

**2023-2024**

**BATH HIGH SCHOOL**

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**ALMA MATER**

Sing praises to the blue and gold;  
Sing praises to thy fame.  
May each loyal son and daughter  
Bring honor to thy name.  
May we always show our loyalty  
As we have in days gone by,  
And may our hearts be ever true  
To you Bath High.

## **WELCOME**

On behalf of the faculty and administration, we would like to welcome you to Bath High School. We are looking forward to assisting you in fulfilling your educational goals. Bath has a history of fine academic and extra-curricular accomplishments. We expect you to meet the goals which have been set and to carry on the tradition and make this a better place. You can benefit from everything Bath has to offer by being actively involved in the learning in your classes and the programs offered. If you encounter difficulties, seek out any of our trained professionals and we will do the best to help you. We are here to make your years in school as successful, yet educationally challenging, as possible. We welcome the opportunity to help you as you proceed through your high school career.

## **PHILOSOPHY OF BATH HIGH SCHOOL**

It is the philosophy of Bath High School to provide an education of the highest quality within the resources available to the youth of the school. We believe that the dignity and the worth of the individual is of paramount importance and that each individual should be prepared to participate to the best of his/her ability in the cultural, political, social, and economic life of our society. We believe that we should provide opportunities for our youth to develop to their maximum potential. This requires an educational program with provisions for individual differences that will develop the competencies of the individual and also satisfy his/her needs. According to Ohio School Standards, such a program must be comprehensive and must require various levels of instruction. We believe that quality is not sacrificed in diversity, but that it must be stressed continuously and rigorously throughout our education system.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Bath High School in partnership with parents and the community is to educate all students to become responsible, caring productive citizens and life-long learners by providing diverse and challenging learning experiences in a welcoming, safe and positive environment.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

We envision Bath High School, working in partnership with parents, students and the entire community, becoming a highly effective school district with an emphasis on life-long learning through innovations in education and technology. The school environment will be one that recognizes student accomplishments and high expectations with dynamic teachers serving as learning facilitators. As a symbol of pride to the community this setting will be one of respect and tolerance for others.

<p><b>REGULAR SCHEDULE</b>  Zero Period 7:50-8:15  Warning Bell 8:25 a.m.  Tardy Bell 8:28 a.m.  Announcements 8:28 a.m.  Period 1 8:30 - 9:16  Period 2 9:20 – 10:06  Period 3 10:10 – 10:56  Period 4 11:00 – 11:46  WT/Lunch 11:50-12:50            A Lunch 11:50-12:20            B Lunch 12:20-12:50  Period 5 12:54-1:40  Period 6 1:44-2:30  Period 7 2:34-3:20</p>	<p><b>THREE HOUR DELAY</b>  Zero Period 10:50-11:15  Warning Bell 11:25  Tardy Bell 11:28  Announcements 11:28  Period 1 11:30 – 11:51  Period 2 11:55 – 12:16  WT/Lunch 12:20-1:20            A Lunch 12:20-12:50            B Lunch 12:50-1:20  Period 3 1:24-1:44  Period 4 1:48-2:08  Period 5 2:12-2:32  Period 6 2:36- 2:56  Period 7 3:00 -3:20</p>
<p><b>ONE HOUR DELAY</b>  Zero Period 7:50-8:15  Warning Bell 8:25  Tardy Bell 8:28  Activity Schedule 8:30-9:15  Announcements 9:18  Period 1 9:20-10:00  Period 2 10:04-10:43  Period 3 10:47-11:26  WT/Lunch 11:30-12:30            A Lunch 11:30-12:00            B Lunch 12:00-12:30  Period 4 12:34-1:12  Period 5 1:16-1:54  Period 6 1:58-2:36  Period 7 2:40-3:20</p>	<p><b>2:15 DISMISSAL</b>  Zero Period 7:50-8:15  Warning Bell 8:25  Tardy Bell 8:28  Announcements 8:28  Period 1 8:30-9:07  Period 2 9:11-9:48  Period 3 9:52-10:29  Period 4 10:33-11:10  WT/Lunch 11:14-12:14            A Lunch 11:14-11:44            B Lunch 11:44-12:14  Period 5 12:18-12:56  Period 6 1:00-1:38  Period 7 1:42-2:20</p>
<p><b>TWO HOUR DELAY</b>  Zero Period 9:50-10:15  Warning Bell 10:25  Tardy Bell 10:28  Announcements 10:28  Period 1 10:30-10:59  Period 2 11:03-11:32  Period 3 11:36-12:05  WT/Lunch 12:09-1:09            A Lunch 12:09-12:39            B Lunch 12:39-1:09  Period 4 1:13-1:42  Period 5 1:46-2:15  Period 6 2:19-2:48  Period 7 2:52-3:20</p>	<p>2023-2024 Bell Schedules</p>



**BATH LOCAL SCHOOLS  
2023-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

TEACHER WORK DAY	Thursday, August 24, 2023
HS STUDENT ORIENTATION/OPEN HOUSE	Mon/Tues, August 28-29, 2023
FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS	Wednesday, August 30, 2023
LABOR DAY (NO SCHOOL)	Monday, September 4, 2023
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO SCHOOL)	Friday, October 27, 2023
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (NO SCHOOL)	Thursday, November 9, 2023
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (NO SCHOOL)	Friday, November 10, 2023
THANKSGIVING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)	Wed/Th/Fri Nov. 22-24, 2023
<u>LAST DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK</u>	Wed., December 20, 2023
<u>SCHOOL RESUMES AFTER CHRISTMAS BREAK</u>	Tuesday, January 2, 2024
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO SCHOOL)	Friday, January 12, 2024
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY (NO SCHOOL)	Monday, January 15, 2024
PRESIDENTS' DAY (NO SCHOOL)	Monday, February 19, 2024
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO SCHOOL)	Friday, March 22, 2024
EASTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL)	Friday, March 29, 2024
<u>SCHOOL RESUMES AFTER EASTER BREAK</u>	Monday, April 1, 2024
<u>LAST DAY FOR SENIORS</u>	Friday, May 17, 2024
GRADUATION	Sun., May 19, 2024 @ 2:00 pm
<u>LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS</u>	Friday, May 24, 2024
MEMORIAL DAY (NO SCHOOL)	Monday, May 27, 2024
TEACHER WORK DAY	Tuesday, May 28, 2024

**BATH HS ORIENTATION (REQUIRED)**

Monday, August 28 (Last names A-K) 8:00-11:35 am  
Tuesday, August 29 (Last names L-Z 8:00-11:35 am)

**CONFERENCE DAYS**

**ES, MS, HS** - Monday, November 6 and Wednesday, November 8 – 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
**ES, MS, HS** - Thursday, November 9 - 12:00 p.m. (noon) – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**GRADING PERIODS**

1<sup>st</sup> Grading Period: Aug. 30 – Oct. 26, 2023 (41 days) posted 11/3  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grading Period: Oct. 30 -Jan. 11, 2024 (41 days) posted 1/19  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grading Period: Jan. 16 – Mar. 21, 2024 (47 days) posted 3/28  
4<sup>th</sup> Grading Period: Mar. 27 – May 26, 2023 (44 days) posted TBA

**INTERIM PERIODS**

Ends Sept. 29-posted Oct. 6  
Ends Dec. 1-posted Dec. 8  
Ends Feb. 16-posted Feb. 23  
Ends Apr. 26-posted May 3

**MAKE-UP DAYS**

(Beyond the five days excused)  
Will be Remote Learning Days Revised

4/11/2023

## **INTRODUCTION:**

This handbook contains the rules and regulations governing Bath High School students at school and at school sponsored events. Therefore, all students, regardless of age and living with parent or guardian, are responsible for and must adhere to all the rules and regulations contained within. Some of the regulations are unique to the high school and apply only to our students.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Attendance is a basic and integral part of your education. If a student is absent we prefer that the parent call/fax the school, (221-0366)/Fax (221-0766) the day the student is absent. If we are not called, a written note will be necessary the day following the student's absence. If the school is not notified the day of or the day after the absence, the absence will be unexcused. The school will attempt to contact the parent, guardian, or other person(s) having care of a student within the first two hours of the start of school regarding a student's unexcused absence. Voicemail messages may be left after school hours.

**MEDICALLY EXCUSED:** Students/parents must present the office with a note written by a licensed physician or medical doctor. The note must specify which days of school the student was unable to attend. The note must be presented to the high school office within two weeks of medical appointments in order for those days to be excused. A medical excuse is defined as "\_\_\_\_\_ has been under my care from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and may return to school on \_\_\_\_\_". Any student who possesses a fever of 100 degrees or higher during school hours will be excused from school by the main office (marked as illness) and sent home after parents are notified. Students must be fever-free (99.9 degrees or below) prior to returning to school. Reasons for which a student may be **medically excused** include, but are not limited to, (1) personal illness of the student with a doctor's excuse (2) illness in the student's family necessitating the presence of the child (3) quarantine for contagious disease (4) other circumstances in which the judgement of the Superintendent constitutes a good and sufficient cause for absence from school.

### **Communicable Diseases Policies**

1. Mumps - Chicken pox
  - A. Without a doctor's examination your child may return to school:
    1. Mumps - 10 days out of school including weekends.
    2. Chicken pox - 7 days out of school including weekends or until all lesions have crusted.
  - B. Readmission anytime with a doctor's examination and written permission slip signed by the doctor.
2. Scarlet Fever and Scarletina
  - A. Child can return to school only after 24 hours of appropriate antibiotic therapy completed.
  - B. Close contacts should seek private doctor's advice.
  - C. Family contacts can return to school only after school receives a signed note from parent that a physician has advised treatment.
3. Infectious Hepatitis A
  - A. May return to school after doctor's release, but not before 10 consecutive days from the onset of jaundice.
4. Impetigo
  - A. Excluded from school until released by physician or under treatment and lesions healing.
5. Scabies
  - A. Prescription Lotion - Must consult physician, child excluded from school until treated.
6. Head lice
  - A. Child excluded from school until treated and **all nits removed**. For attendance purposes, students will be counted excused two days after being sent home in order for time to take care of this problem. Any days more than two will be counted unexcused.
  - B. Lotion shampoo prescription or over the counter treatment recommended by your pharmacist. Whenever in doubt, feel free to call the school and to speak with the nurse.
7. Ringworm or Athletes Foot
  - A. Excluded from school until under treatment. Lesions must be covered at school to prevent spread to other students.
8. Mononucleosis
  - A. Consult physician. Child excluded if fever, systematically ill, or physician's advice.

9. Conjunctivitis (Pinkeye)

- A. Excluded from school until under treatment and discharge has ceased.

**COLLEGE VISITATION** requests must be made through the guidance department, and parent consent must be made in the form of a note or telephone call. Only juniors in their second semester and seniors are excused for college visitations. There is a limit of two college visitations per student using school time.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Students are permitted to miss a total of ten (10) days for the year without medical notes. In order for these “call ins” to be excused, a parent/guardian must speak to the office explaining the reason for the student’s absence within 24 hours of the absence. If the absence is for any of the following reasons, the absence will be excused. These absences are based on one or more of the following conditions:

(1) personal illness without a medical excuse (2) college visitation (3) needed at home to perform necessary work directly and exclusively for parents or legal guardians for a limited period of time when approved by the Superintendent (student must be age 14 and over) (4) death or illness in the immediate family (applies to absences up to 18 school hours unless reasonable cause may be shown for a longer absence) (5) observance of a religious holiday and (6) traveling out of state to attend a Board-approved enrichment or extracurricular activity (applies to absences of up to 24 school hours) (7) absences due to a student’s placement in foster care or changes in foster care (8) absences related to court hearings and/or procedures with appropriate documentation from the court (9) absences due to homelessness (10) driver’s education testing will be excused only if the absence falls within the allotted 10 days of the policy and/or (11) other circumstances which may constitute an excused absence will require prior approval from the Principal or Assistant Principal (i.e. driver’s education testing).

Students with excused absences are solely responsible for making up any schoolwork missed.

**EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION:** A student who is absent from school, comes to school after second period, or is sent home during the school day due to illness will not be eligible to take part in any type of after school event or activity as a participant or spectator. The school realizes that there may be special situations (medical appointments, funerals, etc.) that the building administration will address individually.

**MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS:** Students who must be out of school to secure medical service must have their parents call or bring a note from their parents. When the student returns to school, a note from the doctor’s office is required for the time missed to be counted as a medical excuse. The student must sign the register when leaving the building and must do the same upon return. If a student misses school because of a medical appointment the absence must be treated as any other absence, i.e., the time missed must be marked on attendance records. If at all possible the student is to return to school after an appointment.

**PROLONGED ABSENCES:** If a student is unable to attend class or school for a lengthy period of time, but is able to study at home, a telephone call should be made to the guidance office and arrangements made for assignments to be sent home. Students are encouraged to communicate with their teachers via Schoology and/or email to obtain further information.

**TARDINESS:** Students who arrive at school after 8:28 a.m. must report to the office and sign in. If the student comes late in the morning and arrives after the second period, it must be considered one-half day absent. If the student comes to school after fourth period, it must be considered full day absence. Tardies accumulate for the duration of the school year and do not reset after the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester.

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:** Unexcused absences usually consist of, but are not limited to one or more of the following conditions: (1) truancy-no note (2) needed at home (3) gainful employment (4) oversleeping and/or missing the bus (5) car trouble of any kind (6) running non-emergency errands of any kind and (7) personal reasons, unless the reason is specifically identified and prior approval given by the Principal or Assistant Principal. Students

with unexcused absences will be provided an opportunity to make up all assignments for such absences as explained in the MAKE-UP WORK POLICY.

### **DISCIPLINE:**

*Education cannot proceed without good discipline. Good discipline is the presence of a friendly yet business-like rapport in which students, teacher, and administrators work toward accepted goals. The following are potential consequences, and it is important to note that the list is not exhaustive and though listed in increasing severity, the consequences are not necessarily hierarchal in application.*

1. **WARNING**
2. **TEACHER DETENTION:** Faculty are permitted to assign a detention in their classroom from 7:55-8:10 for instances of minor student misconduct.
3. **DETENTION:** Detentions are to be served on Tuesday mornings from 7:40 to 8:10.
4. **SATURDAY SCHOOL:** Saturday schools will be scheduled from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Students are to be out of building by 11:05 a.m.
5. **IN-SCHOOL RESTRICTION**
6. **ISS (In-school suspension)**
7. **SUSPENSION:**
  - A. The Superintendent or Principal/Assistant Principal may suspend.
  - B. No suspensions are to exceed ten (10) school days.
  - C. The superintendent or Principal/Assistant Principal must give written notice of intention to suspend and the reason why to the pupil.
  - D. The pupil must have an opportunity to appear at an informal hearing before the Principal, Assistant Principal, Superintendent or his designee, and has the right to challenge the reasons for the intended suspension or otherwise explain his actions. The hearing may take place immediately.
  - E. Within 24 hours of suspension the Principal/Assistant Principal will notify in writing the parent, guardian or custodian of the pupil and Treasurer of the Board of Education the suspension. This notice must include the reason for the suspension, and the right of the pupil, parent to appeal to the Board of Education or its designee, the right to be represented at the appeal and to request the hearing or appeal to be held in executive session.
8. **EMERGENCY REMOVAL:** An emergency removal from the premises, curricular or extra-curricular activities, may occur if a pupil's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property, or an engaging threat of disrupting the established process. A due process hearing must be held within 72 hours after removal is ordered.
9. **ASSIGNMENT TO ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL OR BATH DIGITAL ACADEMY:** Students assigned to the Bath Digital Academy full-time will be remote learners. Administration may schedule designated lab hours as necessary for online learning.
10. **EXPULSION:**
  - A. Only a Superintendent may expel.
  - B. The Superintendent must give the pupil and his parent or guardian written notice of the intended expulsion.
    - A. The notice is to include reasons for the intended expulsion.
    - B. The pupil and parent or REPRESENTATIVE has the opportunity to appear on request before Superintendent or his designee to challenge his action or to otherwise explain the pupil's actions. The administrator cannot compel such hearing in the event the pupil and parent choose not to have a hearing.
    - C. The notice is to state the time and place to appear which must not be less than three days nor later than five days after the notice is given.
    - D. The Superintendent may grant an extension of time, if granted his must notify all parties of new time and place.
    - E. Within 24 hours of the expulsion the Superintendent will notify the parent, guardian or custodian of the pupil and Treasurer of the Board of the action to expel. The notice must include the reasons for the expulsion, and the right of pupil, parent to appeal to the Board of Education or its designee; the right to be represented to the appeal and to request the hearing

to be held in executive session, but the board may act upon the expulsion only at a public meeting. The request for appeal must be made within seven (7) days.

**CODE OF MISCONDUCT:** Violations of school rules may result in disciplinary action. Discipline may be issued for, but not limited to, the violations stated below on a case by case basis. Administration may issue discipline for additional misconduct if necessary.

- A. **ASSAULT:** A student shall not knowingly or willingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to another; or knowingly cause another to believe that the offender will cause physical harm to that person.
- B. **AUTO OPERATION/PARKING:** Improper use of auto/parking. Repeated violations may result in loss of driving privileges.
- C. **BULLYING/HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION:** A student shall not bully, harass, and/or intimidate another student. This is defined as an intentional written, verbal, electronic, or physical act that a student has exhibited towards another student more than once. The behavior caused mental or physical harm to the other student and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student. This behavior is prohibited on school property, on a school bus, or at school-sponsored events.
- D. **CELL PHONE VIOLATIONS:** The use of cell phones during school hours is strictly prohibited. Cell phones are not permitted to be used for any reason, included but not limited to, personal phone calls, texting, accessing social media, and/or listening to music. Cell phones are expected to be turned off and put away during the school day. Students should report to the main office and request permission to use their cell phones to text or make phone calls during school hours. Any violation of this policy is subject to school discipline and may require a parent/guardian to retrieve the device from the office.
- E. **COMPUTER USAGE:** Improper use of computers, software, or the related equipment and materials as defined by the rules of the computer labs and classrooms
- F. **DAMAGE TO PROPERTY:** A student shall not knowingly mar, deface, destroy or otherwise tamper with any property not owned by the student.
- G. **DANGEROUS WEAPONS AND INSTRUMENTS:** A student shall not possess, handle, or transmit weapons and/or any other dangerous instruments or ordinance capable of inflicting bodily harm while on the school grounds, before, during or after school hours, or while attending school functions, activities or events, or while in school vehicles. This includes, but is not limited to guns, knives, fireworks and “Look-A-Like” weapons.
- H. **DISRUPTION OF SCHOOL:** A student shall not cause disruption or obstruction of the educational process by: 1) engaging in fighting or other violent behavior; 2) making un-realistic noise, using grossly abusive language or offensive language; 3) challenging or taunting another likely to evoke a violent response; 4) creating a physically offensive condition; 5) creating a risk of physical harm to person or property; 6) theft; 7) forgery; 8) insubordination; 9) disrespectful to any school employee, 10) disrupting after school detention or Saturday school 11) disruptive behavior in the cafeteria, classrooms or hallway
- I. **DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS**
- J. **ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** The use of other electronic devices for sending or receiving calls and/or text messages is prohibited during school hours. These devices include, but are not limited to, Apple Watches, Fitbits, Smartwatches, Air pods, and other earbuds/headphones.
- K. **FOOD OR DRINK IN CLASSROOM:** This includes outside beverages (coffees, energy drinks, soda, etc)
- L. **FIGHTING**
- M. **HAZING:** See Insert
- N. **INSUBORDINATION-**Students shall not engage or exhibit behavior that is disruptive to the educational process and/or disrespectful to any students or school employees
- O. **LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS W/OUT PERMISSION:** 1<sup>ST</sup> offense- 2 Sat Schools, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense-suspension
- P. **LOITERING/TRESPASSING:** No student shall be in an unauthorized area without expressed permission by a staff member. Students presumed to be loitering in/near restrooms will be subject to consequences.



- Q. “LOOK-A-LIKE” AND “COUNTERFEIT SUBSTANCES”: No student shall possess, use, transport, purchase, have under his/her control, offer for sale, or administer to another, any look-a-like or counterfeit substance which represents a controlled substance or may be construed as a controlled substance.
- R. MISSING DETENTIONS/SATURDAY SCHOOLS, MISSING CONSECUTIVE DETENTIONS/SATURDAY SCHOOLS
- S. PORNOGRAPHIC PUBLICATIONS: No student shall possess, edit, or read any pornographic materials on school property
- T. PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION
- U. RE-PEATED VIOLATION OF SCHOOL POLICY: Combination of 15 warnings/detentions/Saturday Schools- 3 days suspension, combination of 20 – 5 days suspension, combination of 30- 10 day suspension w/ recommendation for expulsion.
- V. SEXUAL ASSAULT: No student shall engage in any nonconsensual sexual activity.
- W. SEXUAL HARASSMENT: A student shall not engage in unwanted sexual advances, or unwanted visual, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature toward another student. The term sexual harassment is intended to mean sexual harassment in the broadest meaning of that term in current popular as well as legal usage.
- X. SEXUAL MISCONDUCT: No student shall engage in any consensual sexual activity on school grounds.
- Y. SKIPPING CLASS OR STUDY HALL
- Z. SNACK BAR WITHOUT PERMISSION
- AA. TARDIES: Discipline will be issued when a student accumulates four (4) tardies to school. The level of discipline is subject to change once a student accumulates ten (10) tardies in semester. Tardies do not reset after the 1<sup>st</sup> semester.
- BB. THEFT: No student shall attempt to or steal items from the school or its property, the employees, or other students at any time.
- CC. THREATS: No student shall make threats, including, but not limited to, threatening harm to the health or safety of another and/or threatening harm to District property.
- DD. TOBACCO, NARCOTICS, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS: No student shall possess, use, transport, purchase, have under his/her control, offer for sale, be under the influence of, or administer to another any intoxicant, hallucinogen, narcotic drug, or other dangerous drug on school property/bus/or at school activities. No student shall have or possess any equipment or paraphernalia for the purpose of any items mentioned above.
- EE. TRUANCY: Parents/Guardians are responsible for the attendance of a minor child (under 18 years old). Truancy charges may be filed against parents and further discipline may be issued to students who are considered truant. Per Ohio Revised Code, a student is considered EXCESSIVELY ABSENT (with or without excuse) if the student misses 38 or more hours of school in a month or 65 or more hours of school in a year. A student is considered HABITUALLY TRUANT (absence without excuse) if the student misses 30 or more consecutive hours, 42 or more hours in a month, or 72 or more hours in a year.
- FF. UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: 21 hours= SS, 35 hours= SS and phone call to parents, 49 hours = SS and AIP meeting
- GG. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF: Technological devices (Parents will be asked to pick up such items if repeated violations have occurred)
- HH. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY
- II. VIOLATION OF ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

#### **ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMA**

In order for a graduate to receive an Honors Diploma, the student must meet the same requirements established for the regular diploma plus the criteria for honors provided below.

- four units of mathematics that shall include algebra I, geometry, algebra II, or equivalent and another higher level course or a four-year sequence of courses that contain equivalent content (the

integrated math series does not apply)

- four units of science including two advanced sciences
- four units of social studies
- three units of a world languages OR at least 2 units in each of two world languages studied
- one unit of fine arts.
- maintain an overall high school grade point average of at least 3.5 on a four-point unweighted scale up to the final semester of senior year
- ACT score of 27 or higher OR SAT score of 1280 or higher

#### **ADULT STUDENTS:**

All students enrolled in Bath High School are expected to attend school regularly in accordance with the laws of the State. Because the District's educational program is predicated upon the presence of the student and requires continuity of instruction and active participation of the student in the learning process, the Board of Education requires the same attendance rules and regulations for students who are 18 years or older. No student is permitted to leave school prior to the regular hour of dismissal except with the knowledge and approval of the principal and the student's parents, including students who are 18 years or older. Students who are 18 years old or older may not sign themselves out of school without prior parental consent. If the students still resides with his/her parent(s) or guardian, all notes and excuses must be signed by the parent or guardian. Any student living on his/her own may be asked to provide proof of residency and work information to write his/her own excuses.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, DISTRIBUTION AND POSTING MATERIALS**

All materials to be announced, distributed, or posted must be approved by the office.

#### **ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY**

In order to be eligible to participate in any interscholastic extra-curricular activities, students in grades 9-12 must meet the following requirements:

A. Students in grades 9-12 must receive in the preceding grading period a passing grade in a minimum of five (5) one credit courses or the equivalent.

B. A cumulative GPA of 1.500 establishes eligibility for the school year unless the student falls below a 1.000 during the previous nine-week period. In that event, the student will be ineligible until a 1.000 nine-week period GPA is achieved.

C. A student whose cumulative GPA is below a 1.500 may gain eligibility for a nine-week period providing that student attains a (1.250) GPA during the preceding nine-week period.

D. A student who receives an F maintains his eligibility providing all other requirements (A., B, C, D) are met.

\*College Credit Plus students who are taking courses through a college/university will follow the OHSAA guidelines for athletic eligibility.

\*Per OHSAA rules, all CCP courses worth three (3) semester hours or more of credit will count as two (2) credits/classes towards athletic eligibility

#### **CAFETERIA**

Students may pack a lunch if they so desire; however, glass containers are prohibited. The catering of any food is strictly prohibited. Students may not use any school facilities for storing or preparing food unless permission is specifically granted.

#### **CARD PLAYING**

There shall be no card playing of any type permitted during school hours.

### **DETENTION**

When a student accumulates four (4) unexcused tardies to school, he/she will be assigned a before school detention. Before school detention will be assigned for each subsequent unexcused tardy through ten (10) tardies. Detentions are to be served on Tuesday mornings from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m.

### **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE FOR BULLYING/HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION**

Any suspected actions of bullying, harassment, or intimidation should be reported to building administration for investigation in such matters. Reports may also be filed anonymously through the school's online reporting system, which is located on the high school webpage. Any student who makes a false report of bullying, harassment, or intimidation may be subject to school discipline if, upon investigation, the report is found to be false. Consequences may vary depending upon the severity of each offense. These variations will be at the discretion of building administration.

### **DRESS CODE**

Parents and students are equally responsible for the appearance of the student. To facilitate a proper, safe school atmosphere and learning environment which is void of disruption of any nature, all students shall dress and groom in a manner that displays neatness, cleanliness, decency, modesty, and respect for others. It is not the school's goal to infringe on student rights and self-expression; however, in the best interest of the educational program, extreme or unusual styles are not acceptable. Very often, clothes that may be acceptable for wear away from school are not appropriate for school. The final decision on the appropriateness of attire shall rest with the school administration. Students deemed in violation of the dress code will not be permitted to return to class until the situation is rectified. Any classes missed during this time will be considered unexcused. Students refusing to make adjustments will be considered insubordinate and subjected to further disciplinary action. If a change of clothing is required, a parent or guardian will be called to bring a proper change of clothes or issue permission for the student to drive home to change.

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

1. Clothing with figures or lettering that is vulgar, suggestive, obscene, or distasteful or that includes sexual innuendo is not to be worn. Clothing, patches, etc. that encourage, promote, advertise, glorify, or refer to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, profane or lewd symbols or slogans, gangs, anti-social groups, harassing, violence, death, suicide, gore, or blood shall not be worn or displayed. Clothing that is considered discriminatory, prejudicial, or disrespectful towards others will not be permitted.
2. Clothing with depictions of weapons (guns, knives, etc.) are prohibited. This includes cartoon characterizations.
3. Clothing that elicits a "double meaning" that is in violation of good taste and appropriateness will not be permitted.
4. Tops and bottoms should overlap at all times, including when arms are raised above the head.
5. Undergarments are not to be exposed.
6. Spiked jewelry of any kind, chains, chain wallets, dog collars, and leashes are not permitted. Spikes and other articles judged to be potentially harmful to students and staff are not permitted.
7. Sleepwear, loungewear, costumes, or beachwear worn as outer garments are prohibited unless approved by administration for reasons such as spirit days. This includes pajama pants and tops, swim trunks, and house slippers.
8. Lower garments should not allow any portion of the buttocks or undergarments to be exposed when the student sits, stands, raises his/her hands, and/or bends over. Lower garments should be worn around the waist at all times. Lower garments with excessive tears/holes will not be permitted. No form fitting shorts of any length are permitted, such as spandex, bicycle shorts, and lycra-type shorts.
9. Coats are permitted to be worn into the school building but should be placed in lockers and not worn during regular classroom instruction.
10. All hats, visors, bandanas, sunglasses, hoods, or other head gear is prohibited unless authorized by a school administrator.

11. Upper garments should be respectable and non-revealing. Low, scoop, plunging, or revealing necklines are not permitted. All upper garments must have enough neckline to cover all cleavage. Backs, midriffs, and sides should be covered at all times. Spaghetti straps, crop-tops, see-through tops, and halter tops are not acceptable. All bra and camisole straps must be concealed. Men's shirts must have sleeves (accommodations may be made for physical education and strength/conditioning classes).
12. Any type of removable writing/drawing with ink, marker, etc. on one's skin will be prohibited and viewed as a distraction and/or disruption of school and may constitute as a dress code violation.
13. Dresses and skirts must meet all requirements previously stated for upper and lower garments.
14. Headphones, earphones, and/or earbuds are not permitted to be worn during the school day unless specifically requested by a teacher for classroom use. Such devices are not to be worn in the hallways and/or during lunch.
15. Items attached or fastened to outer garments that are not typical, such as capes and flags, are prohibited.

A major component of the educational program at Bath Local Schools is to prepare students to become responsible citizens by learning how to conduct themselves properly and in accordance with established standards. School officials reserve the rights to require the student to change clothes, pin hair back, or remove the item when his/her dress or grooming is unacceptable, creates disturbances, attracts undue attention, interferes with the education process, or when the health and safety of the student or others is involved.

### **GRADE POINT AVERAGE**

A student's grade point average (G.P.A.) and rank in class are determined by his/her achievement at the level of instruction elected for each course beginning with the ninth grade. Courses receiving S/U grades are not included in their G.P.A. The scale is as follows:

- A (90-100) 4.00
- B (80-89) 3.00
- C (70-79) 2.00
- D (60-69) 1.00
- F (0-59) 0.00

There are four marking periods of approximately nine weeks each in the school year. It should be noted that grades are cumulative from the nine weeks grade to the semester grade. It is the semester grade for a semester course and year-end grade for a year course which appears on a student's transcript.

Semester grades are determined by averaging each of the two nine week numerical grades. Final grades for year courses are determined by averaging each semester. (NOTE: Grades are not raised to the nearest point, i.e., 89.9 is still a B).

### **GRADUATION EXERCISES**

Bath Board of Education policy states that only those Seniors who have completed all graduation requirements and are eligible to receive a diploma are permitted to participate in the graduation exercises. Students who have not completed all course requirements or pathway options for graduation will not be able to participate.

### **GRADUATION INFORMATION AND MATERIALS**

Lange Photography will be at Bath and Apollo to take pictures in the fall. The picture taken during picture day will be used for the composite picture and yearbook. Graduation announcements and cap and gowns are ordered in October of the senior year. Seniors attending Apollo will order their announcements and cap and gowns at Apollo. In May, or earlier, all seniors will receive a senior bulletin giving information regarding the final weeks of school and graduation

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS CLASS OF 2023 AND BEYOND**

- Cover the Basics: Earn at least 20 credits in specified subjects and take required tests
- Show Competency: Earn a competency score (684 or higher) on the Algebra I and ELA II End of Course exams. Students who do not pass must retake the test at least once.

- Additional ways to show competency:
  - Demonstrate Two Career-Focused Activities (Foundational and Supporting)
  - Enlist in the Military
  - Complete College Coursework
- Show Readiness: Earn at least two (2) of the following Diploma Seals that are aligned to goals and interests
  - OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal (Ohio)
  - Industry-Recognized Credential Seal (Ohio)
  - College-Ready Seal (Ohio)
  - Military Enlistment Seal (Ohio)
  - Citizenship Seal (Ohio)
  - Science Seal (Ohio)
  - Honors Diploma Seal (Ohio)
  - Seal of Biliteracy (Ohio)
  - Technology Seal (Ohio)
  - Community Service Seal (Local)
  - Fine and Performing Art Seal (Local)
  - Student Engagement Seal (Local)

\*ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SPEAK TO THEIR GUIDANCE COUNSELORS REGARDING GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

**REQUIRED COURSES:**

ENGLISH – 4 CREDITS

SOCIAL STUDIES – 3 CREDITS

MATH – 4 CREDITS

SCIENCE – 3 CREDITS

HEALTH – ½ CREDIT

P. E. – ½ CREDIT

ELECTIVES – 5 CREDITS

TOTAL - 20 CREDITS

ALL STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2023 AND BEYOND MUST EARN AT LEAST 20 CREDITS IN SPECIFIC SUBJECTS, SHOW COMPETENCY, AND EARN TWO (2) READINESS SEALS TO GRADUATE.

NOTE: Four (4) credits in Instrumental Music and Vocal Music will count toward the credits required for graduation, providing a student is enrolled in the respective program all four years. All other credits (above 4) will count over and above the required credit mark.

**GRADE LEVEL ASSIGNMENT**

Assignment to a specific grade level will require the following minimum number of credits:

SOPHOMORE – 5 CREDITS

JUNIOR – 10 CREDITS

SENIOR – 15 CREDITS

Students and their guests must be at least an academic Junior to attend the JR/SR Prom.

**HARASSMENT OF EMPLOYEES/EMPLOYEES FAMILY**

Students may be subject to school discipline for any harassment, vandalism, physical/verbal abuse, or other disruptive behavior toward school personnel, their family, or their property during non-school time.

**HONOR ROLL**

To be eligible for the honor roll, students must have received a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Students receiving a 4.0 will receive special recognition. The honor roll is published in The Lima News four times a year. The honor rolls are based on the nine-week average. Class Rank is based on the semester and year-end grade.

### **HONOR STUDENTS**

The Bath Board of Education wishes to recognize students who have achieved academic excellence during their high school career. Therefore, students who have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average for the first seven semesters will be recognized as Honor Students.

### **ILLNESS**

Students who become ill during the school day must report to one of the secretaries in the high school office and use the office phone to call home. Students who use cell phones to call/text without permission from the office may be considered in violation of the cell phone policy.

### **LEAVING THE BUILDING**

Any student who leaves the building for any reason during the school day must sign out in the front office prior to leaving.

### **LOCKERS**

The lockers are the property of Bath Local Schools. All such lockers and the contents thereof are subject to random search at any time by appropriate school officials if there is reasonable suspicion that any locker or the contents thereof contain evidence of a violation of a criminal statute or school rule. Students are responsible for lockers assigned to them. Lockers should be locked at all times and should not be set or fixed so that anyone can open them. If a locker is set or fixed, persons assigned to the locker are responsible for articles taken from it. The students are not to put any kind of pictures or stickers in the lockers. Students are responsible for any damages to the locker assigned to them. Students may be issued a locker per request at the beginning or any other time during the school year.

### **MAKE-UP WORK POLICY**

Students with excused absences must be permitted to make up all assignments with the potential to receive full credit for work missed during such absences. Students with unexcused absences must be afforded an opportunity to make up all assignments with the potential to earn a maximum grade of 70% for any tests/assignments during such absences. All students must be given the equal amount of time missed from school to complete all missing assignments. Failure to complete work within this given time frame may result in the student receiving zeros. Students who are suspended from school will be expected to complete their assignments during the time frame of their suspension. Students who are absent are encouraged to communicate consistently with their teachers and turn in assignments per the teachers' due dates.

### **NHS TUTORING**

Any student with a scheduled study hall period and an "F" in any class at interims and/or report card intervals may be assigned a tutoring session at least once a week when tutors are available. Tutoring sessions will be assigned until the "F" is improved to a passing grade.

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

All persons associated with Bath High School are encouraged to report incidents of discrimination to building administration. Such matters are kept confidential to the extent possible. Reports may also be filed anonymously through the school's online reporting system, which is located on the high school webpage.

### **PASSES**

Students must be granted permission by a teacher/staff member to be out of class and/or in the hallways during instructional time. Teachers will have a set of passes to distribute to students. Yellow passes can only be issued by the office.

### **P.T.S. SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET**

Each year the P.T.S. honors those students in grades nine through twelve who have excelled in the classroom. In order for a student to be eligible, he/she must have received a grade point average of 3.5 or better in each of the first three 9 week grading periods and have no F's. This is a yearly award and is not based on cumulative grade point average.

### **SCHOOL CLOSINGS – DELAYS**

In case of hazardous road conditions or severe inclement weather, the starting of classes may be delayed or school may be cancelled. Please consider subscribing to School Messenger. The radio and TV stations also announce delays/cancellations. Assignments that are due on cancellation days will be due at the same time on the day that school reopens.

### **SCHOOL LUNCHESES/BREAKFAST**

#### **School Cafeteria**

Students may purchase their breakfast and/or lunch at school, or bring their lunch with them. We request no takeout/fast food be brought into the cafeteria.

A debit system is available for payments or students may pay each day. Money can be deposited into the account no matter the student's meal status. Money will only be deducted when the student uses the account. Money can be deposited by cash, check, or via the internet. Make checks payable to Bath Local Schools. Please put your child's name and ID number on the check. Please put cash in a sealed envelope with your child's name and ID number on the front of the envelope.

A la carte (Go backs) are available for purchase to all students. The items and corresponding prices vary. The list of these items is posted on the Food Service page of the Bath Schools website.

#### **Free or Reduced Meal application**

Free or reduced –priced meals are available to students who are determined eligible through Direct Certification or by filling out an application. The Free and Reduced Meals application is available at [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com). You will need your child's ID number to create your account. The application is available beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of the school year. Students who were on free or reduced-priced meals the year before at Bath Schools, will begin the next school year at their free or reduced-priced rate for 30 days or until a new application is received by the Food Service Supervisor, whichever comes first.

#### **Meal Charges**

Students may charge meals at school. As a courtesy, parents will receive a text, call, and email anytime their student's account balance goes into the negative. At a negative balance of \$50 or more, the Food Service Supervisor will call or email parents regarding the negative balance. At a negative balance of \$70, the students will receive a peanut butter sandwich, fruit, veggie, and milk at breakfast and lunch until the charges are paid. The Food Service Supervisor will call and email parents that this alternate meal is being given. **No meal charges will be allowed the last 5 days of school.**

### **SNACK BAR**

Only students in grades 10-12 that have no "F's" or "D's" will be allowed to use the snack bar. Students who have been assigned to In-School Suspension or suspended from school will lose their snack bar privileges. Students who violate the cell phone policy during snack bar may lose their snack bar privileges.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

The Western Buckeye League is placing a greater emphasis on sportsmanship. Students who misbehave or show poor sportsmanship at an athletic event will be subject to removal from that event, future events, and school discipline.

### **STUDENT ATHLETICS**

If a student athlete quits a team after the first game or match, he will not be allowed to participate in any open gym, conditioning or practices with another sport until the first sport's regular season schedule has been completed.

### **STUDENT DROP AND/OR PICK UP**

Students who are brought to school are to enter the building through Door #5 (Cafeteria) or Door #14 (Gym/Trophy Case) when arriving to school. Students will not be permitted to enter the building until 8:10 a.m. Apollo students need to be at the MAIN ENTRANCE of school by 7:15 a.m. Students who are picked up are to leave the building by the EAST gymnasium doors or WEST cafeteria/band room doors between 3:20 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. STUDENTS ARE NOT TO BE PICKED UP IN THE FACULTY LOT AT THE CORNER OF BIBLE AND SLABTOWN.

### **STUDENT RECORDS**

Student records shall be available only to students and their parents, adult students, and designated school officials and personnel who have legitimate educational interest in the information. In situations where a student has both a residential/custodial parent and non-custodial parent, both shall have access to the student's health and educational records unless agreed to otherwise in writing by the both parents or specifically stated by court order as received by the District. In the case of adult students who are 18 years and older, parents will be allowed access to the records without the student's consent, providing the student is considered a dependent under section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code and has not graduated from the district.

### **STUDENT PARKING**

Any students who drives to/from school is required to complete a registration form for office purposes.

### **STUDENT SEARCH**

In order to ensure the safety and well-being of all students, teachers, other school employees and guests, it is the policy of this school district to authorize its administrators to search the clothing and personal effects of students where such a search is reasonably necessary under all the surrounding circumstances. In order to conduct such a search, it is not necessary that the administrator have probable cause to believe that a crime or violation of a school rule has occurred. It is necessary only for the administrator to have reasonable grounds to believe that a search will produce evidence that a student has violated or is violating a law or school rule. If such reasonable grounds exist, an administrator may conduct a search of a students' person or personal effects. The search shall be reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the possible infraction that may have or may be occurring.

### **SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS**

All school work provided during a suspension is subjected to a grade reduction. Each assignment will be multiplied by 70% to determine the assignment grade. Grades during an expulsion result in an "F". Also, the student is prohibited from any and all extra-curricular activities and is not to be found on school premises during the duration of the suspension/expulsion. The days absent as a result of a suspension or expulsion are counted as unexcused absences but do not count towards truancy thresholds. Students who are suspended are expected to communicate with their teachers and complete their assignments on the same calendar day as in-person students. Any tests issued during the suspension will be scheduled to be taken when the student returns to school, and the 70% policy will apply to these tests. Individual testing arrangements may be made for students who are suspended and awaiting a potential expulsion.

### **TRAINING RULES FOR ALL SPORTS – (enforced all 12 months)**

1. **NO USE OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO (INCLUDING SNUFF), OR DRUGS:** Any violation of this rule will result in denial of participation for the remainder of that particular sport season. The denial of participation would further prohibit participation in a concurrent sport program.
2. **NO STEALING NO VANDALISM:** Any violation of this rule will result in denial of participation for the remainder of that particular sport season. The denial of participation would further prohibit participation in a concurrent sport program. This would be in effect whenever a student athlete is participating as a member of a particular sport regardless of site, i.e., home or away contests, or practices, athletic field trips, etc. Full restitution will be made in all cases by the offender.
3. **INSUBORDINATION:** Insubordinate behavior on the part of an athlete is prohibited. Any violation of this rule will result in the denial of participation for a specific period of time or for the remainder of the sport season. The denial of participation would further prohibit participation in a concurrent sport program.



4. VIOLATIONS: Any student who violates any of the uniform training rules during a calendar year beginning August 1st of each year must meet with the Athletic Director prior to any further participation in athletics. The parents of the student and the respective head coach will also be present at this meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to determine what course of action, if any, may be necessary for the student's benefit and participation.
5. ADDITIONAL TRAINING RULES: Each coach may have additional training rules. Once posted and on file in the Athletic Director's office, these rules become valid.

NOTE The uniform training rules and the additional training rules relative to each sport will be discussed at the parent meeting conducted by each head coach prior to the beginning of each season. At that meeting, the student and parent(s) will be expected to sign a statement indicating that they have read and understand the rules and regulations that govern that sport. The Uniform Training Rules are in effect and will be enforced (12) months of the year. The parents who are unable to be at the parent meeting, a separate conference with the respective coach will be necessary. A student will not be permitted to participate in a particular sport until the training rule statement is signed and on file with the head coach.

#### **USE OF TELEPHONE**

The use of any phone during school is strictly prohibited unless permission is specifically granted. Students WILL NOT be called from class to answer the phone except in an emergency.

#### **VACATIONS**

We would hope that parents would make every effort to take their vacations during the summer. However, if a vacation is planned during the school year, we ask the parents to let the school officials know when they will be leaving and make-up work can be arranged. Vacation forms are available in the office and must be completed before leaving. Vacation days will count towards the student's five days per semester as defined in the school attendance policy and will follow the excused/unexcused allotments. NO VACATIONS WILL BE APPROVED FOR THE LAST WEEK OF EITHER SEMESTER. FINAL EXAMS WILL BE ADMINISTERED DURING THESE TIME FRAMES.

#### **VISITORS**

All visitors are to report directly to the main office before proceeding to any other part of the building. Classroom visitors, guest speakers, etc. must be approved by administration prior to meeting with students and/or staff.

#### **WORK PERMITS**

Any student under eighteen years of age and working after school must have a work permit. An employer must insist that the student complete the forms required. Applications for a work permit can be secured from the assistant principal's office. Any student between the ages of sixteen and eighteen years of age who wishes to withdraw from school to work full time must be interviewed by the administration. Final permission to withdraw from school will be made by the principal and assistant principal.

#### **WITHDRAWING FROM CLASS**

Students who withdraw from class after the second week of a semester will receive an F for that class. It also results in a loss of snack bar privileges for the remainder of the year.