

Both HS & MS HANDBOOK

**** changed days to hours based upon new law – HB410**

Excused Absences

When a student is absent, they are required to provide written documentation explaining the absence via parent/guardian or professional documentation. (See chart for excused/unexcused reasons) A parent/guardian may submit written documentation for reason of absence(s) not to exceed **52 hours**. Any students who exceed 52 hours parental/guardian absences will be required to provide professional documentation stating the reason for absence. Failure to do so will result in the absence being counted as unexcused.

**** added back to handbook from previous years = discipline process has continued**

Tardies

Students accruing unexcused

tardies will be handled on the following schedule:

- 3rd unexcused tardy = detention
- 6th unexcused tardy = detention
- 9th unexcused tardy = Extended detention
- 12th unexcused tardy = Extended detention
- 15th unexcused tardy = Friday Night School
- 18th unexcused tardy = Friday Night School and mandatory family meeting with district truancy officer

Student Code of Conduct/Infractions

**** added vocabulary - codes were in DASL**

Public Display of Affection: Public displays of affection are generally considered in poor taste and have no place in the school. Hugging, kissing and inappropriate touching are not allowed.

Insubordination: Insubordination refers to disregarding or refusal to obey reasonable directions or commands given by school personnel. Repeated violations of minor rules, directions, or discipline procedures shall also constitute insubordination. These directions can come from any school personnel including but not limited to: administrators, teachers, substitute teachers, teachers' aides, bus drivers and all other school personnel who are authorized to give such directions during any specified period of time when they are subject to the authority of such school personnel. Students shall comply with the directions of all school staff during any period of time when the student is under the authority of school personnel. Failure to comply will constitute insubordinate behavior. **This includes dishonesty; students are expected to be truthful and straightforward with staff.**

Wireless Communication Devices (Examples: cell phone, tablet, Chromebook, smart watch, etc.) The use of WCDs (wireless communication device) in locker rooms and/or bathrooms is prohibited.

***WCDs may be used in class for educational purposes only as approved by classroom teacher and/or principal.**

**** added vocabulary to WCD Policy**

Smart Watches, (example: Apple Watch, Android Wear or Fitbit) or any similar device that can send or receive information and communication wirelessly are considered WCDs and ARE NOT TO BE WORN OR USED during the school day. Smart Watches are an exception to the above WCD policy regarding use for educational purposes as approved by the classroom teacher.

**** added fee amount**

Students who are of driving age may apply for a student parking permit for a \$10 fee.

**** added vocabulary from board policy**

MECHANICSBURG E.V.S.D. DRUG, ALCOHOL, and TOBACCO POLICY

II. POLICY STATEMENT

The Mechanicsburg Exempted Village School Board of Education shall not permit any student to possess, transmit, conceal, consume, showing evidence of having consumed, used or offer for sale any alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, un-prescribed drugs, look-alike drugs or any mind altering substance while on school grounds or facilities; at school sponsored events; in other situations under the authority of the District or in controlled vehicles. Included in this prohibition are any substances represented as a controlled substance, non alcoholic beers, steroids, tobacco and tobacco products, electronic "vapor," or other substitute forms of cigarettes and drug paraphernalia.

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Courses Earning High School Credit

Any course taken that will issue high school credit, grades will count towards high school GPA. Please see the High School handbook for credit and GPA values.

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**** added back to handbook from previous years**

Grades Earned and HS GPA

Students that fail one quarter of the course and the final exam of the course are subject to credit review.

Example:

		1	2	E		
		C	F	F		
Value		2	0	0	Total Value	
x		2	2	1	5	
		4	0	0		
					Total Points	
					4	
					Divide by Total Value	
					0.8 D+	