# Plainfield High School

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# **Mission Statement**

Plainfield High School creates a positive educational environment in order to prepare students for their present and future roles and encourages each individual to develop his or her potential by providing a wide range of curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular experiences.

# **School Song**

Hail to the Varsity, Cheer them along the way,
Onward to Victory, May we win again today.
We'll give a cheer for the Varsity,
Long may we reign supreme.
Shout 'til the echoes ring, For the glory of our team.



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# PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016-2017

# <u>1st Semester</u>

(Full day for grades K-12)		
First Day for Students	Tuesday, August 2, 201	6
Teacher Orientation	Monday, August 1, 201a	5

Labor Day (No School)	
Teacher In-Service (No Students)	
End of First Grading Period(47 days)	Friday, October 7, 2016
Fall Vacation (No School)	Monday-Friday, October 10-14, 2016
Teacher In-Service (No Students)	Thursday, October 20, 2016
Teacher In-Service (No Students)	Wednesday, November 16, 2016
Thanksgiving Vacation (No School)	Thursday/Friday, November 24-25, 2016
End of Second Grading Period (45 days)	Thursday, December 22, 2016
Grades K-12 attend all day	Thursday, December 22, 2016
Teacher Records Day ½ day(A.M.) (No Stud	lents <b>)</b> Friday, December 23, 2016
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# Note: First Semester Ends with Christmas Vacation

# 2nd Semester

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School Reopens (Regular Time)	Monday, January 9, 2017
Martin Luther King Day (No School)	Monday, January 16, 2017
Mid-Winter Break (No School)	Friday/Monday, February 17-20, 2017
End of Third Grading Period (42 days)	Friday, March 10, 2017
Spring Vacation (No School)	Friday/Friday, March 24 - March 31, 2017
End of Fourth Grading Period (46 days)	Tuesday, May 23, 2017
Grades K-12 attend all day	Tuesday, May 23, 2017
Teacher Records Day 1/2 day (No students)	Wednesday, May 24, 2017
*Commencement	Saturday, May 27, 2017

# Snow make-up days will be used in this order:

First day – Jan. 16 Second day – Feb. 17 Third day – May 24 Fourth day – May 25 Fifth day – May 26 Sixth day – May 27

Additional snow days will be added if needed.

\*If additional snow days are needed past May 26, 2017, commencement will be moved to Saturday, June 3, 2017.

# BELL SCHEDULES

Regular Bell Schedule

PERIODS	TIME	
1	8:05-9:00	
2	9:05-9:55	
3	10:00-10:50	
4	10:55-11:45	
5	11:50-1:15	
A Lunch	11:45-12:13	
B Lunch	12:16-12:44	
C Lunch	12:47-1:15	
6	1:20-2:10	
7	2:15-3:05	

# 2-HOUR DELAY BELL SCHEDULE

PERIODS	TIME
1	10:05-10:40
2	10:45-11:15
3	11:20-11:50
5	11:55-1:20
A lunch	11:50-12:18
B Lunch	12:21-12:49
C Lunch	12:52-1:20
4	1:25-1:55
6	2:00-2:30
7	2:35-3:05

# 2016-2017 PHS STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The PHS Student Government is divided into three houses, comprising a diverse cross section of student leaders with the goal of providing leadership for the entire PHS community and especially our student body.

## **Executive Board**

School Body President: Annie Planker Vice-President of Student Affairs: Kiana Cossio Vice-Presidents of Event Planning: Allie Ridenour Vice-Presidents of Event Planning: Dylan Miller

Secretary: Sidra Ahmad Treasurer: Sam Dunaway

## Senate

# Class of 2017

Jacob Brejcha Jessica Davis Mukhtar, Anam Mauminah Raina

# Class of 2019

Eli Drennan Kiersten Martin Avery Wagoner Peytan Ybanez

# Class of 2018

Kaitlyn Booher Jamie Lautenschlager Paul Planker Dara Smith

# Class of 2020

Samantha Hayden Rachel Law Grace Mathews Ellory Smith

# **House of Representatives**

These representatives will be selected from each club, co-curricular organization and athletic council once the school year begins.

# PHS FACULTY & ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Melvin Siefert – Principal

Mr. Brent Schwanekamp – Assistant Principal

Mr. Michael Menser – Assistant Principal

Mr. Torrey Rodkey – Assistant Principal of Athletics

# **Guidance Department**

Mrs. KaNeasha Koebcke – Director

Mr. Adam Fritz

Mr. John Newbold

Mrs. Jaleen Royer

TBD

Mrs. Allison Spillane - Career and College Readiness

#### **English Department**

Mrs. Karen Alexander
Mrs. Michelle Burress
Mrs. Stephanie Eldridge
Mrs. Carrie Farris
Mrs. Gayle Halleck
Mrs. Kellie Jacobs
Mrs. Stellie Jacobs
Mrs. Stellie Jacobs
Mrs. Shelley Knapp
Mrs. Jamie Treash

Ms. Michelle Moscoloni

## Family and Consumer Science

Mrs. Kelli Dennis

# **World Language Dept**

Mrs. Susan Ament – Chair
Mrs. Ryann Mills
Mrs. Andrea Birke
Mrs. Jamie Nichols
Mrs. Karen Gossmann
Ms. Jordan Walters
Mrs. Brittanie Hacker
Mrs. Renea Whicker

# Special Education Dept.

Ms. Jessica Breidinger
Ms. Caitlin Rosner
Ms. Jennifer Pasteur
Mrs. Kris Weisbach – Chair

Mrs. Cherrie Riddle

# **Mathematics Department**

Mrs. Lisa Bush Mr. Paul Nicodemus

Ms. Teri Carpenter – Chair Mr. Christopher Pearson

Mr. Brian Guth
Mr. Stacey Peters
Mrs. Rachel Freeman
Ms. Jacqueline Sprowl
Miss. Jamie Lydick
Mr. Matthew Steward

Mr. Jared Mackey Mr. Andy Weaver

**Science Department** 

Mrs. Michelle Clark
Mrs. Susan Ritter
Mr. Mathew Craig
Mr. A.J. McAdams

Mrs. Marci Davis
Mrs. Lisa Jackson
Mrs. Samantha Webber
Mr. Scott Johnson
Mr. Brian Woodard

**Business Department** 

Mr. Shane Abrell Mr. Eddie Schmitt

TBD TBD

Mr. Jeffrey McKeon

**Athletic Department** 

Mr. Torrey Rodkey – Assistant Principal of Athletics

Mr. Pat Cavanaugh – Assistant Athletic Director

Mrs. Brandi Morris - Secretary

Physical Education / Health

Mrs. Julie Bradshaw – Chair Mr. Joe Hoffman

Mr. Josh Estridge Mr. Randy Vanderbush

**Media Center** 

Mrs. Lael DuBois

**Fine Arts Department** 

Mrs. Heather Armstrong Mrs. Lacy Ryan
Mr. Michael Carpenter - Chair Ms. Karah Crockett

Mrs. Jonelle Heaton

**Social Studies Department** 

Mr. Curt Benge Mr. Adam Ferguson
Mr. Chris Cavanaugh Mr. David Knueve
Mr. Pat Cavanaugh Mr. Brian Pelkey – Chair
Mr. Larry Early Mr. Jon Utterback

## Plainfield Opportunity Academy

Mr. Chuck Schwanekamp

## **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

## **Class Sponsors**:

Freshmen: Ms. Moscoloni & Mrs. Burress Sophomore: Mr. Hoffman & Mrs. Eldridge Junior: Mrs. Hacker & Mrs. Sherman Senior: Mrs. Sanford & Mrs. Davis

Academic Team:

Mrs. Armstrong – Coordinator

Mrs. Payton – English

Mrs. Sedwick – Mathematics Mrs. Michelle Clark – Science Mr. C. Cavanaugh – Social Studies

Mrs. Ryan – Fine Arts Mr. Early – Social Studies

Academic Team – Mrs. Heather Armstrong Ambassadors Club – Mrs. Lani Ricketts Art Club – Mts. Karen McCormick Congregation Club – Mr. Matt Steward

Craft Club - Mrs. Stacy Sanford

Creative Writing Club – Mrs. Stacy Sanford & Mrs. Liza Payton

**Dance Team** – Mrs. Donovan

**DECA Club** – TBD

**Doctor Who Club** – Mr. John Newbold **Drama Club** – Mrs. Karen Alexander **Engineering Club** – Mr. Schmitt

FCA – Mr. Stacey Peters

French Club - Mrs. Karen Gossmann

Friends for Rachel Club - Mr. Michael Menser & Mr. Melvin Siefert

Game Club – Mrs. Gayle Halleck German Club – Mrs. Susan Ament Instrumental Club – Mrs. Carrie Farris Just Friends – Ms. Jennifer Pasteur

Key Club - Mrs. Kellie Jacobs

**Muslim Student Association** – Mrs. Carrie Farris

National Honor Society – Mr. Kevin Mucho & Mr. Adam Ferguson

Newspaper/Yearbook - Mrs. Michell Burress

Octagon Club – Mrs. Lisa Bush

**Reading Club** – Ms. Jessica Breidinger **Robotics Club** – Mr. Eddie Schmitt,

Spanish Club - Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Whicker, Mrs. Hacker, Mrs. Birke, Mrs. Mills

Speech & Debate Team – Mrs. Stacy Sanford

Student Government - Mrs. Freeman, Mr. Early, Mr. Schwanekamp, class sponsors

## GENERAL INFORMATION

## SCHOOL BOARD POLICY/STUDENT HANDBOOK POLICY

This student handbook provides a summary of the key points of board policy that apply to students while they are attending school and school-sponsored events. The board policy manual should be consulted for the full text of a particular policy and a copy will be provided upon request. If the provisions of the handbook contradict board policy, the board policy prevails.

#### AHERA ANNUAL NOTICE

In accordance with the US EPA's AHERA Standard (ref: 40 CFR 763.80), all information concerning asbestos-containing materials in the schools of the Plainfield Community School Corporation is available for review and copying by students, staff and guardians during normal business hours.

#### **BOOK RENTAL**

Parents are informed that they are financially responsible for book rental fees and any charges the school may assess for but not limited to: lost books, cafeteria fees, library books, extracurricular activities, fundraisers, exam fees, and tuition. Parents are also responsible for all reasonable costs of the collection of this account, which may include but not be limited to, late fees, client collection fees, collection agency fees, reasonable attorney fees, and court costs on any outstanding balance.

# Statement on Student Images

Plainfield Community School Corporation will occasionally photograph or videotape students in the school environment, for the purpose of communications and public relations. These photographs, primarily, could be shared with the media, and placed online via web, email and social media.

In general, Plainfield schools will not publish photos of individual students; in fact, the guideline states that at least three students must be present in published photographs. Students' names will NOT be used without permission of the parent or guardian.

This statement does NOT include annual Picture Day photographs, or photos taken for class, athletic or extracurricular purposes, including the yearbook.

If a parent or guardian does not want their child's photo taken for the purpose of general communications/public relations, they must submit their signature on the Student Image Exclusion form. The form can be found on the website, and should be returned to the secretary at your child's school.

#### **EARLY STUDENT ARRIVAL**

Students who arrive prior to 7:25 a.m. must enter through Door 7 or Door 1 and go to the designated area.

#### THE SCHOOL DAY

All students will arrive for their school day by the 8:05 a.m. tardy bell. Students are to report to their first period class or study hall. The school day is over at 3:05 p.m. All students must exit the building by 3:20 p.m. or be accompanied by a coach or sponsor.

Once arriving on school grounds, students are not permitted to leave the building and/or the grounds during the day unless they have signed out in the student services office or have administrative approval.

#### **CLOSED CAMPUS**

All students are to move into the building upon arrival on school grounds and are to remain within the school building during the school day, including the lunch period. Permission to leave the building at any time during the school day is granted only through the student services office with the approval of the assistant principal and parental permission.

## SIGNING IN AND OUT

Students arriving late to school must sign-in at the student services office. Students must sign-out when they leave school during the school day. Students will not be allowed to leave school during the day without parent permission and personal parent contact with the school administration. Failure to follow this policy will result in truancy and disciplinary action taken.

#### THE LUNCH PERIOD

All students are assigned a thirty-minute section of the fifth period for lunch and are to report to the cafeteria at the beginning of that assigned lunch period. Students should remain in the cafeteria or courtyard during their entire lunch period unless given permission.

As each lunch period is designed to provide only the time necessary for eating in the school cafeteria and then returning to class, students are not allowed to leave school for lunch. Parents should not bring fast food lunches to school and should not take students out for lunch.

#### **HOMEWORK POLICY**

Homework is an out-of-school assignment that contributes to the educational process of the student. It is an extension of class work and is related to the objectives of the curriculum being studied. Homework may include additional practice exercises, reading of material on a specified subject, in-depth extensions of classroom activities, or independent project work related to the subject. Refer to the Guidance Services section for instructions on collecting homework during an extended absence.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Daily announcements are prepared by the office and read over the public address

system, displayed on public television monitors, and posted on the internet for students and parents to read. Notices to be included in the announcements must be submitted before 8:30 a.m. No notice can be accepted from a student without a teacher or sponsor's signature.

#### **LOST AND FOUND**

Students who find lost articles are asked to take them to the Student Services office, where the owner may claim them.

#### STUDENT PROPERTY

Students are responsible for all items brought to school. Expensive items or money should never be left in lockers, as these lockers aren't completely secure. Theft or damage of other student's property should be reported to the assistant principal's office. The school assumes no liability for lost or stolen items.

#### **VISITORS**

Plainfield High School operates a closed campus. All visitors must enter through Door 1 and are expected to show photo identification. Entry to the building is regulated through a buzzer system, and entry will not be allowed without visual recognition. Visitors are not permitted unless they have arranged for an appointment with the faculty and staff. Parents are welcome at all times but should report to the main office upon entering the school. No student visitors are permitted to visit the school. Please do not bring friends to school asking permission for them to stay.

## **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

While no teacher will be called out of class to discuss school matters, parent-teacher conferences greatly contribute to the educational process and are encouraged at Plainfield. Such discussions may be scheduled during the teacher's conference period. Joint conferences with a student's teacher(s) and counselor may be scheduled through the guidance office.

#### **MEDICATIONS**

In general, the school nurse will administer all medication from the clinic. Controlled substances require a note from a physician as well as a parent. All other medications must be in the original container with a note from a parent or guardian. Medications which require that a student carry them must have a note from a physician indicating that the medication must stay with the student and that the student knows how to self-administer. Most medications can be released to high school students if they have a note from a parent that they are to bring the medication home. Controlled substances will never be released to anyone but the parent or guardian of the student who has the prescription. No medication, either prescribed or over the counter is to be carried on the student or in a student locker unless a note is provided from a physician and with the consent of the school nurse.

#### **WEATHER EMERGENCIES**

In the event of the cancellation of school due to weather emergencies, a variety of television and radio stations will be contacted to make the announcements. Information regarding school closings will also be posted on the corporation website and Mr. Siefert's Twitter account (@Quaker Principal). Local television channel 13 (WTHR) is a good source. The administration will also send a notification through the Connect-Ed system.

When it becomes necessary to close school early or to cancel school due to adverse weather conditions, the staff supports the basic philosophy that any activities scheduled on that specific day involving participation by local students/or use of the local facilities should also be canceled or postponed whenever possible.

There are times, however, when local officials have limited control over such decisions due to external sponsorship.

Exceptions are made to allow for some practices, academic or athletic, at the high school level providing: (1) practice is limited to varsity groups, (2) road/weather conditions have improved, (3) approval has been secured from the principal, (4) students are not required to attend, and (5) no penalty will be given for not participating. Practice sessions will not be held during any two-hour delay.

#### STUDENT AUTOMOBILES

Students who drive a motor vehicle to school must abide by the following regulations:

- (1) Do not loiter in the parking lot. Upon parking your car, leave the vehicle and enter the building.
- (2) During school hours students should park in Lots 2 or 3 only, which are designated by white lines.
- (3) Observe the posted speed limit of 15 miles per hour.
- (4) Students should not go to their cars during the school day without a pass or permission from Student Services.
- (5) School buses always have the right of way.
- (6) **DO NOT** walk between buses at any time, to prevent accident or injury.
- (7) All students must have their cars registered and a parking permit displayed on the rear view mirror.
- (8) Students' cars parked in "no parking areas," in fire lanes, in prohibited parking spaces, or without a parking permit will be towed away at owner's expense.
- (9) Improper operation of a motor vehicle or violation of guidelines can result in:
  - a. Losing parking permit
  - b. Level I or Level II Friday School
  - c. Suspension from school
  - d. Expulsion from school
- (10) Student vehicles may be searched by school administrators, if there is reasonable suspicion. Drug sniffing canines are used by Plainfield Police Department at

Plainfield High School.

- (11) Students who violate school rules may lose the privilege of driving to school.
- (12) All student drivers must be enrolled in the Plainfield High School Student Activity Code of Conduct Program.

#### **SCHOOL DANCES/PROM**

- (1) All school rules apply.
- (2) Students must be enrolled in the Student Activities Code of Conduct program in order to participate.
- (3) No student will be admitted more than one hour past the starting time of the dance without being pre-approved by the administration.
- (4) All students, including guests, will be tested prior to being admitted to any dances for alcohol. The test being used will be AlcoBlow. Students and guests testing positive will be denied admission to the dance and reported to the Police Department. Parents/guardians will be called. Refusal to submit to testing at a school-sponsored dance will result in actions taken as if a positive test occurred.
- (5) All guests must be approved prior to the dance. Guests will not be approved unless they are in good standing with their home school. If the student is a former Plainfield High School student, he or she must have left in good standing. Guests may not be 21 or older.

## **VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Plainfield Community School Corporation requires that anyone having contact with our student population complete a "Background Authorization and Release." This authorization process can be found on the PCSC and PHS web pages.

# **NONDISCRIMINATION**

It is the policy of the Plainfield Community School Corporation not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability in its educational programs or employment policies as required by the Indiana Civil Rights Law (IC 1976, 20-9-), Public Law 218 (IC 1971, Title 20), Title VI and VII (Civil Rights Act 1964), the Equal Pay Act of 1973, Title IX (1972 Education Amendments) and The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

#### **GUIDANCE SERVICES**

# Guidance Department

Mr. Adam Fritz (students receiving special services)

Mr. John Newbold (student last names A – Hi)

Mrs. Jaleen Royer (student last names Hj - Sp)

Mrs. KaNeasha Koebcke – Director of Guidance (student last names Sq – Z)

Mrs. Allison Spillane – College & Career Advisor

TBD - Student Assistance Counselor

Plainfield High School offers comprehensive guidance and counseling services to all students. These services include, but are not limited to, personal counseling, group counseling, academic counseling, career counseling, scheduling, testing services, and referral services. The Guidance Department also provides scholarship and college financial aid information to seniors.

Students who want to see a counselor should come to the guidance office before or after school, during a passing period, during study hall, or with a pass from a teacher. If the counselor is not available, the student may complete a Counselor Request Form and the counselor will call for the student at a convenient time. In an emergency situation, a student may come directly to the Guidance Office.

#### **SCHEDULING INFORMATION**

Plainfield High School offers four diplomas offered by the State of Indiana. Students may earn the Core 40 diploma, the Core 40 with Technical Honors diploma, the Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma, and the general diploma through an opt-out process. Information about diplomas can be found in *The Pathfinder*. All courses are open to students regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicapped condition.

All students are expected to schedule a minimum of six courses each semester and to attend school from 8:05 a.m. until 3:05 p.m. Area 31 vocational courses and ICE count as two or three courses, depending on the amount of time required.

Students in grades nine through eleven will meet with their counselor each year to plan their schedules for the following school year. These schedules are then to be approved by the student's parents or guardians. Parents/guardians are welcome to make an appointment with their student's counselor to discuss their student's course requests.

Courses are scheduled on a yearly basis. Course changes due to a teacher preference will NOT be made. The only exception is when a student is repeating a course due to failure, has been assigned to the same teacher with whom he/she failed, and requests a teacher change.

Once students' schedules have been determined, they may not be changed; few exceptions will be made and are described in *The Pathfinder*.

Grade Weighted Courses: Information on grade-weighted courses can be found in The

Pathfinder Curriculum Handbook located on the guidance website.

**Post-Secondary Information**: Students and parents/guardians may find information about post-secondary programs in the Guidance Department. These include two-year and four-year colleges, vocational and technical schools, apprenticeships, Armed Forces, and immediate job openings. Students may investigate the information before and after school, as well as during their study hall or lunch period. Parents may inspect the information any time the Guidance Office is open. Students may complete college applications online or request a paper copy from the college. If a student completes a paper copy of the college application, the counselor mails it for the student, including an official transcript. Colleges prefer applications be completed online. Therefore, students should request transcripts online via *Naviance* and complete a *College Application Checklist* (located in the guidance office).

**Conferences:** The guidance counselors believe it is in the students' best interest that their parents/guardians and the school communicate. Therefore, at the request of a parent/guardian, teacher, administrator, or student, a counselor will schedule and facilitate a conference to find ways in which the student can be helped to succeed.

**Homework:** Requests for homework may be made for students who have missed two or more days. To request homework, please call the Guidance Office at 838-3622 by 9:00 a.m. The homework will be available for pick-up in the Guidance Office between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Class Rank & G.P.A.: The G.P.A. is based on a 4.0 system, i.e. A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0. Additional weight is given to those courses that have been determined to be more challenging, i.e. Honors and Advanced Placement. The addition to the G.P.A. for these courses is computed at the end of the semester on a cumulative basis. Class rank, based on G.P.A., is determined at the end of each semester. Qualification for the Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas is determined through the end of the eighth semester as required by the Indiana Department of Education. Top 20, valedictorian, and salutatorian are determined at the end of the eighth semester.

**Transportation to Off-Campus Programs**: Students who participate in programs away from Plainfield High School are expected to provide their own transportation to and from these programs, including cooperative education programs, exploratory teaching, Area 31 vocational programs, and any college courses, unless transportation is provided by Plainfield High School. If transportation is provided by Plainfield, students are expected to ride the bus unless given pre-approval by the Administration.

#### STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The staff of Plainfield High School recognizes that many types of problems can interfere with a student's educational experience. The Guidance Department offers a student assistance counselor, in addition to guidance counselors, to help students with these personal problems. The student assistance counselor offers individual and group meetings to help students with a variety of problems. A special focus of the program is to provide help for students who are affected by their own or someone else's alcohol and/or other drug

use.

Students may come in on their own or may be referred by teachers, administrators, friends, or parents.

#### RIGHTS OF PARENTS AND STUDENT REGARDING EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

Federal law and regulation govern education records. In summary, both elementary and secondary students' educational records are confidential. Parents can examine their child's records at reasonable times if the child is less than 18 years of age and not attending a post-secondary institution. Students may also examine their records at reasonable times. Before educational records are disclosed to third parties, the school requires a signed and dated written consent. Students who are 18 years of age or attending post-secondary education may sign for themselves. School officials, including officials of another school system or of post-secondary institutions where the student seeks to enroll, may also examine education records without the parent or student's consent.

Directory information can be published on the corporation website and school newsletter and can be released to media organizations, colleges, civic or school-related organizations, recruiting representatives of various military services and academies, and government agencies without the consent of parents or students. Directory information includes student's name, parent's name, area of studies, athletic participation, extra-curricular participation, height, weight, photographs, attendance dates, awards, race, sex, and grade level. Any objection to such disclosure should be stated in a letter and filed with the principal prior to the end of the student's sophomore year. Occasionally the student's classroom work will be displayed for motivational purposes; however, the parent can also notify the principal in writing if the display of classroom work is not preferred.

#### **GRADUATION**

In order to participate in the commencement ceremony, all students must have successfully completed all courses needed for graduation. Additionally, all debts and obligations must be paid and/or cleared.

# PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SERVICES INFORMATION

Michael Menser: Assistant Principal
Lani Ricketts: Secretary and Attendance

**TBD:** Counselor

The rules you are about to read in this handbook supplement are in addition to our broad, discretionary authority to maintain safety, order, and discipline inside the school zone. These rules support, but do not limit, administrative authority.

# PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

# Plainfield High School has an eight day absence limit per semester.

- All absences, Excused or Unexcused, count toward the eight day limit.
- For an absence to be Excused it must be reported within 24 hours.

#### REPORTING ABSENCES

Students should be advised to have their parents report to the school Attendance Office by telephone (838-3630) on the day of their absence giving the reason for absence. The attendance line is available 24 hours a day. Student Services will attempt to contact parents by telephone to check on absences not so reported. **Absences must be reported within 24 hours to be excused.** All medical notifications must be submitted within one week to be excused. Parents will be informed promptly of any irregularity in attendance.

Research shows that high attendance rates correlate to high achievement rates; for these reasons, the school has determined that <u>students may incur no more than eight absences per class per semester.</u>

# **Excused Absences**

Excused absences are defined as absences that the school corporation regards as legitimate reasons for being out of school, as included in the school policy. Indiana Code five causes for an absence to be excused. These include:

- Illness verified by note from parent/guardian
- Illness verified by note from physician
- Family funeral
- Maternity
- Military Connected Families (e.g. absences related to deployment and return)

### **Exempt Absences**

Indiana Law prescribes which absences are exceptions and are not included as absences on a student's attendance. As per (IC 20-33-2) these include: (1) service as a page for the Indiana General Assembly, (2) serving on the Precinct Election Board or the helper to a political candidate, (3) a student who is issued a subpoena to appear in court as a witness in a judicial proceeding, (4) ordered to active duty with the Indiana National Guard for not more than ten days, (5) Serving with the Civil Air Patrol for up to five (5) days, (6) exhibiting at the State Fair, and (7) educationally related non-classroom activity.

#### **Unexcused Absences**

An unexcused absence is any absence not covered under the definition of excused or exempt.

#### FAMILY EMERGENCY

A student may be allowed make-up work for an absence caused by a family emergency, even if it falls in the "unexcused" category. This absence may not exceed one (1) day per incident and will count toward the eight (8) days at the high school and eight (8) days at the middle school. The parent should call the attendance office on the day of the emergency and send a note of explanation with the student the following day; final determination will be at the building principal's discretion.

#### PREARRANGED ABSENCES

<u>Vacations</u>: Families should plan their vacation at times when school is not in session to avoid student absences. The granting of pre-arranged absences is not intended for adding additional vacation days to the school year, but rather for unavoidable absences or once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

<u>College Visits:</u> A parent must make arrangements in advance for a college visitation, by filling out the College Visit Request Form. This is a separate form from the Prearranged Absence form. For college visits, the student must be a Junior or Senior and must bring an official document from the college Admissions Office to Student Services. College visits DO NOT count toward the eight day limit on absences. (Only two college visits are allowed per vear.)

The following applies to prearranged absences:

- 1. Parents must sign a form for prearranged absence and submit that form to the principal or assistant principal's office.
- 2. The form must be submitted ahead of time, allowing ample time for needed signatures to be obtained and all stakeholders to be notified; recommended submission five (5) days prior to absence.
- If a student has previously been absent for several days, a conference may be required by the administration to discuss the ramifications of additional absences.
- 4. A prearranged absence form must be presented by the student to each of his teachers for signatures.
- 5. Make-up work should be arranged in advance. Class work missed must be made up promptly upon the student's return.
- 6. The prearranged absence will be reported as excused or unexcused according to the Indiana Compulsory Attendance Law (IC-20-33-2) and make-up work will be allowed for credit. Students and parents are reminded that even though make-up work will be allowed for credit, some classroom activities

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- simply cannot be replicated. The instruction missed during class time may adversely affect their grades (especially in participation type classes) and understanding of material.
- 7. Any prearranged absence(s) will count towards the eight (8) day attendance policy.
- No prearranged absence will be approved if a student is scheduled to take the state required achievements test and/or locally administered achievement tests.
- 9. MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL- prearranged absences will not be approved during final semester exams or the last fifteen days of the school year for any reason other than those exceptions outlined by Indiana Law.

## **TARDY POLICY**

Students arriving to school after the beginning of the school day must report to Student Services to sign in and will be considered tardy to first period. Any student arriving late to school or receiving an unexcused absence to first period will count as a violation of the tardy policy. A parent call notifying Student Services of a late arrival does not necessarily make the tardy or absence excused unless the excuse falls under normal excused absences from school. The policy will be as follows:

- (1) The third tardy to class will result in a Level I Friday School Assignment and parent contact.
- (2) The fourth tardy to class will result in a Level I Friday School Assignment and parent contact.
- (3) The fifth tardy to class will result in a Level II Friday School Assignment.
- (4) The sixth tardy will result in two Level II Friday School Assignments.
- (5) The seventh tardy will result in a one day suspension from school.
- \*Students earning eight or more tardies could be suspended from school for multiple days and may face expulsion.

# TRUANCY

Truancy is defined as absence from school during any part of the school day without the consent of parent and proper school officials. Class work missed may not be made up and the student's grade will suffer accordingly.

You are truant if you:

- (1) Leave school without signing out, in the proper office.
- (2) Leave school at lunch without proper permission.
- (3) Are absent from school without prior permission from your parent.
- (4) Are absent from class without permission (skipping).
- (5) Obtain a pass to go to a certain place and do not report there or go somewhere else besides the destination on your pass.
- (6) Become ill and go home or stay in the restroom instead of reporting to Student Services

or to the Clinic.

(7) Come to school but do not attend classes.

Truancies from school or class will result in disciplinary action listed below:

1st violation: One Level II Friday School and parental notification

2nd violation: Two Level II Friday School assignments and parental notification

3rd violation: A third truancy in a semester will result in recommendation for expul-

sion for the rest of the semester.

\*All unexcused absences will fall under provisions outlined in a Project ATTEND attendance contract or a Plainfield High School attendance contract.

#### **Excessive Absences**

Plainfield High School believes that students who miss more than eight instructional periods per class per semester have missed a significant amount of classroom interaction, as well as instructional time. Parents will be notified when a student has accumulated his or her 4th, 7th, and 8th absence. If a student misses more than eight class periods or full days, he or she may be removed from the class, sign an attendance contract. or be expelled from school. Absences which include extenuating circumstances and that violate a signed attendance contract may be taken to an attendance review committee. Removal from two or more classes will result in recommendation for expulsion.

NOTE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS: EACH ABSENCE, WHETHER EXCUSED, UNEXCUSED, OR TRUANT COUNTS TOWARD THE EIGHT-DAY LIMIT.

## HENDRICKS COUNTY PROJECT ATTEND

Project ATTEND is a cooperative effort between the Schools, Probation, Prosecutor and Child and Family Services offices in Hendricks County, Indiana. The goal is to assist schools in increasing their attendance rate and to reduce the number of Truancy cases filed in the Court.

# **GENERAL PROCEDURES:**

- (1) When a child has accumulated excessive or unexcused absences, the school will have the student and the parent or guardian of the student sign a Parent Attendance Contract. The school is to determine what constitutes an unexcused absence. If the school is unable to get the parent to sign the contract within five school days, they should contact the Project ATTEND Coordinator.
- (2) When a child has accumulated any additional unexcused absences, the school representative should notify the Project ATTEND Coordinator by phone or e-mail and include the pertinent information about the child. This information should include; the child's name and date of birth, parents names, addresses, phone numbers and a copy of their attendance. Also, a record of any contacts made by the school should be included.

- (3) The Project ATTEND Coordinator will then contact the parents or guardian of the child by phone, mail or both. This contact will include an attempt to gather pertinent information regarding the family and attendance issues. The parents will be notified that this is considered an official referral to the Juvenile Court and could result in future legal action.
- (4) If the attendance problems continue, the school should notify Project ATTEND with all updated information. A meeting will be set for the parents, child, school representative and Project ATTEND Coordinator. The Deputy Prosecuting Attorney may also be asked to attend this meeting.
- (5) At the above mentioned meeting, the legal consequences of non-attendance will be explained. A contract/agreement will be signed by the parents, child, school representative and Project ATTEND Coordinator, that lists any actions that should be taken and any conditions imposed on the student, parents or school.
- (6) If the child still continues to have attendance problems or otherwise violates the above mentioned agreement, a decision to file Truancy charges against the child, or Educational Neglect charges against the parent may be made. It is also possible that the child could continue under the existing agreement or an amended agreement.
- (7) Each case will be considered on an individual basis. Every attempt will be made to have an Attendance Contract or Agreement signed before filing charges. The goal is to improve attendance without filing formal charges if possible.

# PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL RULES

#### **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Use of any electronic device, besides the tablet provided by Plainfield Community School Corporation, is NOT ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM <u>unless authorized by individual instructor (INCLUDING CELL PHONES)</u>. Uses of such items are not to interfere with classroom instructional time. Individual teachers may provide guidelines for usage in classroom settings. \*The use of the camera and video options on electronic devices is strictly prohibited while on school property without prior approval of the individual instructor or administrator. The school assumes no liability for lost or stolen items.

#### SCHOOL FIRE ALARM

Misuse of the school fire alarm is a violation of state law and school policy and is an expellable offense.

#### **OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE**

The use of inappropriate or offensive language and/or gestures in school is unacceptable. Students using such gestures or language both verbally and/or electronically will face disciplinary action including possible suspension or expulsion.

#### TAPING OR RECORDING OF CONFERENCES

Conferences conducted with students or parents regarding discipline or school rules may be recorded (video or audio) to verify the accuracy of information being provided. Any video is considered property of Plainfield High School.

### **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

It is the policy of the Plainfield Community School Corporation to maintain learning and working environment that is free from sexual harassment. This policy pertains to both students and employees. It shall be a violation of this policy for students to harass other students through conduct of communication of a sexual nature. This policy also includes employees, non-employees, and volunteers who work subject to the control of school authorities.

Sexual harassment may include but is not limited to the following:

- (1) Sexual verbal harassment or abuse
- (2) Repeated remarks to a person with sexual or demeaning implications
- (3) Unwelcome touching
- (4) Pressure for sexual activity
- (5) Suggesting or demanding sexual involvement accompanied by implied or explicit threats concerning one's grades, job promotion, and/or salary increase

#### BULLYING

1. Bullying committed by students toward other students is strictly prohibited. Engaging in bullying conduct described in this rule by use of data or computer software that is accessed through any computer, any computer system, or any computer network is also prohibited.

- 2. For purposes of this rule, bullying is defined as overt, unwanted, repeated acts or gestures, including verbal or written communications or images transmitted in any manner including electronically or digitally, physical acts committed, aggression, or any other similar behaviors that are committed by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the targeted student and create for the targeted student an objectively hostile school environment that:
- places the targeted student in reasonable fear of harm to the targeted student's person or property;
- has a substantially detrimental effect on the targeted student's physical or mental health;
- has the effect of substantially interfering with the targeted student's academic performance; or
- has the effect of substantially interfering with the targeted student's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, and privileges provided by the school.
- 3. This rule may be applied regardless of the physical location of the bullying behavior when a student committing bullying behavior and the targeted student attend a school within the school corporation and disciplinary action is reasonably necessary to avoid substantial interference with school discipline or prevent an unreasonable threat to the rights of other students to a safe and peaceful learning environment.
- 4. Any student or parent who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this rule or any student who feels he/she has been bullied in violation of this rule should immediately report the conduct to the [school administrator] who has responsibility for all investigations of student misconduct including bullying. A student or parent may also report the conduct to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the [school administrator]. This report may be made anonymously.
- 5. The [school administrator] shall investigate immediately all reports of bullying made pursuant to the provisions of this rule. Such investigation must include any action or appropriate responses that may be taken immediately to address the bullying conduct wherever it takes place. The parents of the bully and the targeted student(s) shall be notified on a regular, periodic basis of the progress and the findings of the investigation and of any remedial action that has been taken.
- 6. The [school administrator] will be responsible for working with the school counselors and other community resources to provide information and/or follow-up services to support the targeted student and to educate the student engaging in bullying behavior on the effects of bullying and the prevention of bullying. In addition, the school administrator and school counselors will be responsible for determining if the bullying behavior is a violation of law required to be reported to law enforcement under Indiana law based upon their reasonable belief. Such determination should be made as soon as possible and once this determination is made, the report should be made immediately to law enforcement.

- 7. False reporting of bullying conduct as defined in this rule by a student shall be considered a violation of this rule and will result in any appropriate disciplinary action or sanctions if the investigation of the report finds it to be false.
- 8. A violation of this rule prohibiting bullying may result in any appropriate disciplinary action or sanction, including suspension and/or expulsion.
- 9. Failure by a school employee who has a responsibility to report bullying or investigate bullying or any other duty under this rule to carry out such responsibility or duty will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from employment with the school corporation.
- 10. Counseling, corrective discipline, and/or referral to law enforcement will be used to change the behavior of the perpetrator. This includes appropriate intervention(s), restoration of a positive climate, and support for victims and others impacted by the bullying.
- 11. Educational outreach and training will be provided to school personnel, parents, and students concerning the identification, prevention, and intervention in bullying.
- 12. All schools in the corporation are encouraged to engage students, staff and parents in meaningful discussions about the negative aspects of bullying. The parent involvement may be through parent organizations already in place in each school.
- 13. The superintendent or designee will be responsible for developing detailed administrative procedures consistent with the Indiana Department of Education guidelines for the implementation of the provisions of this rule.

## **HAZING**

Hazing activities of any type are prohibited at all times. Hazing is defined as: Doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy. No administrator, faculty member, or other employee of the school district will encourage, permit, condone, or tolerate hazing activities. No student, including leaders of student organizations, will plan, encourage, or engage in hazing. All hazing incidents will be reported immediately to the principal and superintendent.

#### STUDENT DRESS CODE

Clothing and personal grooming of the students of Plainfield High School shall not be unsanitary, unhealthy, or such that might cause disruption to the educational process of other activities of Plainfield High School. Students will be required to wear shoes. No half-shirts, nonprescription sunglasses, hats, or midriff tops may be worn. Further, clothing that is tight, flimsy, torn or ripped to the point of immodesty, or clothing which depicts violence or vulgarity of any kind may not be worn. Additionally, clothing that depicts alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or drugs are not to be worn.

We expect students to wear normal school clothes in a normal manner. Students whose

appearance interferes with the educational process by drawing undue attention of other students or school personnel, by posing as a potential safety hazard to themselves or others, or by being interpreted by school personnel to be offensive in either the message that is implied or the parts of the body that are revealed will be asked to change their clothing into something more appropriate or will be sent home. Simple guidelines for school-appropriate dress and personal appearance are:

- (1) Hats, caps, hoods, sunglasses, rollers, picks, and any other head coverings are not to be worn in the building between the hours of 8:05-3:05. However, students may be required to wear hairnet and/or other hair restraints in technology classes, laboratory, swimming, and comparable activities.
- (2) All tops must cover the top of the shoulder and shall not reveal the chest or underarm areas or expose undergarments in an immodest way.
- (3) Excessively short shorts, dresses, and skirts should not be worn.
- (4) Shoes must be worn at all times. Discretion should be used as to the appropriateness and safety of certain types of shoes. No house slippers with soft and unsafe souls should be worn.
- (5) All pants and slacks must be worn at the waist. No undone belts will be allowed.
- (6) Any apparel, jewelry, cosmetic, make-up accessory, notebook, tattoo, or manner of grooming which by virtue of its color arrangement, trademark, or any other attribute denoting membership in a gang or advocating drug use, violence or clothing bearing racially or sexually offensive messages will not be worn inside the school building or at school functions.
- (7) Clothing that is suggestive, has a double meaning or innuendo, or suggests an inappropriate idea is unacceptable.
- (8) Clothing that advertises, promotes, or glorifies the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or other illegal substances are unacceptable.
- (9) Attire that may damage school property or cause personal injury to others (such as chains or studded items) is not to be worn.
- (10) Coats are only permitted when entering or exiting the school building and must be placed in lockers before First Period. Students are advised to wear sweaters or sweatshirts if they feel the need for additional warmth. In addition, no blankets are to be used in school.

Each student, with the advice of his or her parent or guardian, should dress in a manner that is appropriate for school and its related activities. If these standards of dress are violated, the student will be sent to the assistant principal or designee to arrange for the changing of the improper attire. If alternative clothing is not available, the student may be suspended and sent home.

#### BACKPACKS/BAGS

Backpacks will be allowed, as long as they are clear or of a material that allows someone to see inside them easily (while zipped or closed). Purses and tote bags may be carried, as long as they are smaller than a normal-sized textbook.

#### **POSSESSION OF TOBACCO**

Students' possessing or using tobacco products anywhere on school grounds or in the building immediately before, during, or after school, or at any school sponsored event on or off campus, is not permitted. Leaving school grounds to use tobacco products is not permitted. For the purpose of this policy, tobacco use may be in the form of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, chew, dip, snuff, or any other form of tobacco.

A student caught in possession of or using tobacco products will face the following consequences:

1st Offense: Three day suspension from school.

2nd Offense: Five day suspension from school and a referral to a tobacco education program at a health facility approved by the Superintendent or his designee.

3rd Offense: Expulsion from school for the rest of the semester with no alternative. Students expelled the first semester for possession or use of tobacco products will be expelled the second semester for a single offense.

#### **REASONABLE SUSPICION DRUG TEST**

Students may be required to submit to drug testing or a breathalyzer test when reasonable suspicion exists. Plainfield Community School Corporation reserves the right to test any student who, at the time, exhibits cause for reasonable suspicion of drug or alcohol usage. Reasonable suspicion may arise from the following supportive indicators: (1) a student's behavior in conjunction with physical appearance and/or odor, (2) the student possesses drug paraphernalia, alcohol, marijuana, or any controlled substance, and (3) information communicated to an administrator by a teacher, staff member, parent, other adult, or a student indicating a student is using, possessing, or under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, or any controlled substances. (Any such report will be investigated by the administration and will be substantiated by other indicators, if deemed necessary.) If a student tests positive as a result of being tested for reasonable suspicion, the student will be subjected to school rules as outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook. This could result in suspension and expulsion from school and possible arrest.

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICE/CELL PHONE POLICY**

Plainfield High School encourages the responsible and appropriate use of technology including cell phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, laptops, etc. within the school setting.

Students may use electronic equipment, including cell phones, at school until the beginning of first period, during passing periods, during lunch, and after last period unless directed otherwise by a staff member. Use of any electronic device, besides the tablet provided by Plainfield Community School Corporation, is not allowed in the classroom unless authorized by individual instructor (including cell phones). Use of such items are not to interfere with classroom instructional time. Individual teachers may provide guidelines for usage in classroom settings. Violation of this policy will result in school-assigned

discipline and may cause the items to be confiscated and delivered to an administrator to be returned at the discretion of the administrator. Any faculty member reserves the right to confiscate a phone or electronic device of any student using it in an unauthorized manner. Failure at any time to comply with a staff member's request to store or turn over an electronic device will be considered insubordination and may result in disciplinary action.

\*Videotaping, photographing or audio recording of staff or students without prior teacher or administrative authorization is strictly prohibited and may result in suspension or expulsion.

The following are consequences for unauthorized or inappropriate use of an electronic device.

1st offense: Level I Friday School 2nd offense: Level II Friday School

3rd offense: FIVE day out-of-school suspension and recommendation for expulsion INSUBORDINATION

All Plainfield personnel, including administrators, teachers, substitute teachers, instructional assistants, secretaries, custodians, and food service workers are responsible for the supervision of Plainfield students during all Plainfield High School activities. All students are expected to comply with direction given by all adults. Failure to do so is insubordination and will result in disciplinary consequences. Examples of insubordination include, but are not limited to:

- a. Failure to comply with direction or instruction of a staff member or adult: Failure to follow any reasonable direction given by a staff member or adult in charge.
- b. **Refusal to work in class:** Failure to do assigned work in class or complete homework.
- c. Refusal to report to office: Failure to report to Student Services when directed.
- d. **Refusal or failure to identify oneself:** Failure to identify oneself when directed.
- e. Failure to respond truthfully: Failure to answer completely and/or truthfully
- f. **Refusal to hand over cell phone:** Failure to give cell phone to staff member when student is caught in violation of school cell phone policy.
- $\ensuremath{\mathtt{g}}.$  Refusal to attend Level I or Level II Friday School

# FRIDAY SCHOOL

Level I Friday School may be used by any teacher for classroom disruptions. Level II Friday School may be assigned by any administrator. Any student assigned to Friday School must have his or her form signed by a parent/guardian and return it to the Friday School Supervisor.

# Level I Friday School

- A. Meet in cafeteria by 3:10.
- B. Students must bring sufficient academic material for one hour.
- C. No sleeping or use of electronic devices is allowed.
- D. Removal or unexcused absence from a Level I Friday School will result in a Level

II Friday School.

E. Level I Friday School will be dismissed at 4:10.

#### **Level II Friday School**

- A. Students will meet in Student Services by 3:10. The supervising teacher will escort students to assigned area.
- B. Students must bring sufficient academic material for three hours.
- C. No sleeping or use of electronic devices is allowed.
- D. Removal or unexcused absence from a Level II Friday School will result in a 2-day out-of-school suspension.
- E. Level II Friday School will be dismissed at 6:10.

#### PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE

The following category scale and chart are examples of how Plainfield High School utilizes Progressive Discipline. Although the following scale and chart are examples of how Progressive Discipline is handled, administrators must also take into consideration the severity of each offense as well as the prior discipline record of each individual student.

\* As discipline issues with individual students increase in number and/or severity, the likelihood of suspension and/or expulsion will also increase.

The following are examples of Category I, II, and III offenses. These may include but are not limited to the following:

Category I: dress code violations, minor classroom disruptions, minor profanity, PDA, tardies.

Category II: theft, fighting, bullying, hazing, harassment, tobacco, major or repeated insubordination

Category III: drugs, alcohol, weapons, verbal aggression or extreme profanity, major insubordination

# PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE CATEGORY SCALE

Category of Offense	1st Offense (May include but not <u>limited to)</u>	2nd Offense (May include but not limited to)	3rd Offense (May include but not <u>limited</u> <u>to)</u>
<u>Category 1</u>	Warning	Level I Friday School	Level II Friday School

Category 2	Level II Friday School or Suspension; possible arrest	Suspension or Expulsion; possible arrest	Expulsion; possible arrest
<u>Category 3</u>	Expulsion; possible arrest		

The following is a Progressive Discipline Chart of clear violations and the consequences for each.

# PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE CHART

PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE CHART				
Infraction	<u>First Offense</u>	<u>Second</u> Offense	<u>Third Offense</u>	
Cell Phone Violation	Level I Friday School	Level II Friday School	Five Day Suspension / Possible Expulsion	
Fighting (Verbal or Physical)	Suspension / Possible Expulsion; possible arrest	Suspension / Possible Expulsion; possible arrest	Expulsion; possible arrest	
Drugs/Alc ohol	10 day Suspension AND Expulsion; possible arrest			
Missed Level I Friday School	Assigned Level II Friday School	Assigned Level II Friday School	Assigned Level II Friday School	

Missed Level II Friday School	Two Day Suspension	Two Day Suspension	Five Day Suspension and Possible Expulsion
Smoking	Three Day Suspension	Five Day Suspension	Expulsion for the School Year
Truancy	Level II Friday School	Two Level II Friday Schools	Expulsion for Semester

# GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

Students who engage in misconduct or demonstrate substantial disobedience will be suspended and/or expelled from school. Suspensions from school range from one to 10 days depending upon the severity of the misconduct or disobedience. Any student being expelled from school will be suspended for 10 days prior to the expulsion taking effect. Students being expelled will receive grades of WF for each course in which they are currently enrolled. Examples of student misconduct and/or substantial disobedience for which a student may be suspended or expelled include, but are not limited to:

- Using violence, force, noise, coercion, threat, intimidation, fear, passive resistance, or other comparable conduct constituting an interference with school purposes, or urging other students to engage in such conduct. The following enumeration is only illustrative and not limited to the type of conduct prohibited by this rule:
  - a. Occupying any school building, school grounds, or part thereof with intent to deprive others of its use.
  - b. Blocking the entrance of exits of any school building or corridor or room therein with intent to deprive others of lawful access to or from, or use of the building, corridor, or room.
  - c. Setting fire to or damaging any school building or property.
  - d. Preventing of or attempting to prevent by physical act the convening or continued functioning of any school or educational function, or of any meeting or assembly on school property.
  - e. Intentionally making noise or acting in any manner so as to interfere seriously with the ability of any teacher or any of the other school personnel to conduct the education function under this supervision.
  - f. Conspiring to violate any school rule or state law.
- Causing or attempting to cause damage to school property, stealing or attempting to steal school property.

- 3. Causing or attempting to cause damage to private property, stealing or attempting to steal private property.
- 4. Causing or attempting to cause physical injury or behaving in such a way as could reasonably cause physical injury to any person. Self-defense or reasonable action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect some other person does not constitute a violation of this rule.
- 5. Threatening or intimidating any student for any purpose, including obtaining money or anything of value from the student.
- 6. Failing to report the actions or plans of another person to a teacher or administrator where those actions or plans, if carried out, could result in harm to another person or persons or damage property when the student has information about such actions or plans.
- 7. Possessing, handling, or transmitting a knife or any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon, is represented to be a weapon, or looks like a weapon.
- 8. Possessing, using, transmitting, or being affected by any controlled substance, prescription drug, narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, intoxicant or depressant of any kind, or any paraphernalia used in connection with the listed substances. Also prohibited is the consumption of any of the stated substances immediately before attending school or a school function or event.
- 9. Possessing, using, or transmitting any substance which is represented to be or looks like a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, stimulant, depressant, or intoxicant of any kind; This includes over the counter medications intentionally taken to cause a "high" or create an intoxicating effect.
- 10. Possessing, using, transmitting, or being excessively affected by caffeine-based substances, substances containing phenylpropanolamine (PPA), or stimulants of any kind, be they available with or without a prescription.
- 11. Engaging in the selling of a controlled substance or engaging in a criminal law violation that constitutes a danger to other students or constitutes a danger to other persons or constitutes an interference with school purposes or an educational function.
- 12. Failing in a number of instances to comply with directions of teachers or other school personnel during any period of time when the student is properly under their supervision, where the failure constitutes an interference with school purposes or an educational function.
- 13. Falsely accusing any person of sexual harassment, or of violating a school rule, and/or a state or federal law.
- 14. Engaging in any activity forbidden by the laws of Indiana that constitutes an interference with school purposes or an educational function.
- 15. Aiding, assisting, or conspiring with another person to violate these student

conduct rules or state or federal law.

- 16. Violating any rules that are reasonably necessary in carrying out school purposes or an educational function, including, but not limited to:
  - a. engaging in sexual behavior on school property;
  - b. disobedience of administrative authority;
  - c. willful absence or tardiness of students;
  - d. engaging in speech or conduct, including clothing, jewelry or hairstyle, which is profane, indecent, lewd, vulgar, or offensive to school purposes;
  - e. failing to tell the truth about any matter under investigation by school personnel;
  - f. Violation of tobacco products policy which includes e-cigarettes.
- 17. Bullying is defined by state law as "overt, repeated acts or gestures, including verbal or written communications transmitted; physical act committed; or any other behaviors committed by a student or groups of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the other student." The bullying rule applies when a student is on school grounds immediately before or during school hours, immediately after school hours, or at any other time when the school is being used by a school group; off school grounds at a school activity, function, or event; traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event; or using property or equipment provided by the school. Students who bully other students may face disciplinary action, including possible expulsion.
- 18. Students will not possess or use a laser pointer while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored activity on or off school property unless under the supervision of a staff member and in the context of instruction.
- 19. Possessing a Firearm or Destructive Device
  - a. No student shall possess, handle or transmit any firearm or a destructive device on school property. A firearm, whether operational or not, is grounds for expulsion.
  - b. The following devices are considered to be deadly weapons as defined in I.C. 35-41-1-8:
    - a weapons that will, or is designed to, or may readily be converted to, expel a projectile by the action of an explosive.
    - the frame or receiver of any weapon described above
    - any firearm muffler or firearm silencer
    - any destructive device which is an explosive, incendiary, or poison gas bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, mine, or any similar device
    - any weapon that will, or that may be readily converted to, expel a

- projectile by the action of any explosive or other propellant, and that has any barrel with a bore of more than one-half inch in diameter
- any combination of parts either designed or intended for use in converting any device into any destructive device described in the two immediately preceding examples, and from which a destructive device may be readily assembled
- an antique firearm
- a rifle or a shotgun, which the owner intends to use solely for sporting, recreational, or cultural purposes
- a weapon, laser or electronic stun weapon, equipment, chemical substance, or other material that in the manner it is used, or could ordinarily be used, or is intended to be used, is readily capable of causing serious bodily injury
- an animal readily capable of causing serious bodily injury and used in the commission or attempted commission of a crime
- c. The penalty for possession of a firearm or a destructive device: suspension up to 10 days and expulsion from school for at least one calendar year with the return of the student to be at the beginning of the first semester after the one-year period. The superintendent may reduce the length of the expulsion if the circumstances warrant such reduction.
- d. The superintendent shall immediately notify the appropriate law enforcement agency when a student is expelled under this rule.
- 20. In addition to the grounds listed above, a student may be suspended or expelled for engaging in unlawful activity on or off school grounds if the unlawful activity may reasonably be considered to be an interference with school purposes or an educational function, or the student's removal is necessary to restore order or protect persons on school property. This includes any unlawful activity meeting the above criteria, which takes place during weekends, holidays, other school breaks, and the summer period when a student may not be attending classes or other school functions.
- 21. Having no legal settlement within the school district the grounds for suspension or expulsion listed above (#1-21) apply when a student is:
  - a. On school grounds immediately before, during, and immediately after school hours and at any other time when a school group is using the school;
  - b. Off school grounds at a school activity, function or event, or
  - c. Traveling to or from school or a school activity, function or event.
  - d. During summer school.

# STUDENT SUSPENSION AND THE BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

State law prohibits the Bureau of Motor Vehicles from issuing a driver's license or permit to a student less than 18 years of age who meets any of the following conditions:

- (1) is a habitual truant under SEC 18 IC 20-33-2-1;
- (2) is under at least a second suspension from school for the year;
- (3) is under an expulsion from school;
- (4) has withdrawn from school for a reason other than financial hardship.

Upon notification of the principal, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles is also required to invalidate a student's license or permit for the same reasons until conditions defined by state law are met.

## **CURRENT LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Plainfield High School encourages the use of technology as an instructional and learning tool. As previously stated, to maintain a learning environment, all cell phones, unless authorized by the instructor for educational purposes, must be powered off in the classroom. Plainfield High School also recognizes the role of technology and communication devices in our daily lives, and we encourage students to utilize devices such as laptop computers, iPods, and iPads to enhance their learning experience. However, at the same time, it is important to recognize legal ramifications for abusing the privilege of utilizing these devices in a non-educational manner.

Communication initiated outside of school which is later brought into school may cause educational and legal consequences. The following is an informational legal opinion supported by Plainfield High School concerning student technology usage and current issues.

\*Sending, sharing, viewing, or possessing pictures, text messages, emails, or other material of a sexual nature in electronic or any other form, including the contents of a cell phone or other electronic device, is subject to disciplinary action.

#### Please be aware:

- The Child Abuse/Neglect Law requires school personnel to report to law enforcement or Child Protective Services whenever there is reason to believe that any person/student is involved with "child exploitation" or "child pornography" as defined by Indiana Criminal Statutes.
- It is "child exploitation," a Class C felony under I.C. 35-42-4-4(b), for any person/student (1) to exhibit, photograph or create a digitalized image of any incident that includes "sexual conduct" by a child under the age of 18; or (2) to disseminate, exhibit to another person, or offer to so disseminate or exhibit, matter that depicts or describes "sexual conduct" by a child under the age of 18.
- It is "child pornography," a Class D felony under I.C. 35-42-4-4(c), for any person/student to possess a photograph, motion picture, digitalized image, or any pictorial representation that depicts or describes "sexual conduct" by a child who the person knows is less than 16 years of age or who appears less than age 16.
- "Sexual conduct" is defined by I.C. 35-42-4-4(a) to include sexual intercourse, exhibition of the uncovered genitals intended to satisfy or arouse the sexual desires of any person, or any fondling or touching of a child by another person or of another person by a child intended to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of the child or other person.

- The Indiana Sex Offender Registration Statute at I.C. 11-8-8-7 and the Sex Offender Registry Offense Statute at I.C. 35-42-4-11, as of May 2009, require persons convicted of or adjudicated as a juvenile delinquent for violating the Child Exploitation Statute at I.C. 35-42-4-4(b) to register as a sex offender.
- Because student cell phones and other electronic devices have been found in a number of Indiana school districts to have contained evidence of "sexual conduct" as defined above, it is important for parents and students to be aware of the legal consequences should this occur in the Plainfield school system.

# PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

#### **BUS DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES**

Students transported by the Plainfield Community School Corporation will be under the supervision, direction, and discipline of the bus driver. In order to provide for the safe transportation of all students, the following regulations must be observed.

#### **Bus Rules**

- Students must stay seated at all times during transportation.
- Students must follow the bus driver's directions.
- Students shall not use their hands, feet, or other objects in an inappropriate manner. No horseplay will be tolerated.
- No loud voices, profane language, fighting or rude gestures.
- No eating, drinking, or chewing gum will be allowed on the bus.
- No smoking or use of illegal substances.
- Students must clean their area before departing the bus.
- Students may not open or close windows except with the permission of the bus driver. Windows shall not be lowered past half way.
- Students may not bring items on the bus that would block the aisle or the exit doors.
- School rules also apply when students are on the bus.
- Students must be waiting at the bus stop when the bus arrives. If a student is not at the bus stop, the bus driver will not wait unless the student is visible. Bus service may be discontinued for a student who has not ridden the bus for three consecutive days without notifying the Transportation office.
- Students wishing to ride a bus other than their regularly scheduled bus must provide written permission from their parent. Students must present written permission to bus driver.

To guarantee students are provided safe transportation, we will use the following procedures –

If a student breaks a rule during a daily route, the following consequences are applied that day:

1st incident – Bus driver writes student's name = Warning

2nd incident –  $\sqrt{}$  by the student's name = Change in seat assignment or not talking for rest of trip, etc.

3rd incident –  $\sqrt{1}$  by the student's name = Call to the parent and written referral discipline form to the principal.

Each day the procedures start over. If a student has to be constantly warned, the driver may bypass Steps #1 and #2 and go directly to Step #3 on the first incident.

When a written referral is made to the Principal, the following steps may be taken:

1st written referral – Conference with the Principal

2nd written referral – Three day suspension from transportation

3rd written referral – Ten day suspension from transportation

4th written referral – Suspension from transportation for remainder of the semester

At the principal's direction, a student may receive a Friday School assignment instead of suspension from bus.

# Severe Misbehavior – Loss of Student Privileges

The student does not go through the above steps for severe behavior such as fighting, profane language, rude gestures, smoking, using illegal substances, or defiance.

## **BUS ACCIDENT PROCEDURES**

Despite the most thoughtful precautions, the possibility of accidents involving school buses exists. If an accident occurs, bus drivers are instructed to keep students seated on the bus, if possible. Should an evacuation be necessary, drivers are to move the students immediately to a safe area. In either instance, students are to remain under the supervision of the driver and/or bus aide. Students may be released to their parents and/or legal guardian only AFTER police and emergency authorities have given their approval and the parent(s) and/or legal guardian's signature is obtained. The bus driver shall keep a list of students released to their parents. It is important to note that no student will be released to friends or other relatives. Parental assistance and cooperation are required to help maintain a calm and controlled atmosphere at an accident scene.

## **UNAUTHORIZED BUS ENTRY**

The number one priority of a Plainfield Community School Corporation school bus driver is the safety and well-being of each student. From time to time an individual may attempt to detain or board a school bus without the bus driver's consent or permission. If, in the bus driver's opinion, the individual's attempts to detain or board the school bus may potentially endanger the safety or security of the students, the driver may and shall deny such attempts.

A school bus is school property. Entry without the bus driver's permission is considered trespassing. If an individual enters or attempts to enter a school bus without the bus driver's permission or attempts to detain the bus, the bus driver should ask the individual to step off or away from the bus. If the individual refuses, the bus driver should inform them that they are trespassing. The bus driver should also inform them that the local police would be contacted if they do not cooperate. If the individual refuses to leave, the bus driver should contact the local police/dispatch. A bus driver should not try to remove the individual or leave the location until authorities arrive.

An individual attempting unauthorized entry may be charged with trespassing.

# STUDENT ACTIVITY CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

## **INTRODUCTION:**

For the purpose of providing a safe, drug, alcohol, and tobacco free school environment, this policy provides accountability for appropriate student conduct for those students who are involved in athletics, extracurricular, and co-curricular activities as well as those students who drive to school and attend dances/Prom. This policy offers redirection and opportunities for help to those students who violate the Code of Conduct.

# Students could have a violation of the Code of Conduct by any one of the following but not limited to:

- Positive random drug testing result
- Positive drug test as a result of reasonable suspicion
- Arrest
- In-school conduct
- Self-report of violation
- Police Report
- Act of Delinquency
- Other major handbook violations

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# **Random Drug Testing Procedure**

The School Board requires that each High School or Middle School student participating in one of the corporation's interscholastic athletic programs, extracurricular or co-curricular programs, driving to school, or attending a school dance/Prom sign an enrollment application agreeing that the student will participate in a random drug testing program, conducted and paid for by the corporation. Students will not be allowed to participate in activities or drive to school until they have registered for the program. Initial registration will take place at the beginning of each school year. Students participating in fall activities must have enrollment forms completed prior to the start of their activities. The program is designed to create a safe, drug free environment for students and assist them in getting help when needed. No student shall be expelled or suspended from school as a result of any verified "positive" test conducted by the school under this program; however, this program will not affect the policies, practices, or rights of Plainfield school administrators in dealing with drug or alcohol possession.

Once enrolled in the Random Drug Testing Program, the students will remain enrolled for the duration of their time at Plainfield Community Middle School or Plainfield High School. Students, however, are required to re-enroll upon entering Plainfield High School for the first time. Students will have the opportunity to withdraw from the program. The request must be in writing from a parent and/or guardian and must take place prior to

the first day of each school year. Once a parent has withdrawn a child, he/she may not participate in one of the corporation's interscholastic athletic programs, extracurricular or co-curricular programs, or drive to school or attend a dance/Prom unless enrolled back into the program. The Superintendent will be responsible for developing regulations to implement this random Drug Testing Policy.

# **SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE**

The number of individuals to be tested on a given date will be determined by the building principal. Each individual in the testing pool will be assigned an identification number that will represent his/her name. The building principal will maintain a cross listing of the participants and their prearranged identification number. The selection for testing will be done randomly by the chosen agency from the numbers in the pool. Students will be eligible for selection even if they have previously been selected.

## **SPECIMEN COLLECTION PROCEDURE**

The Principal or designee shall locate participants for testing and escort them to the collection site.

At the collection site each participant will be asked to complete a pre-testing form which will include procedures that will be followed during the collection process.

Each student will remain under school supervision until he/she has produced an adequate specimen.

If students cannot produce a specimen, water will be provided and the student will be given 2 hours in which to give a specimen. If a student cannot produce a specimen, the student will be considered to have failed the drug test. The student will be informed that he/she will no longer be eligible for activities until a new test can be given at an approved testing agency. Parents will be notified if this occurs.

All specimens must register between 92.0 and 99.8 degrees Fahrenheit to be valid.

Any student attempting to use urine other than their own or in any way attempting to alter the outcome of a test, will face disciplinary action including possible suspension and/or expulsion from school. That student would also face a violation and the test would be considered positive.

Students refusing to test will result in the student being treated as if he/she had a positive test.

A student who is taking any prescription or over the counter medication which may contribute to a positive drug test shall inform the collector or designee of this fact at the time that the specimen is requested. This information may require confirmation from the parent/guardian or a physician if requested by the administration.

The student will be returned to class immediately after a specimen has been taken.

# **TESTING FLOW CHART**

- 1. Student names are entered into the data pool by assigned number.
- 2. The testing numbers are selected by the testing agency.
- 3. The Principal matches the numbers to the student names.

- 4. An administrator or designee will escort the student to the testing site for specimen collection by the School Nurse.
- 5. The specimens will be sent to the testing agency.
- 6. The testing agency will follow the chain of custody and test the sample.
- 7. A positive test screening will result in a second confirming test on the same sample by the laboratory.
- 8. The testing agency will notify the School Principal of the results.
- The School Principal will notify parents and the student testing positive and set up a meeting with the parents and the student to explain the consequences of the positive test.
- 10. Parents of students testing negative will be notified by the Principal in writing.

## **REASONABLE SUSPICION DRUG TEST**

Students may be required to submit to drug testing or a breathalyzer test when reasonable suspicion exists. Plainfield Community School Corporation reserves the right to test any student who, at the time, exhibits cause for reasonable suspicion of drug or alcohol usage. Reasonable suspicion may arise from the following supportive indicators: (1) a student's behavior in conjunction with physical appearance and/or odor, (2) the student possesses drug paraphernalia, alcohol, marijuana, or any controlled substance, and (3) information communicated to an administrator by a teacher, staff member, parent, other adult, or a student indicating a student is using, possessing, or under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, or any controlled substances. (Any such report will be investigated by the administration and will be substantiated by other indicators, if deemed necessary.) If a student tests positive as a result of being tested for reasonable suspicion, the student will be subjected to school rules as outlined in the Student/Parent Handbook. This could result in suspension and expulsion from school and possible arrest.

Other than random drug testing and reasonable suspicion violations, a student could also violate this Code of Conduct by:

- Arrest
- In-school conduct
- Self-report of violation
- Police Report
- Act of delinquency
- Other major Handbook violations

\*If a student violates the Code of Conduct by creating a disruption at school or any other violation of the Code of Conduct not previously discussed in this policy, the Principal has the discretion to investigate and determine if a violation has occurred and then to apply appropriate consequence.

\*\*This Code of Conduct is in effect 365 days a year.

#### CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATIONS

#### **First Violation**

The student shall be put on probation from all extracurricular activities for 365 days (one calendar year) from the day that the violation is verified. The student may resume activities four weeks from the date a positive test is verified, or two weeks if a student or the student's parents or guardians report the violation to a Plainfield High School administrator, coach or sponsor prior to the independent verification of a violation, if the following conditions are met:

- 1. Counseling Program. The student must agree to an appropriate program. The program must have approval by the Student Assistance Counselor and will include a recommendation for parent or guardian participation. The cost of the program is the responsibility of the student and/or his parents or guardian. Failure to complete the program will result in the student's original suspension of 365 days being enforced.
- Drug Free. The student must supply the school with a negative test at the cost of the student and/or his/her parents or guardian. The follow-up test must be taken at the high school. The results of the test will be sent directly to the parents/guardian of the student.
- 3. Administrative Drug Test. The student agrees to be tested once eligibility has been reinstated (steps 1 and 2 completed). The test will take place at the discretion of the administration. The cost of the test is the responsibility of the school. If the student tests positive during this test, it will be treated as a second violation and the student will be excluded from all extracurricular and co-curricular activities for 365 days from the verification of the second positive test.

\*If the student cannot complete the **Counseling Program** requirement within the four weeks, (two weeks if self-reported) the student could be allowed to resume all activities if the student is involved in the counseling program process (must have written verification by the Student Assistance Counselor) and the student has produced a negative drug specimen. If the student is allowed to return to activities under these conditions but then fails to complete the counseling program, the original suspension will occur for the remainder of the 365 days. This decision will be made by the Principal and the Student Assistance Counselor.

# **Second Violation**

The student shall be excluded from all extracurricular activities for 365 days (one calendar year) from the day the second violation is verified. The student may resume activities after 365 days and only if the following conditions are met.

- 1. Counseling Program. The student must agree to an appropriate counseling program. The program must have approval by the Student Assistance Counselor and will include a recommendation for parent or guardian participation. The cost of the program is the responsibility of the student and/or his parents or guardian. Failure to complete the program will result in the student's original suspension being enforced.
- 2. **Drug Free**. The student must supply the school with a negative test at the cost of the student and/or his/her parents or guardian. The follow-up test must be taken at the

high school. The results of the test will be sent directly to the parents/guardian of the student.

3. Administrative Drug Test. The student agrees to be tested once eligibility has been reinstated (steps 1 and 2 completed). The test will take place within 365 days following reinstatement. The date of the test will be at the discretion of the administration. The cost of the test is the responsibility of the student and/or his parents or guardian. If the student tests positive during this test it will be treated as a third violation and the student will be excluded from all extracurricular and co-curricular activities for the remainder of the student's career.

#### **Third Violation**

The student shall be excluded from athletics, extracurricular, and co-curricular activities as well as driving to school and attending dances/Prom for the remainder of the student's high school career.

During the suspension, as long as the student is working to complete the conditions set forth to re-establish eligibility, the individual may continue to be a part of practices and/or meetings, but will not be allowed to participate as an active participant in any games, contests, performances or be allowed to drive to school or school activities. The coach, teacher or club sponsor may require the student to perform duties at games, contests or performances other than active participation in the event.

A student who violates this policy after the last day of a school year and prior to Monday of week number five of the I.H.S.A.A. calendar will begin their suspension starting on Monday of week number five of the I.H.S.A.A. calendar.

# **SELF REPORT**

Students will be able to self-report any violation to a Plainfield High School administrator, coach or sponsor prior to the independent verification of a violation and within 48 hours of the violation. Students will not be able to self-report once they have been notified of their selection to be tested through the random drug testing program. Students who self-report may resume activities two weeks from the date of confirmation if requirements (stated above) are met.

No student will have the opportunity to exercise the self-reporting option more than once during attendance at Plainfield High School.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

At the discretion of administrators, all students attending high school and middle school functions may be required to submit to a breathalyzer test as a condition of admittance. Breathalyzers may also be used in the case of reasonable suspicion of alcohol use.

At any time a parent may request that their student be tested utilizing the school's contracted hospital drug testing lab. The process will occur at the school, and at the parent's expense. The student will be informed that it is a parent request test. The results will be sent to the family directly. In order to initiate this process, the parent should contact a counselor who will instruct the parent on the process.

Less serious violations of school, coaches, teacher or sponsor rules are to be handled by

the head coach, teacher or sponsor.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Alcoholic Beverages** For the purpose of this policy, an alcoholic beverage would include beer, wine, distilled liquors and any other liquid containing alcohol. It could also include the misuse of cough syrup and/or mouthwash containing alcohol.

**Co-Curricular Activities** School activities outside of the formal curriculum which are an extension of a curricular area.

**Drugs** For the purpose of this policy, a drug includes, but is not limited to, marijuana (THC), cocaine, methamphetamine, amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, opiates, phencyclidine (PCP), alcohol, anabolic steroids, nicotine, look alike substances such as Spice or K2, or any other substance which is defined as a controlled substance by Indiana law.

**Extracurricular Activity** Any activity in which a student actively participates.

**Student Pool** Includes any high school student who drives to school and parks on school grounds, any middle school and high school students who are members of school sponsored athletic teams, any middle school and high school students who are members of school clubs and organizations, any student who participates in co-curricular activities, any student who wishes to attend a school dance/Prom, and any student whose parents agree for the student to be a part of the student pool. Any student intending to participate in any extracurricular activity during second semester must enroll in the program by the end of the first semester.

**Tobacco** For the purpose of this policy, tobacco use may be in the form of cigarettes, chew, dip, snuff, or any other form of tobacco.

**Verification** Self-admitted involvement by the student, witnessed student involvement by a coach or any Plainfield Community School Corporation staff member, parent admission of their student's violation of the code of conduct, and/or verification by an official police agency or probation.

**365 Day Policy** This program is in effect from the time the student is enrolled in the program until the completion of their academic and athletic career. This includes summertime activities outside of school as well as time after graduation if the student is still involved in athletic competition.

# STUDENT LOCKERS

Each student is supplied with an individual coat and book locker. The locker combination is placed on the student's class schedule at the beginning of the school year and he/she maintains the same locker throughout the school year.

Lock combinations are changed annually so that it is impossible for a student to make use of last year's locker combination. Each locker is operable through the use of a master key and the school administration reserves the right to inspect lockers at any time.

Students should be advised to keep their lockers locked at all times. The school cannot be responsible for articles lost or stolen from lockers. Students who find that the locks on their lockers do not provide good security are to report this situation to student services. Students should never share their locker or locker combination.

#### STATEMENT OF POLICY

All lockers made available for student use on the school premises, including lockers located in the hallways, physical education and athletic dressing rooms, are the property of the school corporation. These lockers are made available for student use in storing school supplies and personal items necessary for use at school, but the lockers are not to be used to store items which cause, or can reasonably be foreseen to cause, an interference with school purposes or an educational function, or which are forbidden by state law or school rules.

The student's use of the locker does not diminish the school corporation's ownership or control of the locker. The school corporation retains the right to inspect the locker and its contents to insure that the locker is being used in accordance with its intended purpose, and to eliminate fire or other hazards, maintain sanitary conditions, attempt to locate lost or stolen materials such as weapons, illegal drugs and alcohol.

# **LOCKER RULES**

- 1. Locks: The school corporation will retain access to student lockers by keeping a master list of combinations and by retaining a master key for all lockers. Students may not use their own locks to prevent access to lockers by school officials and any unauthorized locks may be removed without notice and destroyed.
- 2. Use of Lockers: Lockers are to be used to store school supplies and personal items necessary for use at school. Lockers shall not be used to store "contraband" which are items that cause, or can reasonably be foreseen to cause, an interference with school purposes or an educational function, or which are forbidden by state law or school rules, such as drugs, drug paraphernalia, beverages containing alcohol, weapons, and volatile substance, bombs or explosive devices, any acid or pungent or nauseous chemical, any library book not properly checked out or overdue, unreturned gym or athletic equipment, any wet or mildewing articles or any stolen items. Students will be expected to keep their lockers in a clean and orderly manner.
- 3. **Authority to Inspect**: The school corporation retains the right to inspect lockers to ensure they are being maintained in accordance with the conditions of Rule No. 2. The principal or his designee shall conduct all inspections of student lockers.

# 4. Inspection of Individual Student's Lockers:

- A. The inspection of a particular student's locker will not be conducted unless the principal or his designee has a reasonable suspicion to believe that the locker to be inspected contains contraband.
- B. Before a particular student's locker is inspected, the student if present on the school premises, shall where possible, be contacted and given the opportunity to be present during the conduct of the inspection unless circumstances require that the inspection be conducted without delay in order to protect the health and safety of others present on school premises. Whenever an individual student's locker has been inspected under this rule without the student's presence, the principal or his designee shall notify the student of such inspection as soon as practical thereafter.

# 5. Inspection of all Lockers:

- A. An inspection of all lockers in the school, or all lockers in a particular area of the school, may be conducted if the principal, superintendent or assistant superintendent reasonably believes that such an inspection is necessary to prevent, impede or substantially reduce the risk of (1) an interference with school purposes or an educational function, (2) a physical injury or illness to any person, (3) damage to personal or school property, or, (4) a violation of state law or school rules. Examples of circumstances justifying a general inspection of a number of lockers are:
  - (1) When the school corporation receives a bomb threat;
  - (2) When evidence of student drug or alcohol use creates a reasonable belief of a high level of student use;
  - (3) At the end of a grading period, and before or during school holidays to check for missing library books, or lab chemicals or school equipment;
  - (4) Where student violence or threats of violence creates a reasonable belief that weapons are stored in the lockers.
- B. If a general inspection of a number of lockers is necessary, then all lockers in the defined inspection area will be examined. Students will not necessarily be given the opportunity to be present while a general inspection is being conducted.

#### 6. Involvement of Law Enforcement Officials:

- A. The Principal, Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent may request the assistance of law enforcement officials to assist school administrators in inspecting lockers or their contents for purposes of enforcing school policies only if such assistance is required.
  - (1) To identify substances which may be found in the lockers; or
  - (2) To protect the health and safety of persons or property, such as to aid in the discovery and disarming of bombs that may be located in the lockers.
- B. If a law enforcement official requests to inspect a student's locker or its contents, the Principal shall require the production of a search warrant before allowing the inspection.
- C.If a law enforcement official requests the Principal to make an inspection of a

locker or its contents on behalf or in the place of such official, the request shall be denied. However, upon request of law enforcement officials, school officials may secure the locker and its contents for a reasonable period of time in order to permit the law enforcement official an opportunity to obtain a search warrant.

- 7. **Locker Maintenance**: Nothing in these rules shall affect members of the custodial or other staff who repair defective lockers or clean out or supervise the cleaning out of (a) lockers from time to time in accordance with a posted general housekeeping schedule, (b) the locker of a student no longer enrolled in the school, or a (c) locker during any vacation period which is reasonably believed to contain rotting items such as food, wet clothes, etc.
- 8. **Publication of Rules**: A copy of these rules shall be provided to each student and his parents or guardian at the start of each school year or as soon as practical after the student's enrollment in the school. Copies of the rules shall be posted in the Principal's office and other prominent places generally used for announcements to students.

## STUDENT LOCKER LOCATIONS

Locker Numbers Location

E000-E299 E Hall First Floor E300 and above E Hall Second Floor

F000-F299 F Hall First Floor F300 and above F Hall Second Floor G000-G299 G Hall First Floor

G300 and above G Hall Second Floor

H000-H299 H Hall First Floor H300 and above H Hall Second Floor

# USE OF COMPUTER FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE

# Plainfield Community School Corporation Acceptable Use Policy 2016—2017

# Introduction

The Plainfield Community School Corporation (PCSC) recognizes that access to technology in school gives students greater opportunities to learn, engage, communicate, and develop skills that will prepare them for work, life, and citizenship. We are committed to helping students develop 21st-century technology and communication skills. To that end, we provide access to technologies for student and staff use. PCSC's technology curriculum is aligned with ISTE NETS standards and includes an emphasis on online safety.

This Acceptable Use Policy outlines the guidelines and behaviors that users are expected to follow when using school technologies or when using personally-owned devices on the school campus.

- The PCSC network is intended for educational purposes.
- All activity over the network or using district technologies may be monitored and retained.
- Access to online content via the network may be restricted in accordance with our policies and federal regulations, such as the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).
- Students are expected to follow the same rules for good behavior and respectful conduct online as offline.
- Misuse of school resources can result in disciplinary action.
- PCSC makes a reasonable effort to ensure students' safety and security online, but will not be held accountable for any harm or damages that result from use of school technologies.
- Users of the district network or other technologies are expected to alert IT staff immediately of any concerns for safety or security.

# **Technologies Covered**

PCSC may provide Internet access, desktop computers, mobile computers or devices, videoconferencing capabilities, online collaboration capabilities, message boards, email, and more. This Acceptable Use Policy applies to corporation-owned technology equipment at any time and at any location. The policy applies to personally-owned electronic devices any time they are on school property, utilizing corporation provided internet access, or any of the resources in the PCSC network. As new technologies emerge, PCSC will attempt to provide access to them. The policies outlined in this document are intended to cover all available technologies, not just those specifically listed.

# **Usage Policies**

All technologies provided by the district are intended for education purposes. All users are expected to use good judgment and to follow the specifics of this document as well as the spirit of it: be safe, appropriate, careful and kind; don't try to get around technological protection measures; use good common sense; and ask if you don't know.

#### **Web Access**

PCSC provides its users with access to the Internet, including web sites, resources, content, and online tools. That access will be restricted in compliance with CIPA regulations and school policies. Web browsing may be monitored and web activity records may be retained indefinitely.

Users are expected to respect that the web filter is a safety precaution, and should not try to circumvent it when browsing the Web. If a site is blocked and a user believes it shouldn't be, the user may submit the site for review through the filtering system.

### **Email**

PCSC may provide users with email accounts for the purpose of school-related communication. Availability and use may be restricted based on school policies. If users are provided with email accounts, they should be used with care. Users should not send personal information; should not attempt to open files or follow links from unknown or untrusted origin; should use appropriate language; and should only communicate with other people as allowed by the district policy or the teacher. Users are expected to communicate with the same appropriate, safe, mindful, courteous conduct online as offline. Email usage may be monitored and archived.

## Social/Web 2.0 / Collaborative Content

Recognizing the benefits collaboration brings to education, PCSC may provide users with access to web sites or tools that allow communication, collaboration, sharing, and messaging among users. Users are expected to communicate with the same appropriate, safe, mindful, courteous conduct online as offline. Posts, chats, sharing, and messaging may be monitored. Users should be careful not to share personally-identifying information online.

#### **Mobile Devices Policy**

PCSC may provide users with mobile computers or other devices to promote learning outside of the classroom. Users should abide by the same acceptable use policies when using school devices off the school network as on the school network. Users are expected to treat these devices with extreme care and caution; these are expensive devices that the school is entrusting to your care. Users should report any loss, damage, or malfunction to IT staff immediately. Users may be financially accountable for any damage resulting from negligence or misuse. Use of school-issued mobile devices off the school network may be monitored.

# Personally-Owned Devices Policy

Students should keep personally-owned devices (including laptops, tablets, smart phones, and cell phones) turned off and put away during school hours—unless in the event of an emergency or as instructed by a teacher or staff for educational purposes. Because of security concerns, when personally-owned mobile devices are used on campus, they should not be used over the school network without express permission from IT staff. In some cases, a separate network may be provided for personally-owned devices.

### Security

Users are expected to take reasonable safeguards against the transmission of security threats over the school network. This includes not opening or distributing infected files or programs and not opening files or programs of unknown or untrusted origin. If you believe a computer or mobile device you are using might be infected with a virus, please alert IT. Do not attempt to remove the virus yourself or download any programs to help remove the virus.

#### **Downloads**

Users should not download or attempt to download or run .exe programs over the school network or onto school resources without express permission from IT staff. You may be able to download other file types, such as images or videos. For the security of our network, download such files only from reputable sites, and only for education purposes.

#### **Netiquette**

Users should always use the Internet, network resources, and online sites in a courteous and respectful manner.

Users should also recognize that among the valuable content online there is also unverified, incorrect, or inappropriate content. Users should use trusted sources when conducting research via the Internet. Users should also remember not to post anything online that they wouldn't want parents, teachers, or future colleges or employers to

see. Once something is online, it's out there—and can sometimes be shared and spread in ways you never intended.

# **Plagiarism**

Users should not plagiarize (or use as their own, without citing the original creator) content, including words or images, from the Internet. Users should not take credit for things they didn't create themselves, or misrepresent themselves as an author or creator of something found online. Research conducted via the Internet should be appropriately cited, giving credit to the original author.

# **Personal Safety**

Users should never share personal information, including phone number, address, social security number, birthday, or financial information, over the Internet without adult permission. Users should recognize that communicating over the Internet brings anonymity and associated risks, and should carefully safeguard the personal information of themselves and others. Users should never agree to meet someone they meet online in real life without parental permission. If you see a message, comment, image, or anything else online that makes you concerned for your personal safety, bring it to the attention of an adult (teacher or staff if you're at school; parent if you're using the device at home) immediately.

## Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying will not be tolerated. Harassing, dissing, flaming, denigrating, impersonating, outing, tricking, excluding, and cyberstalking are all examples of cyberbullying. Don't be mean. Don't send emails or post comments with the intent of scaring, hurting, or intimidating someone else. Engaging in these behaviors, or any online activities intended to harm (physically or emotionally) another person, will result in severe disciplinary action and loss of privileges. In some cases, cyberbullying can be a crime. Remember that your activities are monitored and retained.

# Student Images used in PCSC Publications

On occasion photos and/or video will be taken of students during school activities. PCSC may use these images for print, video or digital publications. Published photos should contain three or more students unless given written parental permission to publish an individual student's image. Last names of students will not be used without expressed parent permission. If parents do not want their child's image used in this manner by PCSC, parents must give communication in writing to the PCSC Administration Office.

# **Examples of Acceptable Use**

## I will:

- ✓ Use school technologies for school-related activities.
- ✓ Follow the same guidelines for respectful, responsible behavior online that I am expected to follow offline.
- ✓ Treat school resources carefully, and alert staff if there is any problem with their operation.
- ✓ Encourage positive, constructive discussion if allowed to use communicative or collaborative technologies.
- ✓ Alert a teacher or other staff member if I see threatening, inappropriate, or harmful content (images, messages, posts) online.
- ✓ Use school technologies at appropriate times, in approved places, for educational pursuits.
- ✓ Cite sources when using online sites and resources for research.
- ✓ Recognize that use of school technologies is a privilege and treat it as such.
- ✓ Be cautious to protect the safety of myself and others.
- ✓ Help to protect the security of school resources.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Users should use their own good judgment when using school technologies.

# **Examples of Unacceptable Use**

## I will not:

- ✓ Use school technologies in a way that could be personally or physically harmful.
- ✓ Attempt to find inappropriate images or content.
- ✓ Engage in cyberbullying, harassment, or disrespectful conduct toward others.
- ✓ Try to find ways to circumvent the school's safety measures and filtering tools.
- ✓ Use school technologies to send spam or chain mail.
- ✓ Plagiarize content I find online.
- ✓ Post personally-identifying information, about myself or others.
- ✓ Agree to meet someone I meet online in real life.
- ✓ Use language online that would be unacceptable in the classroom.
- ✓ Use school technologies for illegal activities or to pursue information on such activities.
- ✓ Attempt to hack or access sites, servers, or content that isn't intended for my use.

This is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Users should use their own good judgment when using school technologies.

# **Limitation of Liability**

PCSC will not be responsible for damage or harm to persons, files, data, or hardware.

While PCSC employs filtering and other safety and security mechanisms, and attempts to ensure their proper function, it makes no guarantees as to their effectiveness.

PCSC will not be responsible, financially or otherwise, for unauthorized transactions conducted over the school network.

PCSC will not be responsible for the loss, damage, or theft of personally owned electronic devices.

#### **Student Access**

All students enrolled in PCSC will be permitted to use the technology resources of PCSC. If a parent/guarding does not want their student to have access to any or all of these resources they must notify the building principal in writing.

# Violations of this Acceptable Use Policy

Violations of this policy may have disciplinary repercussions, including:

- Suspension of network, technology, or computer privileges
- Notification to parents
- Detention or suspension from school and school-related activities
- Legal action and/or prosecution
- Employment disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment

# PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

#### **Athletic Department**

Mr. Torrey Rodkey – Assistant Principal of Athletics Mr. Pat Cavanaugh – Assistant Athletic Director Mrs. Brandi Morris - Secretary

#### **PHILOSOPHY**

Plainfield High School recognizes that interested students should have the opportunity to develop their potential as athletes in activities appropriate to their level of ability. In this spirit, PHS provides a program of interscholastic athletics, which promotes participation for qualified students within the rules and regulations of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) and Plainfield High School Athletic Department. It is the goal of our school to provide such opportunity as a further means of developing the intellectual, emotional and social maturity of our students, while at the same time teaching the importance and worth of teamwork and sportsmanship. PHS Athletics also provide a unifying influence upon our student body and between our school and community. Finally, as is true in all aspects of education at Plainfield High School, our athletic program is committed to the pursuit of excellence, acknowledging that the quest itself is the most significant aspect of achievement.

# PROFILE OF PHS ATHLETIC PROGRAM

PHS has developed a rich tradition in athletics. The entire school and community take pride in the accomplishments of the Quaker athletic teams.

Boys are offered a ten-sport program including cross-country, football, soccer and tennis in the Fall; basketball, swimming and wrestling in the Winter; and baseball, golf and track in the Spring. Girls are offered a ten-sport program including cross-country, golf, soccer, and volleyball in the Fall; basketball, cheerleading, and swimming in the Winter; and softball, tennis and track in the Spring.

All students with sufficient ability are eligible to participate provided they meet the scholastic standards and conduct requirements as established by the PHS Athletic Board and IHSAA.

In 2014-2015 Plainfield High School will continue to be a member of the Mid State Conference. Other members include Decatur Central, Franklin, Greenwood, Martinsville, Mooresville, and Whiteland.

# IHSAA AND PHS POLICIES GUIDING ELIGIBILITY FOR AND PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

Participation in athletics is a privilege earned by meeting the rules and standards set by schools, conferences and the IHSAA. Students who have questions concerning eligibility should contact the Assistant Principal/Athletics **BEFORE** they endanger their athletic eligibility.

# **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for athletics a student must:

- have passed five full credit classes or the equivalent during the past grade period

with semester grades taking precedence, and

- be and remain enrolled in **five full credit classes or the equivalent.** (Audits and incompletes CANNOT be counted as helping to meet these requirements)

Plainfield High School has established the following dates for the certification of athletic eligibility for the 2014-2015 school year. **Eligibility is determined by current grade on that date.** 

- 1st Certification Date: Wednesday, October 12
   2nd Certification Date: Friday, December 23
   3rd Certification Date: Wednesday, March 15
   4th Certification Date: Thursday, May 25
- Eligibility for fall semester is based on spring semester grades.
- Eligibility for the 2nd Semester is based upon Fall Semester Grades.

#### ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS OR INJURY

An athlete who misses five consecutive days of school or athletic participation due to illness or injury must obtain written permission from a physician and present this to the Assistant Principal/Athletics or coach before he/she may again become eligible for participation. Additional practices are required by the IHSAA before regaining eligibility after an extended absence due to illness or injury.

## **ACADEMICS**

Student athletes should manage their time in such a way as not to miss practices, competitions or school in order to participate in athletics and achieve successfully in academics. If this cannot be done, students should not be involved in athletics. Academics must be a higher priority than athletics.

#### AGE

A student whose 20th birthday occurs on or prior to the scheduled date of the IHSAA State Finals in a sport shall be ineligible for interschool athletic competition in that sport.

# **AMATEURISM**

Students shall not play under assumed names; accept remuneration directly or indirectly for athletic participation; or participate in athletic activities, tryouts, auditions, practices, and games held or sponsored by professional athletic organizations, clubs or their representatives.

# **ATTENDANCE**

Student athletes are expected to make school a priority. This includes attendance both the day of and the day after athletic contests. Student athletes and student staff are expected to be in attendance at school on time the day following all evening activities. All efforts are made to avoid late activities on school nights, but sometimes they are necessary. Students must be in attendance at school during the last two periods of the day to be eligible for extracurricular activities that day. Exceptions would be prearranged absence, school-related functions or other exceptions approved by the Assistant Principal/Athletics.

#### **CHEERLEADERS**

Plainfield High School Cheerleaders are representatives of and ambassadors for our school. In addition to fostering spirit and good sportsmanship, they serve as positive role models for the youth of our community. All requirements for participation which apply to other athletes (such as physicals, Code of Conduct and adherence to Training Rules) also apply to cheerleaders

#### PHS DANCE TEAM

The Plainfield High School Dance Team represents the school as a non-IHSAA activity. The PHS Dance Team performs at multiple events including football and basketball games and also competes in a state association competition. All requirements for participation which apply to other athletes (such as physicals, Code of Conduct and adherence to Training Rules) also apply to dancers.

## **CONDUCT AND CHARACTER**

Student athletes are a reflection of Plainfield High School and the Plainfield community. Student athletes should act in an appropriate manner at all times and keep in mind that they are a role model for students of all ages. Excellent character and good sportsmanship are not only encouraged, but are an expectation, of Quaker athletes.

#### HAZING

Hazing activities of any type are prohibited at all times. Hazing is defined as: Doing any act or coercing another, including the victim to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy. No administrator, faculty member, or other employee of the school district will encourage, permit, condone, or tolerate hazing activities. No student, including leaders of student organizations, will plan, encourage, or engage in hazing. All hazing incidents will be reported immediately to the principal and superintendent.

## SCHEDULE CONFLICTS IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Plainfield High School recognizes that every student should have the opportunity for a broad range of experiences in the area of extracurricular activities. Students are also urged to use caution in attempting to specialize too much, thereby denying themselves a well-rounded high school career. Students, however, should be cautious about participating in too many activities. Interscholastic sports at the high school level require a substantial time commitment, which usually extends Monday through Saturday from the first official day of practice until the end of the tournament series. A commitment to a high school athletic team indicates that all non-school conflicts will be resolved in favor of the high school team. This would not include such things as significant religious holidays, participating in a relative's wedding, a family member's funeral, etc.

If a conflict between activities arises, the student should notify the coach and/or sponsors involved and attempt to resolve the conflicts as equitably as possible. If the conflict persists, the student may contact the Assistant Principal/Athletics for assistance.

#### **FNROLLMENT**

After enrollment or attending classes in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, a student is eligible for no more than 8 consecutive semesters.

## **EQUIPMENT ISSUE AND RETURN**

Plainfield High School endeavors to provide each team member with the best and safest equipment available. All equipment issued to an athlete is expected to be returned in the same condition as when issued (excepting normal wear and tear) or the athlete is expected to compensate the Athletic Department for the lost or damaged equipment. Failure to return equipment, including athletic locks, or to compensate the school for lost or damaged equipment will result in forfeiture of award.

#### FRESHMAN PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Plainfield High School maintains separate teams for freshmen in all sports whenever possible. Freshman are eligible to participate in all sports at the junior varsity or varsity level based on ability as determined by the head coach.

## **GROOMING AND APPEARANCE**

Plainfield High School athletes act as representatives of the school and community and, therefore, are required to exhibit a well-groomed and appropriate appearance. The Principal, Athletic Director and Coaches will determine Athletic Department guidelines as needed concerning the appropriateness of styles within the context of safety and accepted social norms.

## **INSURANCE**

PHS administrators, coaches, and trainers are safety conscious and are trained to instruct athletes in the safe and proper techniques of their individual sport(s). Due to the nature of athletic activity, however, injury may occur. While the school provides the opportunity for such participation, the parent retains the right of denial of such participation. If the student does participate, the parent must carry the responsibility for providing medical care and/or insurance coverage for their son or daughter. Parents are encouraged to have an insurance policy to cover athletic injuries and the cost of treatment. Contact the Athletic Office for information about insurance plans, which can be purchased by parents to cover their student athlete. In recent years the IHSAA has also carried catastrophic insurance to cover major injuries incurred during participation in approved IHSAA sports programs. More information about the IHSAA plan is available upon request at the Athletic Office. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NEITHER THE IHSAA NOR PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CARRIES ANY KIND OF FIRST DOLLAR MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR ATHLETIC INJURIES. Parents who choose not to carry insurance on their student-athlete must sign a waiver before their child may start practice.

# **MULTIPLE SPORT PARTICIPATION**

The Plainfield High School Athletic Department supports the concept of participating in more than one high school sport. High school coaches should not establish

expectations about the seasons, which would prohibit or restrict a student from participation in another sport, which is in same season. A student athlete who wishes to participate in more than one sport in the same season (fall, winter, spring) must have prior approval of the coaches and the Assistant Principal/Athletics. A schedule resolving all practice and competition conflicts must be established prior to the season and the student athlete will be asked to designate a primary sport if necessary.

## PARTICIPATION ON TEAMS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Athletes who participate as members of any similar teams in the same sport season, not under the direct supervision and management of their school, shall not be eligible for participation on the school team. Participation in other sports while participating on a school team should only be done with the knowledge of the high school coach.

# **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

Students desiring to participate in interscholastic athletics must undergo a physical examination performed by a licensed medical doctor (M.D.) prior to the first practice of any sport. The physical form, which must be signed by an M.D., may be obtained at the Athletic Office or found online. The doctor's signature must be dated after April 1 preceding the current school year. The student must complete the medical history and sign to be eligible for participation.

In addition (IC 20-34-7) requires that each year, before beginning practice for an interscholastic or intramural sport (including Powder Puff), a high school student athlete and the student athlete's parents must be given an information sheet regarding the risk of concussion, and both must sign and return a form acknowledging receipt of the information. A high school student athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game, shall be removed from play at the time of injury and may not return to play until the student athlete has received a written clearance from a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussions and head injuries.

# **SANCTIONED SPORTS**

As a general rule Plainfield High School sanctions the sports which are sanctioned by the IHSAA. Sanctioning of any other sports by Plainfield High School would require School Board approval. Such approval would include consideration of available schools to schedule, costs, revenue, supervision, availability of facilities, availability of qualified coaches, student interest, etc.

#### TICKET INFORMATION

Plainfield High School offers a variety of ticket plans for the convenience of students, parents and patrons. Substantial savings on admission costs to events can be realized through the purchase of seasonal athletic passes, good for all PHS home athletic events during that sports season, excluding IHSAA, county or conference events. Students and patrons may also purchase single session tickets at the gate for any event they wish to attend. For further information contact the PHS Athletic Office.

# TRANSFER STUDENTS

Parents of students who wish to participate in athletics at PHS, but who did not attend

Plainfield Community Schools during their intended sport's season the previous school year, are required to complete an Athletic Transfer Report Form which will be sent to the student's former school and to the IHSAA for approval. The student cannot become eligible for competition until approval has been granted by the IHSAA. Students who transfer without a corresponding change in residence by the parents MAY be granted limited eligibility, which allows for participation at the junior varsity level only for a period of 365 days.

#### **TRAVEL**

PHS athletes are required to travel to and from athletic contests and special events in school approved vehicles under adult supervision provided by PHS. For some sports such as swimming, golf, soccer and baseball, athletes must provide their own transportation to and from practice. Extraordinary circumstances should be submitted to the Assistant Principal/Athletics for his review prior to the day of the event.

## **UNDUE INFLUENCE**

Students shall be ineligible if a person uses undue influence to retain or secure them as student-athletes or to retain or secure their parents as residents.

#### **WEIGHT ROOM**

The weight room is available for use by athletes before and after school as scheduled by the Weight Room Director. No student shall use the weight room facilities without adult supervision, nor without a training program approved by the Strength Coach.

# ATHLETIC AWARDS

- 1. All letters, gold emblems, gold bars and certificates will be purchased by the school.
- 2. Jackets or lost awards may be purchased by the athlete.
- 3. No athlete may receive an award in a sport for which he/she is ineligible at the completion of the season.
- 4. Candidates must complete the season's play in good standing in order to be eligible for awards, but medical considerations may waive this requirement.
- 5. Major varsity letters received in other schools will be counted toward PHS award system.
- Coaches, under the supervision of the Assistant Principal/Athletics, will establish varsity-lettering requirements.

## Major Varsity Awards (earned in the same sport)

1st Award - Athlete will receive a 6" letter P, numerals, and a chevron patch with their sport on it. Athlete may purchase a jacket.

2nd Award - Athlete will receive a certificate and another chevron.

3rd Award - Athlete will receive a plague and a third chevron.

4th Award - Athlete will receive an insignia plaque and a fourth chevron.

# Major Varsity Awards (earned in subsequent sports)

1st Award - Athlete will receive a chevron with their sport.

2nd Award - Athlete will receive a certificate and another chevron.

3rd Award - Athlete will receive a plaque and a third chevron.

4th Award - Athlete will receive an insignia plaque and a fourth chevron.

# Junior Varsity Awards (for participants who did not receive a major varsity award)

1st Award & Subsequent Awards - Certificate

## 9th Grade Awards

1st Award - Athlete will receive a certificate.

2<sup>nd</sup> Award - Athlete will receive a certificate.

3<sup>rd</sup> Award - Athlete will receive a certificate.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

- 1. <u>Major Robert Burke Koho Memorial Award for Patriotism</u>: Given to an outstanding senior male athlete.
- 2. <u>Jim Lovell Memorial Award</u>: Given to an outstanding male baseball player.
- 3. <u>Phil Parker Memorial Award</u>: Given to an outstanding male or female sophomore athlete.
- 4. <u>Jake Weber Award</u>: Given to an outstanding male or female athlete.
- 5. <u>Outstanding Senior Girl and Boy Award</u>: Given to an outstanding girl and boy senior athlete that has participated in at least two sports and has six varsity letters.
- 6. <u>Damon Leach Award</u>: Given to outstanding girl or boy athlete that has earned a letter in basketball, track or football.
- 7. Red Pride Booster Club Scholarships: Given to outstanding student-athletes at PHS.

# ATHLETIC TEAMS AND COACHES

- Assistant Principal of Athletics: Mr. Torrey Rodkey
- Assistant Director: Mr. Pat Cavanaugh
- Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Brandi Morris
- Baseball: Mr. Jeffrey McKeon, Mr. Matt Steward, Mr. Shane Abrell, Mr. Brian Holsclaw
- Basketball/Boys: Mr. Andy Weaver, Mr. Michael Menser, Mr. Gavin Groninger, Mr. Josh Estridge
- Basketball/Girls: Mr. Curt Benge, Mr. Shane Abrell, Mrs. Jordan Schonegg, Miss Jamie Lydick
- Cheerleaders: Miss Michelle Moscoloni, Ms. Ashley Douglas
- Cross Country (Boys and Girls): Mr. Joe Hoffman, Mr. Kyle Orender
- Football: Mr. Brian Woodard, Mr. Brent Schwanekamp, Mr. Nathan Ellis, Mr. Chris Pearson, Mr. Kevin Mucho, Mr. Matt Steward, Mr. Kevin Slone, Mr. Bob Young, Mr. Mark Hagee, Mr. Jon Minton, Mr. Lance Mayfield, Mr. Jeff Leath, Mr. Andy Copeland, Mr. Nick Cochran, Mr. Trey Muse
- Golf/Boys: Mr. William Crays
- Golf/Girls: Mr. Curt Benge, Mr. John Cozart
- Soccer/Boys: Mr. David Knueve, Mr. Josh Barton
- Soccer/Girls: Mr. AJ McAdams, Miss Jamie Lydick
- Softball: Mr. Brad Beaman, Miss Jamie Lydick, Mr. Steve Holsclaw, Mr. Neil Smith
- Strength & Conditioning: Mr. Randy Vanderbush
- **Swimming/Boys & Girls:** Mr. Scott Johnson, Mrs. Sara Allen, Ms. Kayla Chalfant
- Tennis/Boys: Mr. Brian Reagan, Mr. Keith Bradley
- Tennis/Girls: Mr. Keith Bradley, Mrs. Julie Siepman
   Track/ Boys and Girls: Mr.Brian Pelkey, Mr. Mark Wilhelm, Mr. Dave Teany, Mr. Henry Hopkins, Mr. Kyle Orender, Mrs. Lisa Jackson
- Volleyball: Mrs. Stephanie Manning, Mr. Louis Aguirre, Ms. Jennifer Pasteur, Mrs. Shelly Vernengo
- **Wrestling:** Mr. Paul Nicodemus, Mr. Adam Ferguson, Mr. Chris Duffer, Mr. Brian Smiley, Mr. Jason Catellier, Mr. Jon Utterback, Mr. Tim Ratliff, Mr. Wes Patrick, Mr. Josh Turner