

PLEASE SIGN THE REVERSE SIDE & RETURN TO SCHOOL

August 25, 2022

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

I have read and reviewed the New Lothrop Jr./Sr. High Student Handbook and agree to the rules and policies. In particular, the following:

1. Attendance Policy:

- There are **no** excused or unexcused absences. Absences that count towards the attendance policy include: illness, vacation, hunting, appointments, funerals, etc. Students are required to verify absences with a doctor note or parent phone call.
- To receive credit for a semester class, students must not be absent for more than 8 days in a given class. Up to six full detention days will be scheduled so that students can make up days when they have gone over 8 days. These days will be held on Saturdays. Therefore, the maximum number of days a student may be absent is 14 (with up to 6 makeup days).
- On the 15th absence in any class, if the student has a passing grade, the student may request, in writing, to take the final exam in that class. In accordance with the Michigan Merit Curriculum Law 380.1279(b), students who pass the final exam with a score of 78% or higher will be given credit in the class. The final grade for the class will be 'CR.'
- On the 15th absence in any class, if the student is not passing the class, the student will not receive credit in the class. A grade of 'F' will be recorded for the class.
- Students who are absent due to extended illness, hospitalization or other extenuating circumstances may appeal the attendance policy with his/her parent/guardian. Appeals of the attendance policy will not be granted if part or all of the student's absences are vacation related. Parent/Guardian must provide medical, court or other documentation to the high school office before the principal will consider the appeal. Appeals must be made in writing within (7) days of receiving the attendance letter.

2. Electronic Device Policy:

- Cell phones will not be allowed in the classroom during the school day and may only be accessible during hall passing and lunch periods in the cafeteria. If a cell phone is brought to class, students will be required to "check their cell phone in the cell phone hotel." If a cell phone goes off during class or is visible during a classroom period, the cell phone will be confiscated, and the student will be subject to disciplinary action.

3. **Safety:**

- Due to the importance of student safety and homeland security, backpacks will **NOT** be carried to individual classrooms. It is the expectation that students utilize their locker for backpacks, duffel bags, books, supplies, coats, etc.
- All building doors will be locked throughout the school day. Students will enter through the main doors of the front office. No doors will be “propped” open during the school day for safety reasons.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

Sincerely,

Kim Kuchar
Principal