



## **North Port Works North Port Wins**

**North Port High  
School 2017-2018  
Student Handbook**

*Dear Bobcats,*

*Welcome to North Port High School! We hope that you will begin this school year focused on learning. The faculty and administration are eager to work with you in furthering your education; you must realize that you have some specific responsibilities in this process. Therefore, this handbook has been prepared to help you acquaint yourself with our school's policies, procedures, and practices for the 2017-2018 school year.*

*The information in this document has been derived from legal requirements and sound educational practices. Your preparatory education, safety, and welfare are the staff's utmost concerns. Accordingly, our school will be organized in such a manner to ensure an orderly learning environment so you might achieve a quality education.*

*North Port High School is your high school, and it is our expectation that you will learn to respect its ideals and take pride in calling it your school. By acquainting yourself with this Student Handbook, we trust you will have taken the first step toward this goal. We look forward to working with you during the 2017-2018 school year.*

*Sincerely,*

*Brandon Johnson  
Principal*

## **ADMINISTRATION**

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## **STUDENT ALPHA**

(based on student's last name)

12<sup>th</sup> Grade A-Z  
9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade A-Go  
9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade Gr-O  
9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade P-Z

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# Vision & Mission



# Statements

**VISION STATEMENT:** North Port High School will prepare students to lead responsible lives by supporting their intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development.

**MOTTO:** Inspiring tomorrow's leaders.  
North Port Works! North Port Wins!

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

North Port High School will inspire tomorrow's leaders by:

- Providing rigorous instruction
- Maintaining a safe and respectful environment
- Developing social responsible individuals in their community



## PHILOSOPHY

These rights apply to all persons – students and staff – and to the entire school day, including to and from school.

1. The right to develop one's own personality (so long as it does not interfere with the rights of others) without disrespectful criticism or pressure from cliques.
2. Freedom from physical abuse and mental abuse such as name calling, intimidation, or harassment.
3. Freedom from being set apart or mocked because of race, religion, physical strength, size, features, friendship groups, age, culture, handicap, financial status, clothing, classroom performance, or any other reason.
4. The right of privacy and freedom from being harassed in the classroom; the right to be treated respectfully.
5. The right to an education, which means that teachers are free to teach and students are free to learn without being interrupted by inconsiderate or unruly students.
6. The right to have personal and school property respected. Our school is a safe place for property as well as people.

**\*YOUR ATTITUDE IS A LITTLE THING THAT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!**

## NPBS CAMPUS PRIDE

We are very proud of our campus. The custodial staff works every day to keep our campus clean and neat. This is an impossible task without the students' help and support. Waste receptacles are located in all areas and everyone should make a special effort to see that these receptacles are used. All trash should be put into these receptacles. **This is your campus, so we want to keep it clean and neat.** North Port High School can only be as clean and neat as you make it. **No food or drinks are allowed in the classroom buildings – water only.**

## CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Each student is responsible for the proper care of all books, supplies and furniture supplied by the school. A student who vandalizes or does damage to school property or equipment will be required to pay for the damage done or replace the item.

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity is founded on the principles of respect for knowledge, truth, scholarship and acting with honesty. Representing someone else's work as your own is dishonest. It compromises your integrity and diminishes what we stand for as a school community. We believe that your success is dependent on your efforts. Your work represents what you can and cannot do. North Port High School is intolerant of scholastic dishonesty.

**Cheating includes, but is in no way limited to the following:**

- Copying others' homework and claiming it as your own.
- Allowing someone to copy your work.
- Looking on another's test or quiz or letting another student look on a test or quiz.
- Reporting to other students what is on a test or quiz, including providing questions or answers.



- Writing answers on any part of the body, clothing etc.
- Asking for assistance or copying answers during any type of assessment.
- Doing work on computers and making multiple copies to distribute to others.
- Plagiarism, i.e. copying verbatim a reference or internet source without giving credit.
- Cutting and pasting information from the internet.
- Programming answers to a test/quiz into cell phones, calculators and/or other technology.
- Other instances may arise that are considered dishonest and will be subject to the same consequences.

## Consequences

### 1<sup>st</sup> Offense:

- A. The student will be able to retake/redo the assignment in order to earn a 59%
- B. Discipline referral to administrator.
- C. Teacher contacts parent.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:

- A. Zero on assignment/test/quiz/project, etc.
- B. Discipline referral and progressive discipline.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Class attendance is imperative to student achievement and success.

The infographic is divided into three horizontal sections, each with a circular icon on the left and text on the right. The top section is red and labeled "CHRONIC ABSENCES" with "18 OR MORE DAYS". The middle section is yellow and labeled "WARNING" with "10 TO 17 DAYS". The bottom section is green and labeled "GOOD ATTENDANCE" with "9 OR FEWER ABSENCES".

Attendance Level	Days	Key Points
Chronic Absences	18 or more days	Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn. Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.
Warning	10 to 17 days	Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year. When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.
Good Attendance	9 or fewer absences	Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more. Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

**Excused Absence** – (1) Documented illness of the student; (2) Documented major illness in the immediate family; (3) Death in the immediate family; (4) Duration of a religious holiday of the specific faith of the student; (5) Special and unique situations approved by the Assistant Principal.



**Unexcused Absence** – (1) Inadequate or unacceptable reason for the absence; i.e. car trouble, oversleeping, alarm and power failures are all unexcused; (2) Results from school disciplinary action; (3) Truancy.

A student has **3 school days** to bring in a note from a parent or guardian regarding an absence. Anything brought in after that time period will be regarded as an unexcused absence. This note should be given to the Attendance Office located in the Main Office.

- Parents may be asked to provide written medical documentation when excused absences for illness are excessive. Over nine absences for illness per semester or eighteen for illness in a school year is considered excessive.
- Students who have excessive absences and/or unexcused absences may not be permitted to attend school functions such as Homecoming Dance, Grad Bash, Prom, etc. at the discretion of Administration.
- Parents can monitor their child's attendance through the Parent Portal.

#### **201.4 – Driver's License Law**

Students who have excessive 15 unexcused absences in a 90-day period will be reported to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV). Monitoring of attendance for driving privileges is done by class periods. Students who hold a Florida driver's license may have their license suspended if they accumulate excessive periods of unexcused absence. Students who have not yet received their driver's license may be unable to obtain a license. Application for reinstatement of the driving privilege can be made after the student has attended school for 30 consecutive days with no unexcused absences. There is a hardship appeal process; parents/guardians should check with school administration for information regarding appeals.

**State Law: One Unexcused absence in ONE class period will count as a whole day!**

#### **Make-up Work**

A student, who has an excused absence, or an absence resulting from a suspension, shall be expected to make up the work missed. Students on suspension should complete all work upon their return to school. In the case of all other unexcused absences, students will be afforded an opportunity to make up the work. There may be an academic penalty at the discretion of the teacher. A student must complete all work missed within a time frame equal to the number of days absent.



### **Early Dismissals**

All early dismissals are to be obtained from the Attendance Office. The note from the parent should be taken to the Attendance Office before school on the day of the dismissal. The office opens promptly at 7 a.m. Every effort will be made to contact the guardian. The student must sign out when leaving and sign in upon return.

### **Tardiness**

1. Students must report to all classes on time. Students who arrive late must sign-in at the Attendance Office before going to class.
2. All classrooms will be locked promptly at 7:30 a.m. Admission to school campus will only be available through the front office.
3. On time arrival is a key factor in our Positive Behavior Support program. Be on time-earn rewards!
4. Chronic tardies will lead to consequences such as but not limited to:
  - a. Loss of parking privileges
  - b. **No admission to PROM and/or Grad Bash**
  - c. **Teachers can deduct employability points for each tardy. At teacher discretion, students MAY earn back employability points for tardiness deductions (within that quarter) once the student has 10 consecutive days of on-time arrival.**
  - d. After the third tardy to a class on a quarterly basis (in all periods), students will receive teacher-based discipline consequences (such as lunch or after school detention).
  - e. Failure to serve detention or additional tardiness to class will result in a discipline referral to administration.

### **EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS**

In keeping with the School Board rule regarding employability skills, attendance is part of every student's grade. Twenty percent (20%) of the grade will be based on the development of the following positive work habits: attendance, punctuality, bringing required materials, maintenance of an assignment notebook, completion of homework, appropriate dress for class, attitude of cooperation with staff and students, and time in class devoted to the appropriate task. These skills will be clearly outlined in the course syllabus developed by the instructor of every course. The syllabus will define teacher expectations and methods of documentation.

### **ATHLETICS/INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for athletics and interscholastic activities, a student must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in all courses taken which are required for graduation. A student's eligibility is determined after each semester (not a nine-week grading period).



## **ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION**

Prior to participating in athletics, the Florida High School Athletic Association requires that a student must provide the following:

1. Pre-Participation Physical (FHSAA EL2, current schoolyear)
2. Consent and Release from Liability Certificate (FHSAAEL3)
3. Parent/Guardian Release and Hold Harmless Agreement for High School Athletic Participation (notarized)
4. Copy of current Insurance carrier information, or copy of insurance card if purchased through [www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com](http://www.schoolinsuranceofflorida.com) on-line.
5. Affidavit of Compliance with the Policies on Athletic Recruitment and Non-Traditional Student Participation. (FHSAA GA4, notarized)
6. Acknowledgement of Standards for Participation in Athletic Activities
7. Authorization to Release Medical Information for Athletics
8. Emergency Medical/Treatment Field Trip Consent Form
9. Release for Out-of-County or Overnight Travel for Athletics and Field Trips (notarized)
10. **A complete packet can be obtained in the Athletic Office or printed under Athletics and Schedules on our NPHS website. All of the above must be turned into the Athletic Office.**

## **BOOK LOCKERS**

Book lockers will be available to the students for a \$5.00 usage fee. The locker and lock are the property of the School Board. Use only the locker assigned to you and keep it locked at all times. Do not tamper with another locker or give your combination to another person. Lockers are provided as a service to students, and the school accepts no responsibility for the contents of any locker.

A student's locker or other storage area is subject to search, upon reasonable suspicion, for prohibited or illegally possessed substances or objects.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE**

The student must inform the Registrar Office if a change of home address or telephone number occurs. Transportation will only bus to the official home address.

## **DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

"Sarasota County Public Schools reserves the right to release 'directory information' without prior permission of the parent as detailed in the following categories: name, address, telephone number (if it is a listed number), date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance (years of enrollment), degrees and awards received and most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student. Parents objecting to the release of directory information and wishing to exclude their student's name must notify the school principal in WRITING within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice.



## **EVACUATION DRILLS**

Drills at regular intervals are required by law and are an important safety precaution. It is essential that when the first signal is given, everyone obeys orders promptly and clears the building by the prescribed route as quickly as possible. The teacher in each classroom will give instructions to the students.

### **Specific Rules for Drills**

1. Move quickly and quietly
2. Exit according to plan
3. Stay in assigned designated areas
4. Leave belongings behind
5. Turn off lights and close doors
6. Return promptly to assigned class with teacher

## **FINANCIAL OBLIGATION**

A student owing monies for library fines, parking fines, textbooks, etc., must meet his/her obligations when due or make arrangements with an Assistant Principal. Past due obligations will be placed in the student's file. Any student with financial obligations will not be allowed to participate in graduation activities and will not receive their diploma until fines are satisfied.

## **GRADING SYSTEM**

A = 90-100      B = 80-89      C = 70-79      D = 60-69      F = 0-59

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

North Port High School is subject to promotion, progression, and graduation policies as mandated by the School Board of Sarasota County and the State of Florida. Specific grade level information is available in the Guidance Office and each student is encouraged to carefully review all requirements for graduation with his/her counselor.

## **HALL PASSES**

No student should be outside the classroom during the school day without a proper pass. It is the student's responsibility to have a pass while outside the classroom.

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

See your teacher's website and/or syllabus.

## **BOBCAT PRIDE**

Our BOBCAT PRIDE promotes and celebrates the positive expectations of our students. We recognize academic success as well as good behaviors on campus and during school related activities. We expect all students to demonstrate POSITIVITY, RESPECT, INTEGRITY, DISCIPLINE and EXCELLENCE.



## **ILLNESS OR INJURY DURING SCHOOL**

Any student too ill to remain in class should report to the school Clinic with a pass. He/she may remain there a short period of time or contact his/her parent for permission to leave school and go home. The Clinic should be notified immediately concerning any injured students. A registered nurse provided by the County Health Dept. is on campus and will counsel any student on health related issues.

## **INSURANCE (STUDENT)**

A group accident insurance policy is available to every member of the student body at a nominal cost. This school insurance is private coverage and not North Port High School insurance. Every student participating in athletics MUST be covered by insurance.

## **PROHIBITED ITEMS ON CAMPUS**

Any item, which may cause an interruption to the academic atmosphere or prove to be a safety hazard, will not be allowed on campus. If a student brings such an item to school, it will be taken and returned only after a parent meeting is held with an administrator. Examples of disruptive or unsafe items would be:

1. Skateboards/Roller skates/Roller blades (items should be placed in athletic office)
2. Laser pointers
3. Knives/Chains/Other weapons
4. Tobacco products/E-Cigarettes/Vapor devices
5. Alcohol/Controlled substances/Drugs
6. Lighters/Matches/Paraphernalia
7. Bluetooth speakers
8. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive.

\* **CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES** MUST be turned off during all classes. Students will not be allowed to enter a classroom until their cell phone and earphones are put away. Students are permitted to use their cell phone/electronic devices “**ONLY**” under teacher direction for instructional purposes.

## **TECHNOLOGY USE**

**3003** – Technology is an integral part of a student’s educational experience and must be used in a way that is consistent with the goals of Sarasota County Schools. Technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, smart phone, other electronic devices, software, e- mail, the Internet, other network resources, cell phones and cameras. Student use of technology is a privilege; students are responsible for using technology appropriately. This includes the use of school district equipment away from school grounds.

### **The following are inappropriate and/or illegal uses of technology:**

- Photographing or using photographs of individuals without their knowledge or consent
- Accessing or distributing offensive, inflammatory pornographic or obscene images, language or materials, including screen savers, backdrops, and/or pictures on school district-owned technology or on any other electronic device brought to school



- Transmission of any materials in violation of federal, state, or local law, or School Board policy, regulation, or Code of Student Conduct. This includes, but is not limited to copyrighted material; threatening, obscene, or pornographic material; vandalizing data, test questions and/or answers; student work products; trade secrets; and computer viruses, “worms” or “Trojans”
- Utilizing technology for commercial activities unless explicitly permitted by the School Board
- Downloading and/or printing music, games, videos or inappropriate files during school hours
- Modifying the school district’s original pre-set software or hardware, including, but not limited to: loading software applications not authorized by the school district; changing the computer name; changing or removing operating system and extensions; altering security/filtering software; altering the pre-loaded operating system or application; or taking apart the computer for access to internal parts, accessing or altering password
- Using e-mail, instant messaging, web pages, or other technology operations to threaten, disrupt, or interfere with the safety and welfare of the school community
- Gaining or attempting to gain unauthorized access to the district’s network, computer servers, or data files utilizing district equipment
- Profanity, obscenity, other language which may be offensive to another user, or reposting and copying personal communications without the author’s prior consent, when using computer network access
- Attempting to log on to the district’s network using another person’s identity
- Bypassing or attempting to bypass the district’s filtering software
- Using computers, networks, and online telecommunication systems unrelated to students’ educational systems. This includes the prohibition of plagiarism, reproduction of state- or teacher-made tests, textbooks, teaching materials, non-authored text, cheating and theft of ideas
- Accessing or distributing offensive, obscene, inflammatory, or pornographic material
- Using network access to destroy information that belongs to others
- Copying personal communication to others without the original author’s permission
- Copying software or other copyright-protected materials in violation of copyrights laws
- Using the network for any illegal activity or private business purposes or accessing inappropriate Internet sites
- “Hacking” into the school’s computer systems or unauthorized modification of computer setting. These acts will be considered vandalism and disruption of a school function and will be treated as such
- Using technology to threaten, harass or bully other students or staff
- Using a computer, video, camera or program in any manner other than for appropriate educational purposes



**Violations will result in serious disciplinary actions, which may include an arrest if any criminal law is broken. Examples of such violations would be computer hacking or trespass, harassment, or threats via computer or computer fraud.**

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Any student who finds lost articles is asked to take them to the Attendance Office where the owners can claim them. Items are kept until June of each school year.

### **LUNCH (CLOSED CAMPUS)**

North Port High School is operated under a closed campus policy. This means all students must remain on campus during the school day. No one will be allowed off campus for lunch. Each student shall have 30 minutes for lunch. The school cafeteria has a designated indoor and outdoor eating area where students are supervised. Students who are not in designated areas during their assigned lunch are subject to discipline. Students **MAY NOT order** lunch from outside vendors to be delivered to our school.

### **MEDIA CENTER**

Every student enrolled in North Port High School has the privilege of checking out media materials. Three (3) items (not including textbooks) may be checked out for three weeks and are able to be renewed unless there is a request for the item. Fines are charged for overdue items.

Computers with Internet access and Microsoft Office are available for research purposes and staff is on hand at all times to assist. Students need a Media Pass to enter the Media Center during the instructional day, but are encouraged to utilize the Media Center before school and after school. The hours of the NPHS Media Center are 7:00 am to 2:45 pm daily. Food and drink are not permitted.

### **PARKING (STUDENTS)**

Students who are interested in parking at North Port High School should be aware of these policies. **PARKING ON CAMPUS IS A PRIVILEGE.** Due to limited space the following regulations will be in effect:

- Parking will be limited and assigned on a first come, first serve basis.
- Any vehicle parked on campus must display a valid parking decal at all times.
- Drivers must obey state laws and school policies.
- **No students are allowed in the parking lot during the school day.**
- Violations of school parking and/or driving regulations will result in the loss of parking privilege and non-refundable decal.
- Students with outstanding debts to NPHS will not be eligible for a parking permit.
- Students with excessive tardies will forfeit their privilege to have a parking permit



### **PARENT PICK-UP**

A student being picked up or dropped off by his/her parents must use the designated pick-up area that is located in the front area of the campus. Parents are strongly encouraged to use the pick-up and drop-off locations in the front of the Gymnasium.

### **PARENT PORTAL FOR STUDENT PROGRESS**

Progress reports will be on the parent portal as well as grades and attendance are available via the parent portal. **Parents are strongly encouraged to check student's progress at any time on the Parent Portal.**

### **REGISTRATION**

It is very important that you select your courses carefully. **The ONLY schedule changes that will be allowed during the FIRST TWO weeks of school are the following:**

- Students who have not taken a course pre-requisite
- Students who have missing classes
- Students who did not get required teacher approval of a course
- Course level placement, academic acceleration
- If you need any help in selecting your classes for next year, please seek the advice of your guidance counselor.

### **RELEASE OF STUDENT EDUCATIONAL RECORDS**

School Board policy prohibits the release of educational records (other than directory information) of a student without written consent of the parent/guardian or student if 18 years of age.

### **REPORT CARDS**

Report cards are available at the end of each nine-week session. The grading periods will end on the following dates: October 13, 2017, December 21, 2017, March 13, 2018, and May 24, 2018.

Report card will be available on the Parent/Student portal approximately 7-9 days after each of these dates. Parents are strongly encouraged to check student's progress at any time on the Parent Portal.

### **SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The SAC is comprised of members, which include the school principal, teachers, staff, parents, and students. The purpose of the council is to enhance school site decision-making regarding school improvement. Meetings occur the second Monday of each month and are open to the public. All interested parties are invited to attend.



## **SENIORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Check credits with counselor by October 1 of senior year.
2. Purchase your cap and gown.
3. Make written requests to the Guidance Office for college transcripts (must give 10 school days' notice).
4. Provide resume to guidance counselors and teachers at least two weeks' prior for requested letter of recommendation.
5. College applications to selective schools requiring letters of recommendation and secondary school reports must be submitted 10 school days before deadline.
6. It is recommended that all college applications are submitted before Thanksgiving break.
7. Check for possible financial aid.
8. Make sure all obligations have been fulfilled.

## **SCHOOL AND THE LAW**

**FORBIDDEN BY LAW:** (State of Florida or School Board Policy)

- Possession of drugs, paraphernalia, or under the influence of drugs at school or a school activity
- Possession of, or under the influence of alcohol at school or a school activity
- Carrying a knife or any other weapon
- Disruption of school environment
- Serious vandalism or theft
- Physical violence/battery
- (\*The police must be called for these offenses.)

NOTE: It is important that all students and parents understand that certain criminal and/or disruptive behavior must, by School Board Policy and Administrative regulations, be reported to the appropriate police authorities. Any person involved in the use, possession, sale or transmission of controlled substances, paraphernalia, or alcoholic beverages on school premises or at any school sponsored activity, except as prescribed by a licensed physician, will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

## **SEARCH POLICY**

Upon reasonable suspicion of questionable student conduct, a search of any student property, in which illegally possessed items or objects could be concealed or stored, will be conducted.  
F.S.S. 232.256



## **DRESS CODE**

All school board personnel on campus are authorized to enforce the dress code, and any student not following the dress code will be asked to change into appropriate clothing and check the other item(s) with administration to be picked up at the end of the day. Parents may be contacted to bring a change of clothing, but the student will not be allowed out on campus during the interim. Any student who continues to wear inappropriate clothing is subject to further disciplinary action. Administration will have the final determination and interpretation of the dress code. North Port High School students are expected to use good judgement when dressing for school and all related events. The following dress code practices are required:

## **HEADWEAR**

- Bandanas are NOT permitted to be worn on campus.
- Caps and hats may not be worn in the interior of any classroom, cafeteria, or office. They may be worn in outside areas.
- Hats worn in imitation of gang fashion will be required to be turned in to administration.

## **TOPS**

- Shirts must have sleeves of some sort: No halter or tube tops or sheer shirts.
- Shirts must completely cover the midriff- the abdomen may not be exposed.
- Showing excessive cleavage is NOT allowed.

## **BOTTOMS**

- Shorts, pants, and skirts must fit and be worn at the waist/hip and NOT reveal undergarments.
- The midriff areas must be covered when the student is moving about.
- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be no shorter than eight inches above the middle of the knee
- Bottoms may NOT have revealing holes above the same

## **SHOES**

- Must be fastened and worn at ALL times.
- Bedroom slippers are not allowed.
- Flip flops are not recommended. NPHS accepts no liability for accident or injury related to the quality of footwear.

## **The following specific dress practices are NOT allowed on campus or at events:**

- Any stretch lycra, spandex, or tights that show undergarments, or lack thereof
- Leotards, biker pants, dance tights, or underwear worn as outer garments
- Any apparel that displays obscene words, pictures, or designs
- Any apparel that has sexually suggestive pictures, designs, or words
- Any apparel referencing drugs, alcohol, or tobacco
- Oversized coats/ trench coats



- Sunglasses inside buildings
- Combs or picks worn in the hair
- Any apparel, headwear, jewelry, accessory, or manner of grooming that is identified as disruptive to the educational process or gang related
- **Headphones or earbuds** may cover only one ear during class transitions.

This list is not intended to be all-inclusive. Any student wearing inappropriate clothing will be immediately requested to change clothes to adhere to the school dress code. If the student fails to change clothes, the student will be assigned to in-school suspension. A student who continually wears inappropriate clothing to school is subject to disciplinary action such as suspension from school.

Please see the North Port High School Dress Code Brochure or school website for examples of appropriate clothing for school.

### **FIGHTING POLICY**

The penalty for being involved in a fight, defined as an exchange of physical blows, (hitting, slapping, pushing, shoving, kicking, physical contact), will be a major out-of-school suspension or possible expulsion. Those students should report any incident immediately to an administrator, teacher or campus security. Students should not take matters into their own hands so staff and administration can appropriately resolve the issue.

Students who instigate fights but are not actively involved (that is, students who carry rumors, put others up to fighting, carry information back and forth between other individuals who subsequently fight) submit themselves to the same penalties as those who are involved in the fight.

Students who are intimidated or harassed by another student should report all information to a staff member or administrator immediately. Fighting will not be tolerated on this campus, on the school bus, or at a school-sanctioned event. School administration will work with our school resource officers regarding possible legal consequences. Students who have videoed an incident and/or shared the video will have similar consequences.

### **HARRASSMENT/BULLYING**

Harassment and bullying, including cyberbullying, are not tolerated at NPHS. If you are witness to bullying or harassment, or a victim of it, please contact an administrator immediately. For clarification on the district policy please refer to the District Student and Family Handbook, Section 3.

### **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

Complementing this student agenda is the Sarasota County Public School Code of Student Conduct, which outlines the rights and responsibilities of the students attending North Port High School. This document will be made available to all students, and they are urged to familiarize themselves with its contents.



## **STUDENT CONDUCT**

Because the main purpose of school is educational, the following statements are to serve as guidelines for acceptable behavior.

1. Students are required to attend all scheduled classes.
2. During lunch periods, students should remain in the cafeteria or designated outdoor eating areas.
3. Students may not sit on the floor in the hallways.
4. Students must have hall passes to be excused from classes to go to other areas.
5. Students are financially responsible for lost/damaged school equipment, supplies, and textbooks.
6. Students must remain on the school grounds at all times. Parking lots are off limits to students during the school day.
7. Students are not permitted to smoke or bring tobacco products to school. Any student found smoking, including electronic cigarettes or possessing tobacco products will be suspended and/or fined.
8. Physical education areas are for classroom use only during the school day. Students must be in their assigned class, instructor and course at all times and in supervised areas.
9. Students are required to have a hall pass when out of class.
10. These are examples of acts that are considered unacceptable behavior and will result in disciplinary action.

## **STUDENT CONDUCT AT ATHLETIC EVENTS & SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Students are expected to exhibit proper behavior at both home and away events. This includes no fighting, booing or heckling, throwing or dropping of refuse and no loitering in the immediate area before or after an event. School policy prohibiting the use or possession of cigarettes, drugs and alcohol applies at all events in which the school is involved, regardless of the site. Students on out-of-school suspension may not attend any school-related activity.

## **TARDINESS**

Students must report to all classes on time. Students who arrive late must check into the Attendance Office before going to class. All classrooms will be locked promptly at 7:30 a.m. Admission to school campus will only be available through the front office. Chronic tardies will put a student's parking pass in jeopardy.

## **TOBACCO/E-CIGARETTES/VAPOR DEVICES**

In compliance with the Florida State Law, which prohibits the sale of tobacco products to anyone under 18 years-of-age, smoking or the use of other tobacco products by any student is prohibited on school grounds. Students who disregard this policy will be referred to an administrator for disciplinary action. Students who are found smoking or in possession are subject to monetary fines ranging from \$50 to \$500.



## **TRANSPORTATION**

The State of Florida is a “No Fault” State and injuries sustained by your child while on a school bus are covered under your Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage provided by your personal automobile policy. Please make sure you contact your automobile insurance carrier to report all injury claims.

## **VISITORS**

A student is not allowed to bring visitors to school. Visitors are a hardship on both teachers and pupils. Parents are always welcome, and are encouraged to make an appointment for any visitations or conferences. All visitors are subject to any state laws governing the state of Florida and must provide a driver’s license at the front office check in each time. There will be no student shadowing permitted at NPHS.



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2017-2018 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR**

Teachers Report to Duty.....	August 7
First Day of School for Students.....	August 14
Labor Day.....	September 4
End of 1st Quarter.....	October 13
Professional Day (no classes).....	October 16
Thanksgiving Break.....	November 22-24
End of 2nd Quarter.....	December 21
Professional Day (no classes).....	December 22
Winter Break.....	December 25-January 5
Students return.....	January 8
Martin Luther King Day.....	January 15
Presidents' Day.....	February 19
End of 3rd Quarter.....	March 13
Professional Day (no classes).....	March 16
Spring Break .....	March 26-30
Last Day for Students.....	May 24
Memorial Day.....	May 28
Last Day for Teachers.....	May 29