This privilege is granted on a week to week basis.*** Students who are not passing classes and who are consistently absent on Thursdays will have their seminar privilege revoked for the remainder of the school year. Please see the Thursday Seminar handout in this packet for additional information.

### **Vehicle Registration and Parking**

Students must show their driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance in order to obtain a parking permit. There is no cost. The parking stickers are available before school and during lunch and must be displayed on the vehicle registered by the student on the lower left hand side of the windshield. Students who park in areas not designated for student parking will receive a ticket from the police department. The school is not responsible for theft or damage to vehicles.

