

Code of Conduct

It is the philosophy of Rock Hill High School that in order to facilitate the educational process that students, parent, and faculty work together in a cooperative manner. It is essential to demonstrate respect for others, while also taking pride in our school. This code of conduct is the established rules and regulations of Rock Hill High School. **A violation of any section or rule of this code may result in disciplinary action. Any violation of our code of conduct will be addressed on a case by case basis and can result in, but not limited to, disciplinary actions such as detention, suspension, alternative school, emergency removal, expulsion, juvenile court, and/or authorities summoned.** Any action which causes a disruption to the educational process may be treated as insubordination. Rock Hill High School and its perimeter are monitored by an electronic surveillance system. In an effort to provide a safe school atmosphere Rock Hill High school will work closely with the Lawrence County Resource Deputy, the Lawrence County Prosecutor and the Probate Juvenile Court.

This code of conduct is in effect while students are under the authority of school personnel or involved in any school activity. This includes, but is not limited to, school busses and property under the control of school authorities, and while at interscholastic competitions, extra-curricular events, the Collins Career Center and offsite campuses used for college options.

The Rock Hill High School Student Code of Conduct is not limited to this handbook. These are simply the most common points seen in schools today. Students are required to conduct themselves as a student should: be on time to school every day, treat others the way you would want to be treated, and give an honest effort in all academic endeavors. Students will be held accountable for their actions when a situation arises that Administration feels necessary to address.

SCHOOL FIGHT SONG

Music by John McCoy and Lyrics by Betty Adams

Rah, Rah, Rah,
Rock Hill Redmen we're proud of you.
We will pledge our loy'lty to you.
Win us this game and you'll lead us to fame.
We'll always give a mighty cheer.

Rah, Rah, Rah,
Rock Hill Redmen stand up and fight.
Vic'try for our red and our white.
Fight right on through and we'll always be true,
To the Redmen of Rock Hill High!

ALMA MATER

To you, our dear old Rock Hill High,
All our love we give.
There are many reasons why
You will always live.
May all the happiness we've known,
Make you dearer grow,
For you will ever yearn
When we have to go.
With each passing day we lift
Our voices in praise.
Each foe may you allay your
Banner to be raised.
Old Alma Mater, this we sing;
May your colors stand
And your cymbals ever ring,
Heard throughout the land.

We never shall forget the days
Spent within the walls.
Many tributes we will pay to
These cherished halls.
May all the happiness we've known
Make you dearer grow;
For you we will ever yearn
When we have to go.
With each passing day
We lift our voices in praise.
Each foe may you allay,
Your banner to be raised.
Our Alma Mater proud and true,
Loud may your colors fly.
And we will always stand with you,
Dear old Rock Hill High.

Rock Hill Local School District History

The Rock Hill Local School District is a public school district located in Lawrence County, Ohio. It was established in 1949 as a result of the consolidation of Hanging Rock, Kitts Hill, and Pedro Schools. Decatur Township joined the school district in the mid-1960s. The first consolidation allowed for the newly created Rock Hill Local School District to bring some of the components of each of the former schools: "Rock" from Hanging Rock, "Hill" from Kitts Hill, and the "Redmen" mascot from the Pedro Redmen.

The newly formed Rock Hill District also adopted the red and white school colors from the Pedro Redmen. The first Rock Hill High School was housed in the former Pedro High School on State Route 93.

Multiple school buildings have been erected in various places throughout the district's history, with most of the schools being located in different townships throughout the past. The elementary, middle, and high schools were finally allocated together on a campus complex located along County Road 26 in 2002. This consolidation brought the four elementary schools together in one new facility, the middle school inherited the renovated former Rock Hill High School building, and the high school received a new school complex and football stadium. Further additions include numerous updates in computers and technological resources, new baseball and softball facilities, a field for elementary football, as well as new facilities for track and field. The district will continue to prosper and move forward throughout the 21st century.

Visitors

Due to liability and safety concerns, no student will be permitted to bring a visitor to school. Students will not be allowed to bring children to school. All visitors must upon entering the school, obtain a visitors pass from the office.

Addressing Staff

It is expected that students at Rock Hill High School should always address administrators and faculty members as Mr., Mrs., Ms., or Coach as the case may be. The use of first names, nicknames, or other references will not be tolerated. Noon detention will be assigned for violation of this policy on the first offense. Repeat offenses will result in after school detention or alternative school referral.

Schedule Changes

Students may be permitted to drop and/or add classes during the first week of each semester, when deemed necessary by administration and guidance counselor. Students may drop yearly classes at the end of the first semester only with recommendations from the teacher, counselor and principal.

Scholastic Dishonesty

Students shall not engage in or attempt to engage in scholastic dishonesty. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, class assignment, plagiarism, and collusion.

Cheating includes doing, or attempting to do, any of the following:

- Copying from another student's work.
- Using material during a test which is not authorized by the person giving the test.

- Collaborating with another student during the test or assignment without permission of the instructor.
- Using, buying, selling, stealing, transporting, or soliciting the contents of a non-administered test.
- Substituting for another person or permitting another student to substitute for one's self to take a test.

Plagiarism means the appropriation of another's work and the unacknowledged incorporation of that work in one's own written work for credit.

Each teacher's plan will determine the consequence for scholastic dishonesty in their classroom. School administration may administer disciplinary action at their discretion, as well.

Attendance Policy Daily Absences

When a student is absent, or tardy, the parent or guardian must call the school office (532-7012) by 10:00 a.m. to report the absence. Then, upon the students return to school after the absence, he/she must bring in a valid excuse per House Bill 410 (State Attendance Policy). This excuse must be submitted to the homeroom teacher. No student is to report to class unless they have an absence slip. An automated system should contact the students' home on the day of an absence. Please be aware that this call is made even if the parent or guardian has contacted the office.

Special Note: If a bus doesn't run, the student must bring a note from the driver to be turned into the home room teacher.

Days Absent

According to Ohio Revised Code , A student will be considered habitually truant if the student is absent without a legitimate excuse for thirty (30) or more consecutive hours, for forty-two (42) or more hours in one (1) school month, or for seventy-two (72) or more hours in one (1) school year.

If a student is absent 5 days in a row they must have a doctor's excuse.

The school considers the following factors to be reasonable excuses for time missed at school:

- A. personal illness (a written physician's statement verifying the illness may be required)
- B. illness in the family necessitating the presence of the child
- C. quarantine of the home (The absence of a child from school under this condition is limited to length of quarantine as fixed by the proper health officials)

- D. death in the family (The absence arising from this condition is limited to a period of three days unless a reasonable cause may be shown by the applicant child for a longer absence)
- E. necessary work at home due to absence or incapacity of parent(s)/Guardians(s)
- F. observation or celebration of a bona fide religious holiday
- G. out-of-state travel (up to a maximum twenty-four (24) hours per school year that the student's school is open for instruction) to participate in a District-approved enrichment or extracurricular activity

Any classroom assignment missed due to the absence shall be completed by the student.

- H. such good cause as may be acceptable to the Superintendent
- I. medically necessary leave for a pregnant student

Special Note: Excessive number of doctor's excuses may be reviewed by administration or court.

Legitimate excuses for the absence of a student who is otherwise habitually truant include but are not limited to:

- A. the student was enrolled in another school district
- B. the student was excused from attendance in accordance with O.R.C. 3321.04
- C. the student has received an age and schooling certificate.
- D. Compulsory legal business
- E. Medical appointments – doctor excuse required
- F. Emergency or set of circumstances judged as sufficient by school authorities

Attendance Policy:

The following procedure will be followed in notification of absences (hours absent from school):

30 consecutive hours/ 42 Hours in month/ 72 or more hours in a school year =
Parent/Guardian will be contacted by school to schedule a meeting with the Absence Intervention Team to develop an Absence Intervention Plan. Parent will sign plan at

meeting and be offered intervention services. If there is a failure of the child and/or family to participate or make satisfactory progress of the Absence Intervention Plan, charges may be filed in court.

After 15 consecutive hours, 30 hours in a month, or 54 hours in a school year, parent will be contacted by school in writing.

108 Hours (18 days) in a year=student may not receive credit for class, must make up time to receive credit

54 Hours (9 days) in a semester=student may not receive credit for the semester class, must make up time to receive credit

In order to address the attendance practices of a student who is habitually truant, initially determined by absence of the student without an excuse for thirty (30) or more consecutive hours; forty-two (42) hours or more in one month; or seventy-two (72) or more hours in one school year; the Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to take any of the following intervention actions:

- A. assign the student to a truancy intervention program
- B. provide counseling to the student
- C. request the student's parent to attend a parental involvement program
- D. request a parent to attend a truancy prevention mediation program
- E. notify the Registrar of Motor Vehicles of the student's absences
- F. take appropriate legal action
- G. assignment to an alternative school
- H. assign make up time in after school detention in lunch or afterschool detention.

An excused absence from school may be approved on the basis of any one or more of the list provided under "Reporting of Absences."

Homework: Children working at home due to the absences of parents or guardians. Any absences arising because of this condition shall not extend for a period longer than that for which the parents or guardians were absent. The absence under this condition shall not apply to children under fourteen years of age.

All excuses must be turned in within 3 days of returning to school.

If a student transfers from one Lawrence County School to another, the student's absence record will follow the student and all appropriate policies and laws will apply.

R.C. 3313.664, 3317.034, 3321.01 et seq., 3321.13(8)(2), 3321.19, 3321.191

R.C. 3321.22, 3321.38, 3323.041, 3331.05 A.C. 3301-35-03(G), 3301-47-01. 3301-69-02

Sign-ins/Sign-outs

Two unexcused sign-ins or sign-outs a semester (four per year) are permitted. However, any sign-in or sign-out beyond the allotted two without proper excuse as defined in the “Days Absent” section above, will result in after school detention for every unexcused sign-in or sign-out after the allotted two unexcused per semester.

Skipping and Truancy

Skipping and truancy is when a student does not attend one or more classes including the entire school day without permission from school officials or by parent or guardian. When a class is missed students will make up the time in after school detention. Leaving school grounds without permission or multiple infractions may be addressed more severely at the discretion of the administrator.

Tardiness

All students should be in the classroom when the tardy bell rings. There will be no excuse for tardiness to class. For each tardy, a student will be assigned one day (1) of lunch detention. If a student is late to school and enters the building after homeroom begins, they must report to the office and sign in.

Students who repeatedly come to school late may at the discretion of school officials have their driving privileges suspended.

- A. Student will be excused once per nine week period and receive only a warning.
- B. Students tardy more than once per nine weeks will be subject to the following:
 1. 2nd offense and 3rd offense (lunch detention assigned)
 2. 4th and 5th offense– 1 hour after school for each tardy.
 3. 6th offense and beyond – 2 hours of after school for each tardy.
 4. Students that continue to be tardy may lose driving privileges and be expected to ride the bus. Students, who are habitually truant, may be assigned a more severe discipline.

Make-up Work

Students who are absent from school are required to make up missed assignments and return them to the teachers in a prompt manner. It is the absent student’s responsibility to collect his or her missed assignments when returning to school. Students will be allotted make-up time to complete missing assignments, which is equivalent to the number of days the child missed. If he or she is absent on the day of the due assignments, work must be submitted upon arrival to school. The school ICU plan for make-up work may be implemented to help with student progress.

ICU Procedures

ICU stands for Intensive Care Unit, just like in the hospital. When students have missing assignments, their learning is affected in a negative way and their grades may become sick. The purpose of ICU is to impress upon students the fact that they are responsible for the completion of their work. Therefore, students are held accountable for the quality of their work. Parents are notified via text message, phone call, or email when students have missing assignments or poor quality assignments. At that point, they are placed on the ICU list. It is imperative that each student does everything in his/her power to complete all work in a quality manner. Consequences of a student being placed on the ICU list may including the following loss of privileges: Pep rallies, field trips, spirit days, fun days, assemblies, or any other school event deemed appropriate by school administration. Students with excessive missing work whose name appears on the ICU list may be assigned after school make-up time to help address the academic need and getting assignments turned in.

Parents/Guardians – Please make sure the school office always has updated contact information on file.

Leaving School During the School Day

No student is allowed to leave the school grounds once he/she is on school premises unless permission is obtained from the office.

Students who need to leave must have a *parent/guardian* phone the school on the morning of the sign-out day. If phone contact from the parent/guardian cannot be made a note of explanation with a contact phone number may be substituted.

Note: In some cases students may need to leave unexpectedly during the day. In this case the parent may call the Principal or Assistant Principal's office or come to the office to sign the student out. This applies to 18 year old students as well.

If you leave the school grounds and have not followed proper sign-out procedure, you will be treated as skipping.

Parents are asked to make all appointments for their children after 2:40 p.m.

Five step sign out procedure: 1. Note from parent or legal guardian. 2. Phone call from parent which has been approved by the principal or secretary (*MANDATORY*) 3. Take sign-out slip to teachers. 4. Return slip to office. 5. Sign-out.

Meal Service

The school participates in the National School Lunch Program and makes lunches available to students for a fee of \$0.00. The school also provides breakfast to students for a fee of \$0.00. Students may also bring their own lunch to school to be eaten in the school's cafeteria. Students must be seated at the tables in the cafeteria when eating breakfast and lunch. The following is a list of our lunch and breakfast times:

<u>Breakfast</u>	7:15-7:40
<u>1st Lunch</u>	11:43-12:13
<u>2nd Lunch</u>	12:34-1:04

Cafeteria – Lunch Detention

Students receiving detention are to report before the tardy bell of their lunch section they are assigned. If the student cannot serve detention on a given day due to an emergency situation, then the student must notify the Assistant Principal or detention supervisor to be excused. No talking is permitted. Students assigned to detention eat at the end of the lunch line.

The detention hall policy is as follows:

1. Students will be required to report for detention during their lunch each day until they have fulfilled their required days and completed assignments.
2. Skipping detention or breaking detention hall rules will result in:
 - 1st offense - extra day added and verbal warning.
 - 2nd offense - one (1) day of after school detention.
 - 3rd offense - extra day added, and referral to the Alternative School at a rate of one (1) day for every three (3) days of detention.
3. All detention must be served on the day assigned without prior approval.

PBIS

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) will be implemented this year at Rock Hill High School. PBIS is a way for schools to encourage good behavior. With PBIS, schools teach students about behavior, just as they would teach about other subjects, such as Social Studies or Science. The focus of PBIS is prevention, not punishment.

Misconduct Cards

The following discipline ladder pertains to the handling of students within the school and during school related activities. This is simply a general guideline for discipline. The administration reserves the right to enact more severe consequences if discipline warrants such.

1st – 3rd Offenses - Lunch Detention

4th-6th Offenses – After-School Detention

7th Offense and Beyond - Alternative School Placement and or Court Referral

There may be a letter or telephone call to parents upon a student's third infraction. Once a student has acquired five infractions, a conference may be scheduled for the parents and administration to discuss the child's behavior. The child may or may not be present for the meeting. Telephone calls home and conferences about student behavior will depend on the nature, severity, and pattern of the child's infractions. Depending on these criteria, the administration reserves the right to contact guardians about their children's behaviors at any point of the discipline ladder. As previously stated, the above discipline ladder serves as a general guide for consequences. The administration reserves the right to expedite more severe consequences for student misconduct if applicable. More serious

and rapid action can be utilized if a student's behavior is severe, chronic, unimproved, or has warranted a greater degree of ramification. Refusal to accept forms of discipline can result in a student being placed at the Lawrence County Alternative School. The Rock Hill High School Administration reserves the right to file charges in Juvenile Court if a parent and/or student refuses the child's placement at the Lawrence County Alternative School. Parents who are unable to pick their child up from after school detention may opt for Alternative School for their child. Please note that three separate placements at the Lawrence County Alternative School can result in a charge of unruliness to Juvenile Court. This is the policy of the Lawrence County Alternative School and the Rock Hill High School.

After School Detention

Students receiving after school detention are to report to the detention room at 2:40 p.m. If the student cannot serve detention on a given day due to an emergency situation, then they must notify the Assistant Principal or detention supervisor to be excused. Detention forms are to be signed by the parents and returned the following school day to the Assistant Principal. Students failing to report to after school detention shall be given an additional day of detention for the first offense. Repeated skipping may result in placement at the Lawrence County Alternative School and/or referral to Juvenile Court. Students may receive a one (1) or two (2) hour assignment to after school detention at the discretion of the school administration.

Alternative School/Suspension

Students who demonstrate specific or repetitive inappropriate behavior may be subjected to placement at the Lawrence County Alternative School or LCAS and will be responsible for all class work, physical training, and counseling when deemed necessary. The number of days spent at the Alternative School will be determined by the Rock Hill High School Administration, with consideration given to attitude of the student, the nature of the misconduct, and the overall discipline history of the student. In the cases involving truancy and misconduct, the time spent at the Alternative School will be determined by the specific situation. Due to the policy of the Lawrence County Alternative School, the Rock Hill High School Administration reserves the right to file juvenile court charges for unruly behavior if a child has three separate placements at the Alternative School. Depending on the severity of a situation, the administration reserves the right to use Alternative School and Juvenile Court in juxtaposition.

Those students who are assigned Alternative School will either ride their bus (unless bus privileges are revoked) or be driven by a parent to Rock Hill High School like they do each day. After arriving to the high school, the student will collect any schoolwork sent by their teachers in the office and remain in the cafeteria until the Rock Hill shuttle bus to the Vocational School arrives. Before high school students arrive at the Alternative School, the bus will transport Rock Hill Vocational School Students to the Collins Career Center. Afterwards, high school students will be transported to the Alternative School, which is housed in the former Rock Hill Junior High School on State Route 93, adjacent

to the Lawrence County Juvenile Center. This is not boot camp nor is it a typical gym class. Students will be required to do exercising and physical activity. Students will also complete any assignments sent by Rock Hill High School, while under the supervision of the facility's director, teachers, and other staff members. Afterwards, students will board the Rock Hill shuttle bus back to the Vocational School in order to transport those Rock Hill Vocational School students to the high school. High school students will exit the bus at Rock Hill High School before boarding their usual afternoon bus or means of transportation home. Students may be assigned one or more days at Alternative School, which will result in the same process being repeated each day until fulfillment of the punishment.

The Alternative School is simply an alternative educational setting that allows for a student change of placement, without the detrimental effects of traditional out-of-school suspension.

The schools within Lawrence County partner with the Lawrence County Alternative School, which is under the supervision of the County Superintendent. By using this form of discipline, students are not subjected to the damaging effects of traditional school suspension, otherwise called out-of-school suspension or OSS. Moreover, those placed at this facility during the school day will be allowed to make-up any assignments or tests given during the time of their placement. Furthermore, students will not be counted absent from school while under Alternative School placement.

Out of school suspension may be utilized at the discretion of the administration and may or may not be used in conjunction with Juvenile Court referral. If a student is suspended out of school, the student is not permitted on school grounds with the exception of attending an expulsion hearing or prior approval from the administration.

Rock Hill High School students who are either placed at the Alternative School or suspended will not be allowed to participate in or attend any extracurricular activities while under placement or suspension. This includes practices and/or games/events.

Expulsion

Expulsion is the permanent exclusion of a student from school. Such action results only from the Superintendent's action preceded by a recommendation from the Principal. Recommendation for expulsion may be made for repeated misconduct, theft, illegal drug activity, inciting to riot, actions or behavior dangerous to the welfare and safety of the student body, physical or verbal assault or continued verbal abuse of students or school employees or any other infraction deemed severe by administration.

Long-Term Alternative Placement

Students may be referred to long-term alternative placement if educational needs deem necessary. Placements will be determined upon agreement with school officials, parents, and the district superintendent.

Insubordination/Failure to Follow Reasonable Instruction

Faculty, staff members, and administrators are acting “in loco parentis”. This means they are allowed by law to direct a student as a parent would. This applies to all staff, not just teachers assigned to a student. If given a reasonable direction by a staff member or administrator, the student is expected to comply. Failure to do so may result in discipline measures such as detention, alternative school, suspension, court referral or expulsion. The administration will take into account the severity of the infraction when assigning discipline measures.

Vandalism

Students who deface building property, equipment, or any other destruction of school or school employees’ property may be subject to discipline measures such as, but not limited to, detention, alternative school, suspension, court referral. The principal may recommend extreme cases or repetitious offenders to the Superintendent for possible expulsion.

In addition, all property damaged or destroyed must be restored or replaced by the offender or their parents. Referral to court will be at the discretion of the administration.

Appeal Procedure

It should be noted that students will be given every opportunity to present an explanation of their behavior before any disciplinary action is taken. Decisions made by members of the professional staff that affect students are, of course, intended to help the student. At times an action taken by the school may be disputed, misunderstood, or incorrect. In such cases each student has the right to appeal these decisions, provided they are accompanied by his/her parent(s) or guardian, and shall be made in the following sequence. 1. Building Principal 2. Local Superintendent 3. Board of Education 4. Court

Extra-Curricular Activities

In order to participate or attend an athletic event or extracurricular activity (including practice), the student must be present at school at least one half school day during the day of the event, unless the absence is a State-Approved excused absence. Students signing *in late or out early* without prior approval may result in a conference leading to the reduction or loss of participation in practice, game, activity and/or make-up time. ***It should be noted that students placed at the Alternative School will not be allowed to participate or practice on days during their placement.***

In addition, any student on school grounds (before, during, or after school hours) must be under the direct supervision of a school employee.

Athletic Eligibility (Refer to Athletic Guide)

1. Student Athlete must have received passing grades in a minimum of five one credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period.
2. Student Athlete must maintain a G.P.A. of 1.5 for the immediately preceding grading period.

Long-term Home Instruction, Lawrence County Academy, and Virtual Learning Academy (VLA) students are not eligible for school-sponsored activities or clubs.

Extra-Curricular Activity Disciplinary Action

In the instance of a serious incident of inappropriate or disrespectful behavior during any extra-curricular activity conducted on or off school premises, the school administration reserves the right to administer disciplinary action. Also, the school administration may administer disciplinary action in conjunction with and or above actions administered by the OHSAA or any other governing body.

Tobacco and E-Cigarettes

The use or possession of tobacco, nicotine gum, any drug-infused gum, or e-cigarettes in any form is not permitted on school grounds, on the buses, or at any school related activities. Any student found using or possessing any of the above mentioned will have that item confiscated by a staff member. Upon use or possession of tobacco the student shall receive:

1st offense: 2 hours of after school detention.

2nd offense: 2 day placement at the Alternative School.

3rd offense: 3 day placement at the Alternative School and possible referral to the juvenile court.

Repeat offenders may face more severe disciplinary action as deemed necessary by administration.

Incendiary Devices

Lighter, lighting or possessing incendiary devices, unauthorized possession, igniting of matches, and other devices that produce flames can result in, but may not be limited to, discipline such as detention, suspension, alternative school, and or court referral.

Misconduct of this type will be examined on a case by case basis in regard to, but not limited to, the student's intent, past discipline, act committed, etc.

Threats

Threats of any kind directed toward employees of this school district (in or out of school) or fellow students may result in up to a ten (10) day suspension and may be referred to Juvenile Court.

Hazing, harassing, or bullying a student or school official will not be tolerated. If this occurs, report this to school officials in writing. A conference will be held for a reported

incident. Possible discipline outcomes include but are not limited to detention, alternative school, suspension, expulsion, and/or court referral.

Forgery

Any student caught forging the signature of a member of the professional staff or of a guardian on a note such as a hall pass, excuse, etc., will be disciplined. Any student who submits a forged doctor's excuse can receive, but not be limited to, Detention and/or Alternative School for his or her first offense. The second offense can result in, but may not be limited to, Alternative School placement and/or referral to Juvenile Court, with a possible recommendation of expulsion.

Aiding or Abetting Violation of School Rules

If a student assists another student in violating any school rule, they will be disciplined. Students are expected to resist peer pressure and exercise sound decision making regarding their actions. Detention, suspension, alternative school and/or court referrals are consequences that may be used at the discretion of the administration.

Theft or Attempted Theft

The Administration reserves the right to enact discipline if theft or attempted theft occurred. Discipline such as, but not limited to, Detention, Suspension, Alternative School, Emergency Removal, Expulsion, Referral to Authorities, Referral to Juvenile Court, and/or Restitution up to \$2,000.00 can occur.

The Administration recommends that students leave valuable items at home. Furthermore, students should not share lockers with other students or give out their locker combinations to others. If a student has property stolen at school or suspects that their property is stolen at school, the Administration will take steps in investigating the matter. Consequences can apply to those proven to have stolen items from a student. The district will not be held liable for costs of unrecovered items or items lost by students. Moreover, the district will not be held liable for the costs of recovered damaged items.

Pornography

Students are not permitted to possess a hard copy or view online through the internet any materials deemed pornographic or of an obscene nature while on school grounds. Any violation may result in disciplinary action, such as but not limited to, detention, suspension, alternative school, emergency removal, expulsion, referral to authorities, referral to Juvenile Court, and involvement of appropriate law enforcement agencies if needed. A student's privilege to use the school computer networking system may be revoked as well.

Electronic Devices

The Rock Hill Local School District supplies most electronic equipment necessary at school. Students are **NOT** allowed to operate, including but not limited to: radios, I-pods, MP3 players, TVs, laser lights, handheld games, and any other electronic device on school property. Any such device brought into the building will be confiscated and given to an administrator. The Rock Hill School District will not be responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices.

Cell Phone, smart watches, and all other electronic signaling devices must be kept in the locker of the owner in the “off” position. Students may not use such devices on school property during the school day. If cell phones are out of the locker, or turned on, they will be confiscated and taken to an administrator. Use of cell phones and electronic signaling devices is limited to after school hours and emergency situations that may be approved by an administrator.

1. 1st offense – Student may pick up the device at the end of the school day.
2. 2nd offense – Parent/guardian must pick up the device. Student will serve one day of after school detention (1 hour).
3. 3rd offense – Parent/guardian must pick up the device. Student will serve one day of after school detention (2 hours).
4. 4th offense – Parent/guardian must pick up the device. Student will serve two days of after school detention (2 hours each day).
5. 5th offense – Student will serve one day at the Lawrence County Alternative School. Parent/guardian must pick up the device **AFTER** the student has served his/her day at the Alternative School.
6. 6th offense – Student will serve five days at the Lawrence County Alternative School. Parent/guardian must pick up the device **AFTER** the student has served his/her days at the Alternative School.

Computer Use Guidelines

The purpose of the Rock Hill Local School District’s computer network is to support and facilitate the research and education of its students and teachers by providing access to resources and the opportunity for collaboration. The internet provides a connection to the computer systems from all over the world. The Rock Hill High School firmly believes that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweigh the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of the school. Rock Hill High School cannot control what may be available on other systems. Some information may be controversial and sometimes offensive. **Rock Hill High School does not condone the use of such materials and will automatically cancel accounts of those who access this kind of material.**

In order for the purpose of the network to be achieved and access to the network to be equitable, established rules and procedures must be followed. These items are listed on the Acceptable Use Policy contract that *must be completed and signed by each student and his/her parent or guardian* before an account is given to a student user. Students failing to use their computers in an appropriate manner and not abiding by the guidelines in the Acceptable Use Policy may lose their computer privileges and credit for classes dependent on computer use.

Chromebook Procedures

1. Students may borrow a chromebook twice in a 9 week period without penalty. After that, the discipline ladder will be followed.
2. Borrowed chromebooks must be returned by the end of the school day.
3. If a borrowed chromebook is damaged while in student possession, the student is responsible to pay for necessary repairs.
4. Chromebooks must be kept in school supplied cases.
5. It is the student's responsibility to have his/her chromebook charged each day.
6. Do not store papers, ear buds, or anything else between the top and bottom of the actual chromebook, as it can damage the screen.
7. Students must use the supplied chromebook, and not his/her own device.

Admission of Students From Non-Chartered Schools

In making placement decision for students who transfer in from non-chartered schools, Rock Hill High School will use the policy adopted by the Rock Hill Board of Education.

- **Students must complete their Jr. And Sr. year at Rock Hill High School.**
- **Students may only receive credits for their 9th And 10th grade courses.**
- **The student will complete final exams to determine credit and/or placement for all required core courses.**
- **The exam grade will become the reported grade for semester averages or final grades whichever is appropriate.**

Driving and Parking Regulations

Driving a car to school is a privilege granted to you that demands responsibility on your part. Any motor vehicle driven must be parked on school property upon your arrival at school and must remain there until your school day is completed. In order for you to keep your driving privileges the following rules must be carefully regarded:

A – No driver shall drive recklessly (burning tires, throwing gravel, speeding, etc.)

B – Park only in your assigned parking area.

C – No student is to be on the parking lot or in a vehicle during the school day.

D – Once the car is on the lot, you get out and come to the building.

E – Students are to maintain insurance coverage while driving/parking on school property.

F – Must be on time for school (prior to first bell).

G – Must follow dismissal schedule.

H – Students should only drive motor vehicles attend for on road use. Students may not drive four-wheelers, off-road (dirt) motorcycles, farm machinery, etc.

I - No driver shall allow anyone to ride in the bed of a truck or like vehicle on campus.

Also, drivers shall not allow anyone to ride on the hood or top of any vehicle on campus.

Students who fail to abide by the above rules may lose their driving and parking privileges on school property for up to ten (10) days. For the second offense student's driving privileges may be taken for the remainder of the year.

Firecrackers/Fireworks / Fire Alarms

Setting off false fire alarms or any false alarm or fireworks and or firecrackers (or possession of fireworks and or firecrackers) can result in, but may not be limited to, up to ten (10) days of Alternative School as well as any other disciplinary actions the school deems necessary in order to ensure the safety of both people and property. Offenders will be held responsible for all injuries and damages which result from these irresponsible types of activities. Moreover, setting off a false fire alarm is violation of State Law, as well as possessing, distributing, or using explosives on school property. The Administration also reserves the right to utilize Juvenile Court and/or contact the authorities when applicable, if a student violates these rules. Expulsion can be recommended if one or more is found to be in violation.

Emergency Drills

Drills such as fire, tornado, lockdown, as well as other safety drills will be performed on a routine basis in order to ensure staff and student safety.

Card Playing and Gambling

Use of playing cards may be permitted only when used for meaningful educational purposes and supervised by the classroom teacher. Any cards not used properly may be confiscated. There will be no betting or gambling permitted while school is in session. Violation can result in consequences deemed appropriate by the Administration.

Dress Code

Any student not adhering to the rules of dress will be ask to remain in the office, call home and request that someone bring appropriate clothing from home. All classes missed will be unexcused. All clothing should be worn in a manner that is considered by school officials as healthy and safe; therefore, clothing should not be a distraction to the educational process.

The following will be used as guidelines for Rock Hill High Schools dress code:

Girls may wear the following:

1. Dresses, skirts, and shorts that are no more than 1 inch above the knee. **This would include the above items even with skin-tight, form fitting garments or spandex underneath.**
2. Sweaters and blouses that completely covers the shoulders and back (with no cut outs).
3. Sandals-with a heel strap

4. Shorts must be no more than 1 inch above the knee with no holes that expose skin and/or under garments.
5. Bib overalls are acceptable, but must be worn with a shirt with sleeves underneath.
6. Shirts and tops must cover the shoulders and back. The top should also be long enough to tuck into the lower garments and have a neckline to cover all cleavage.
7. Jeans or slacks with no holes above the knee.

Girls may not wear the following:

1. Apparel exposing the midriff or any undergarments including a sports bra.
2. Skin-tight, form fitting garments or spandex.
3. Low-cut dresses or tops.
4. Any article of clothing with symbols that are vulgar or unreasonable and/or display alcohol, drugs, sexual activity, hate speeches, or violence.
5. Hats, caps, bandannas, head scarves, or sunglasses (Only permitted on designated days).
6. No tank tops (a tank top is any top without a sleeve that does not cover the entire shoulder).
7. Jeans, slacks, or shorts with holes above the knee that expose skin and /or under garments.
8. Any type of see through clothing.
9. Any garment that may be determined to be unacceptable by the administration.
10. Flip-Flop type sandals are prohibited. All shoes must have at least a heel strap.

****Note – No clothing should be worn that would expose any undergarment or cleavage while the student is standing, sitting, or leaning. Also, students are not permitted to bring blankets to school.**

Boys may wear the following:

1. Dress trousers or jeans that do not have holes above the knees that expose skin and/or under garments.
2. Shirts that are unbuttoned only at the collar or have undershirts underneath.
3. T-shirts and sweatshirts that are reasonable and decent and that cover the shoulder.
4. Shorts must be no more than 1 inch above the knee with no holes that expose skin and/or under garments.
5. All tops should completely cover the shoulders.
6. Bib overalls are acceptable, but must be worn with a shirt with sleeves underneath.

Boys may not wear the following:

1. Spandex shorts.

2. Any article of clothing with symbols that are vulgar or unreasonable and/or display references to alcohol, drugs, sexual activity, hate speech, or violence.
3. Hats, caps, bandannas, head bands, or sunglasses (Only permitted on designated days).
4. Tank tops (shoulders must be covered).
5. Mesh shirts with no undershirt underneath.
6. Shirts that are cut down side exposing skin.
7. Any garment that may be determined to be unacceptable by the administration.
8. Flip-Flop type sandals are prohibited. All shoes must have at least a heel strap.

Note: All students must wear some form of footwear.

- Due to health and safety concerns, body piercing will be limited to the ears only. Student will be asked to remove any piercing causing any distraction in the educational process.
- Any chains, jewelry, or accessories, which could cause injury to another person, are prohibited.
- No holes or slits will be permitted above the knees in shorts, pants, jeans, skirts, etc. that expose skin or undergarments.
- No pajamas are to be worn to school.

****Note – No clothing should be worn that would expose any undergarment while the student is standing, sitting, or leaning. Heavy coats are not to be worn in class. Lightweight jackets are acceptable. If a question arises, school administration will determine whether it is permissible or not at school. If deemed inappropriate by administration or it is causing a distraction to the educational process, students may be asked to change the article of clothing (by calling home or using the clothing closet) or remove it (if it is jewelry/etc.). Students are not permitted to bring blankets to school.**

Lockers

Lockers are to be kept neat and orderly. All lockers are the property of the Rock Hill Board of Education and can be searched at any time. No valuables should be kept in lockers unless you have a lock (KEEP IT LOCKED). The school *is not* responsible for valuables lost. Students should not share lockers unless assigned by the office to do so. No locks are to be put on those lockers with permanent locks.

Book Bags and Accessories

Due to safety concerns, backpacks, book bags, fanny packs, or book satchels are not permitted in the classroom and must remain in a locker. Purses may be carried, but must be no larger than, or about the size of a piece of notebook paper, and around five inches thick. If a purse is large enough to carry books, then it is considered a book bag. Students who fail to abide by this rule will be treated as insubordinate and the administration will follow the handbook policy concerning insubordination.

Fighting

Fighting is not an acceptable behavior for solving differences. All fighting, filming of fights (or sharing of filmed fights), hitting, and disruptions of any school activity will not be tolerated. Any of the above mentioned may result in the following consequences:

1st Offense – 3 day placement at the Lawrence County Alternative School and/or juvenile court/authorities referral if deemed applicable by Administration. Emergency removal may be utilized.

2nd Offense – 5 day placement at the Lawrence County Alternative School and/or juvenile court/authorities referral if deemed applicable by Administration. The number of days assigned will be determined by the Administration. Emergency removal may be utilized.

3rd Offense or Beyond – 10 day placement at the Lawrence County Alternative School and/or juvenile court/authorities referral if deemed applicable by Administration. Emergency removal may be utilized.

Students should note that with this policy we are taking the stance that fighting at school or during school functions can be a completely unacceptable form of social behavior. An individual whose deliberate behavior leads to a fight between other parties can be considered a contributor of the fight and may incur punishment for his or her actions. We expect students to go to a staff member if said children have conflict with others. Simply taking on a problem without the counseling of the Administration or another staff member may not always be the best approach. Approaching another by oneself or with a group of people can often times escalate the problem. Allow staff to address whatever issue is at hand before it becomes a physical altercation between students.

Furthermore, a student that physically attacks another in what may be considered by the Administration to be assault and/or “blindsiding” can be subject to one or more of, but not be limited to, the following actions: Emergency Removal, Suspension, Alternative School, Authorities Summoned, Juvenile Court, and or possible expulsion. This form of aggressive behavior deviates itself from a typical student altercation or fight and may therefore constitute alternative ramifications. After conducting the appropriate investigation, the Administration will determine if a situation is a fight, assault, inappropriate contact, horseplay, or “blindsiding.” Consequences may then be assigned.

Unauthorized Touching

Unauthorized touching which includes contact that is either physically violent or considered threatening, such as unsolicited advances upon another person (either physical, sexual, or verbal) is not permitted. Holding hands, kissing, hugging, and unnecessary displays of affection will not be tolerated. Any unnecessary touching or actions that could be considered hazing will result in the following consequences,

depending on the nature of the infraction: detention, suspension, alternative school and/or court referral.

Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

The Rock Hill Local School District practices Zero Tolerance in regard to bullying, hazing, harassment, intimidation, or threats of any individual. **Bullying is defined as any intentional written, verbal, or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another more than once and the behavior both:**

- 1. Causes mental or physical harm to a student.**
- 2. Is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for the other student.**

If this occurs, a student should report this to a teacher or principal. The Administration will undertake careful steps to ensure witnesses who report acts of bullying, or a victim of bullying who reports the acts committed toward him or her will remain anonymous. Parents or guardians of any student involved in a prohibited incident will be notified to the extent permitted by law. The victim and the individual who committed the bullying can be referred to the guidance office for counseling services. Applicable staff members can be notified to facilitate additional proactive steps to curtail any possible acts in the future. This may result in additional observation of the parties, doing routine follow ups with all involved, or etc. Bullying is not an acceptable practice under any circumstance. Disciplinary action can be assigned to any student proven to have violated the school's bullying policy. Consequences such as, but not limited to, Detention, Suspension, Emergency Removal, Alternative School, Expulsion and/or Court Referral or Referral to Authorities may result if it is determined that a student is bullying another.

Bullying, harassment, intimidation, and threats must also extend to violence within a dating relationship. Any observation of this type of behavior should be reported directly to the principal by the victim or staff member as soon as possible. Every step will be taken in order to allow for anonymous reporting. The victim and the individual who committed the bullying can be referred to the guidance office for counseling services. Applicable staff members can be notified to facilitate additional proactive steps to curtail any possible acts in the future. This may result in additional observation of the parties, doing routine follow ups with all involved, or etc.

As previously stated, bullying, harassment, intimidation, and threats will not be tolerated. Discipline imposed for such violations can be determined by, but not be limited to, the nature of the offense, its severity, prior acts of misconduct, and/or the overall discipline record of the student.

Cyber-Bullying

House Bill 116

The “**Jessica Logan Act**” – in memory of a student who committed suicide due to bullying via texting. This bill expands the scope of Ohio’s current anti-bullying law to prohibit harassment by electronic means. This includes harassment, intimidation and bullying through computers, cell phones, or any other electronic device. Infractions referenced to bullying of this type will be dealt with swiftly by school administration. Disciplinary action may include suspension from school along with notification to the Lawrence County Sheriff’s Department or any other authorities deemed necessary to be involved in the investigation of the incident.

Administration of Medication at School

Ideally, all medication should be given at home. It is recognized that at the present time many children are able to attend regular school because of the effectiveness of medication in the treatment of chronic disabilities and illnesses. Any student who is required to take prescribed medication during regular school hours must comply with the following regulations:

1. The Principal, Assistant Principal, Guidance Counselor, or school nurse are the only employees authorized to administer medication to a student.
2. No medication that is prescribed by a physician for a student shall be administered to a student unless:
 - a. The designated school official receives a written request signed by the parent/guardian.
 - b. The signed statement that is presented to the designated person shall include the following information:
 - The name and address of the student.
 - The school and class in which the student is enrolled.
 - The drug and the dosage to be administered.
 - The times at which the drug is to be administered.
 - The date the administration is to begin.
 - The date the administration is to cease.
 - Any severe, adverse reactions that should be reported to the physician can be reached in an emergency.
 - Any special instructions for the administration of the drug, including sterile conditions and storage.
3. The parent, guardian or person having care of the child agrees to submit a revised statement signed by the physician if the previously provided information changes.
4. All drugs must be received by the person authorized to administer the medication in a container in which it was dispensed by the prescribing physician or a licensed pharmacist.
5. Medication should be brought to the school by a parent or guardian.
6. A locked cabinet shall be provided for storage of medication.
7. Opportunities should be provided for communication between the parents, school personnel and physician regarding the efficacy of the medication administered during school hours.
8. Non-prescription medication, ex., aspirin, ointments, cold tablets, shall

not be given.

9. Before taking medication stored in the office you must sign your name, date, and list the medication and dosage taken.

Policies Regarding the Sale or Use of Intoxicants by Students

No student while on school property or while attending a school function shall have in his or her possession any drug of abuse, look alike drug of abuse or alcoholic beverage. No student while on school property or at a school function shall be under the influence of any drug or alcoholic beverage. No student while on school property or while attending a school function shall traffic any drug.

Definitions

1. Student – any person enrolled in any Rock Hill public school.
2. Drug of abuse – any narcotic, barbiturate, amphetamine, hallucinogen, intoxicant, or any alcoholic beverage.
3. Sale – includes barter, exchange, gift, or offer thereof and each such transaction made by any person.
4. Traffic – means to sell, distribute, leave with, give away, dispose of, or deliver.
5. Paraphernalia – A student shall not possess, use, handle, give, store, acquire, conceal, offer to sell, sell deliver, transmit, buy or make any instrument used for drug abuse, or paraphernalia (includes, but not limited to hypodermic needles, syringes, pipes, etc.) Students may be suspended for this offense.
6. Counterfeit Controlled Substances or “Look Alikes” – Any unmarked substance that is represented to be a controlled substance.

Board Adopted Procedures for the Violation of Drug & Alcohol Policies

Any student on school property or at a school function possessing or using any drug or alcoholic beverage shall be suspended five (5) days. A second offense will result in a ten (10) day suspension. The penalty for a third offense will be expulsion.

Any student selling or dispensing drugs and/or alcohol will be suspended for ten (10) days for the first offense. The second offense will result in expulsion.

All penalties herein imposed shall be in addition to any penalties which may be imposed by courts of competent jurisdiction. In each situation, rehabilitation and educational activities will be recommended. If any repeat offenses occur, the school may offer its services and facilities in co-operation with other community agencies for a rehabilitation program for the pupil involved and may require his/her participation in such a program as a condition for school attendance.

The local sheriff's department will provide a certified drug dog to search school facilities throughout the school year. Student lockers, vehicles and possessions can be searched by school and law enforcement officials. When a student is given due process and refuses to cooperate with school and legal officials, this action may result in the student being suspended for insubordination.

Restroom Procedures

No more than one student is allowed in a restroom stall at the same time. Detention, suspension, alternative school, and/or court referrals are possible consequences for this violation that may be used at the discretion of school administration.

Weapons

The possession and/or replication of guns, knives, clubs or explosive devices on school property is strictly prohibited. Any object altered from its intended use and use to threaten or harm another will be considered a weapon. The presence, threat or possession of these weapons may result in a referral to the prosecutor's office, alternative school, or suspension.

School Bus Conduct

The bus driver has complete authority regarding the conduct of the students. Behavior on a bus should be the same behavior as in a classroom. Violation of school bus rules can result in, but may not be limited to, the following consequences:

1st Offense – Detention (lunch or afterschool)

2nd Offense – Three (3) day bus suspension.

3rd Offense – Five (5) day bus suspension

4th Offense -Ten (10) day bus suspension.

5th Offense – Removal from the transportation system for remainder of the school year.

*A combination of bus removal and Alternative School may be utilized in juxtaposition for the same bus offense, if the unwanted behavior warrants Alternative School as a punishment (Example: Fighting, possessing or using tobacco, menacing behavior, etc. while riding Rock Hill transportation). This will be determined through a case-by-case basis. If a child is suspended from a bus, the suspension applies to all Rock Hill transportation. If a child rides another bus to or from school while under suspension, he or she is in violation of the bus policy. The administration will examine, through a case-by-case basis circumstances in which field trips occur during the time a child is under bus suspension or if a child is on an extracurricular team traveling to an away game. The bus discipline ladder is a **general** guideline for bus misconduct. The administration reserves the right to bypass steps of the bus discipline ladder if discipline warrants such action.

Search and Seizure

All lockers, desks, storage areas, rooms, and etc. are the property of the Rock Hill Board of Education and can be searched by the administration during any time. The administration partners with the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department for routine safety drills and building inspections. The canine unit may be utilized to check the building for any prohibited or controlled substances or materials. Under no circumstance will the canine be utilized to smell a student.

If the administration has reasonable suspicion that a student is in possession of a weapon, a prohibited or controlled substance or material, it has the authority to search the contents possessed by the individual. This is to ensure the safety and protection of the students and staff. Any illegal substance or material found will be turned over to the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department. Administration will follow policy upon discovery of prohibited substances or materials.

School Security

For the safety and protection of the Rock Hill High School students and staff, our schools and buses are equipped with video surveillance. Such surveillance may be used by the administration and law enforcement in the investigations of violations of the Student Code of Conduct, illegal activity, or for other purposes necessary for building operations and security. Due to student privacy policy, we do not release video surveillance to parents. Furthermore to ensure the safety of our students, we have also established partnerships with the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, the Lawrence County Juvenile Court System, and the Lawrence County Child and Protective Services.

In addition to school safety, the Rock Hill Local School District Superintendent has authorized trained staff members the ability to carry firearms. In order to ensure the safety of our school, any attempt to harm children or staff will be met with whatever force is necessary. This policy is in place to safeguard our students and staff in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 2923.122(D) (1) (A).

Disorder and Demonstration

The Board of Education recognizes the right of each student to attend school for the purpose of receiving an education. The disruption of the educational program of the schools by disorder or any other purposeful activity will not be countenanced.

For purposes of this policy, disorder shall be any deliberate activity by an individual or a group, whether peaceful or violent, which interferes with the normal operation of the school.

The Board, having the responsibility for providing an educational program for the students of this District, shall have the authority to preserve order for the proper functioning of that program.

Students shall not be disturbed in the exercise of their constitutionally guaranteed rights to assemble peaceably and to express ideas and opinions, privately or publicly, provided that such exercise does not infringe on the rights of others and does not interfere with the operation of the schools.

If a student disrupts or distracts the operation of the educational program, he/she is subject to discipline deemed appropriate by school administration.

School Telephones

Use of public telephones located in the school building should be limited to lunchtime and after school use. No student is to be out of class to use the telephone. If a call is to be made during class time: 1.) obtain permission from your teacher to use the phone and 2.) sign the "Phone Sheet" in the office prior to making the call. School office phones are business phones and are to be used only in an emergency. Students will not be removed from class for telephone calls.

College Credit Plus

All students can apply to the College Credit Plus program through Ohio University Southern. It is up to OUS to admit the student based on qualifying ACT and/or Accuplacer scores. There is a fall and spring application period (see counselor for dates). Each year there is one parent informational meeting. Seniors in CCP need to take all required classes before the spring semester of their senior year. All students enrolled in college credit plus courses must report to the Library when they are in Rock Hill High School and not attending a RHHS class.

Reinstatement to CCP

According to OAC 3333-1-65.13 students who have been dismissed from College Credit Plus can request to be reinstated in the program after one college term on dismissal. The process to be reinstated is outlined below. After the process is complete, the school can decide to allow the student to continue on dismissal, move to probation, or participate without restrictions. In order for a student to be considered for reinstatement, they must complete the following steps:

1. Maintain a G.P.A. of at least 2.0 in high school, for the term during which they were dismissed from the university.
2. Complete an essay using the following questions as an outline. The essay needs to be turned into the guidance counselor within a week after filling out the Reinstatement/Appeal Application (attached):
 - What is your plan for being successful after coming off of academic dismissal?
 - Do you understand why you were not successful in the past? Provide examples such as time management, scheduling issues, immaturity, etc.
 - What will you do or have you done to fix the issues listed above? What could you do differently?
3. Once the essay has been submitted, the student must meet with the academic probation advisor at the university from which they were dismissed.
4. After verification of meeting with the academic probation advisor, the student will be considered for reinstatement by the principal, vice principal, and guidance counselor.

5. If reinstated in the program the student will be required to make academic progress adequate to remain off of probation. If the academic progress is not met, then a student can have an extension of CCP dismissal.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society Constitution is available for review in the Principal's office. All disciplinary procedures will be decided upon by the Faculty Council; chosen by the Principal and the Adviser at the beginning of each new school year. Disciplinary hearings will follow NHS Constitution and follow "Due Process" in writing (in lieu of face to face) or orally by a student. Council will weigh on the side of the student presenting their case in writing only due to the confidentiality of the Faculty Council. Any measure will be taken to protect the Faculty Council and their anonymity and preserve the good standing of the NHS as it is a National Organization.

Appeals

According to OAC 3333-1-65.13 (E) any students who have been dismissed from the CCP program can appeal this decision. The student must appeal within in 5 business days after being notified of dismissal. This appeal can be brought forth to the principal or district superintendent. The governing body of the school will have 10 business days to issue a decision on the appeal. Students requesting the appeal should do so in writing, by completing the Reinstatement/Appeal Application (available in counselor's office) and answering required questions.

Board Policy for Graduation

Students must accrue 22 credits for graduation. Students must also complete one of the pathways established by the Ohio Department of Education.

In order to participate in graduation ceremonies all local school board and state board of education requirements must be fulfilled. Students participating in the graduation ceremonies are **required** to attend graduation practice. This requirement may only be excused by the high school principal. Rank for graduation ceremony will be based on all 8 semesters.

Regular Program

- 4 credits of English
- 3 credits of Science
- 4 credits of Math
- 4 credits of Social Studies (World History, American History, Government, Senior Social Studies)
- ½ credit Health (9th)
- ½ credit PE (a semester 9th and a semester 10th)
- ½ credit in Personal Finance

- 1 unit or two ½ units of elective credit which must include – Business/Technology, Fine Arts, or Foreign Language
- 1 unit of Fine Art (Art, Band, Music)
- 3.5 additional units in any category

Vocational Students
9th and 10th grade requirements at Rock Hill

- English 9 and 10
- General Science and Biology
- 2 credits in History (World History, American History)
- 2 credits in Math
- ½ credits of Health and ½ unit of PE
- ½ credit in personal finance

At Collins Career Center students will take the following:

- 2 additional units of English
- 2 credits of Social Studies
- 2 credits of Math and 1 credit of Science
- 8 credits of lab and related credits

Grades

All nine weeks grades are to be given in numerical percent form.

A - 100% - 94% B - 93% - 86% C - 85% - 75% D - 74% - 65% F - Below 65%

Semester classes will be given credit by computing the percentages of the two nine weeks' grades and semester exam. Yearly classes will be figured on the same basis with nine weeks' percentages plus 2 semester exams. Mid-Term and Final Exams will range in scoring from 0-100%.

Honors Students Will be Identified by the Following Requirements:

Summa – with highest distinction 4.0 – 3.85 GPA

Magna – with great distinction 3.84 – 3.50

Cum – with distinction 3.49 – 3.0

- A. To qualify for the Honors with Distinction (formerly know as Academic Honors) students must have taken and completed the following curricula:
- 4 years of Honors (Ac.) English
 - 4 years of Honors (Ac.) Math (H. Alg. I, H. Geom, H.. Alg II, Pre-Calc)
 - 4 years of Honors (Ac.) Science (H. Sci, H. Bio, H. Chem, Physics or H. Anatomy)
 - 4 years of Honors (Ac.) Social Studies (H. Wd Hist, H.. Am His, H. Govt. & H. Senior Social Studies)
 - 2 years of a single foreign language plus 4 classes from the list of classes below:

Drama, Fine Arts (band, chorus, all art classes - *NOTE*: Only 1 class from each of these areas may count toward the four), Fantasy and Dystopia, Bible Literature, Digital Media, First Aid, Current Events, and Labs 3rd year Foreign Language, 5th Ac. Science, Early Childhood Education, Project Lead the Way (may include more than two courses), Biomed, Post-secondary Option courses as approved by guidance office, Elective Dual Credit courses, 5th year Accelerated Math. These courses are updated yearly to reflect additional electives.

- B. State Honors Diploma will be issued to the students that meet the requirements adopted by the Ohio Department of Education. Students that achieve state honors only will be recognized, but not with the Summa, Magna or Cum Laude status.

Students who choose to deviate from the above curricula, but fall under the GPA's designated by the Summa, Magna, and Cum Laude status will be honored as such, but will not have the status of a speaker at graduation or participate in "Best of the Class", etc. Graduation speaker(s) and "Best of Class" representatives will come from the Honors with Distinction Curricula student(s) identified with the highest class ranking. It is important to note that the Valedictory Address or "Best of the Class" participation may be removed from a student based on flagrant violation of school policy. The only exception to this rule is that the Senior Class President will make a welcome address. School officials will select on stage speaking participants for various ceremonial functions from the Honors with Distinction Curricula on an as needed basis due to time constraints.

Guidelines for Graduation Speeches

- No longer than 5 minutes in length
- Positive and ceremonial
- School appropriate, remembering that families are in attendance at the ceremony
- It is a momentous occasion, so formal language needs to be used
- The message should be directed toward the entire graduating class, not individuals
- All graduation speeches will need to be submitted to the Senior Class Advisors by the deadline given each year
- The speeches will be reviewed anonymously by a Staff Committee who will determine whether the speech meets the requirements listed above
- When the speech is given on the actual date of the graduation ceremony, administration reserves the right to stop a student speech at any point if the student deviates from the approved speech by the Staff Committee

For students to meet honors (without Distinction, formerly known as regular honors) requirements they must:

- Meet GPA requirements listed above.
- Pass two (2) of the four (4) honors math classes (formerly known as Academic)
- Pass Honors Chemistry

Project Lead the Way students that complete the program may alter local honor requirements with permission from guidance counselor and principal.

Board Policy for Waiver of Physical Education

Effective for the 2010-2011 school year, any RHLSD student, beginning with the graduation class of 2014, who during high school has participated in interscholastic athletics (Recognized by OHSAA), marching band, or cheerleading for at least two full seasons, may waive the required ½ credit required for graduation. No actual credit is attached for interscholastic athletics or cheerleading.

The Rock Hill Local School District has a nondiscrimination policy that applies to race, national origin, citizenship status, religion, sex, economic status, age, disability, and other human differences. A medical condition may be a disability under Section 504. The contact person for Section 504 can be reached by calling the District Superintendent, David Hopper and or his designee Eric Floyd or Kathy Bowling at the Rock Hill Board of Education Office, 2325A County Road 26, Ironton, Ohio 45638, phone number (740) 532-7030.