

Page 40 (District Graduation Requirements) - change SAT to ACT

Page 41 (Standardized Testing) - add MAP

Pages 42/43 - Add “Panther Pathways” and add requirements for PC College Start, ACC, WBL.

Page 46 - Add “Anatomy and Physiology” and “AP Art” to Grading Weighting Class Rank.

Page 47 - Delete “Student Guidelines for Coursework at IVCC”

Page 55 - Change detention time from 3:03-3:40 to 3:05-3:45

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CURRENT HANDBOOK (proposed edits)

Tardy & Truant Policy

Being on time to class... 1. Increases the instructional time for each student. 2. Reduces the interruptions to the learning environment, improving the quality and time for all students. 3. Teaches time management and reduces student stress. 4. Punctuality is a practice valued by business and society; students should be trained in this practice while in school.

Tardy & Truant Considerations

- A student is tardy if they are not in their seat when the bell rings or in the room headed to their seat.
- A student who is more than five minutes late to any class will be considered as absent and truant for the entire period.

Tardy Discipline

- Verbal warning (parent contact made on all offenses after the third)
- Lunch detention
- Afterschool detention and/or social probation
- In-school suspension and/or social probation
- Parent/student meeting and attendance contract to outline further tardy-related discipline
- *Administration will look for patterns of tardies when a student has five or more.
- *Administration has the final say on discipline.
- *Administration reserves the right to implement discipline that is different than and equitable to the discipline listed above.

Truant Discipline

- Lunch detention
- Afterschool detention and/or social probation
- In-school suspension and/or social probation

- Parent/student meeting and attendance contract to outline further truant-related discipline
- *Administration will look for patterns of truancy when a student has five or more.
- *Administration has the final say on discipline.
- *Administration reserves the right to implement discipline that is different than and equitable to the discipline listed above.

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" Class sponsors will split the concession stands as listed below for Volleyball Games, Girls' and Boys' JV and Varsity Basketball Games, and Wrestling Meets consisting of 3 or more teams. Freshman Class – About 25% of Games Sophomore Class – About 25% of Games Junior Class – About 50% of Games Senior Class – Keeps track of stock"

Change wording to where each class does 25% of games now that we have 2 sponsors for each class

NEW - ADD ON PAGE 70 - STUDENT REGULATIONS - BELOW CAFETERIA RULES

Clear Water Bottle Policy

To promote the health & hydration while maintaining a safe and focused learning environment, students are permitted to bring water bottles to school under the following guidelines:

1. Bottle Requirements

- Water bottles must be **clear/transparent**.
- Bottles must have a **secure, closable lid**.
- Bottles may contain **water only**.

2. Use During the School Day

- Water bottles are allowed in classrooms and common areas unless otherwise directed by a staff member for specific activities (e.g., science labs, performances, or technology spaces).
- Students are expected to use water bottles responsibly and in a manner that does not disrupt instruction.

3. Prohibited Items

- Opaque bottles, metal containers, tumblers, or beverage containers other than clear water bottles are not permitted.
- Bottles containing liquids other than water are not allowed.

4. Inspection of Contents

- School administrators reserve the right to inspect a student's water bottle and its contents when there is reasonable suspicion that the policy is being violated or that the contents pose a safety concern.
- Refusal to comply with a lawful request to inspect a water bottle may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the school's code of conduct.

5. Misuse and Consequences

- Students who do not follow these guidelines or misuse their water bottle will lose the privilege of bringing a water bottle to school for a period determined by school administration.
- Repeated violations may result in additional disciplinary action consistent with the school's code of conduct.

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Media Center

The high school Media Center is well equipped with reference materials, books to enrich the curriculum, ~~current magazines~~, recreational reading, and ~~daily newspapers~~ **the News-Tribune**. Audio-visual aides will be available for student use.

Media Center

1. Students are to keep all four legs of their chairs on the floor to prevent damage to the chair or themselves.
2. Throwing anything in the Media Center can result in a detention. Throwing anything dangerous can result in suspension from study hall.
3. The school rule about not taking soda or other liquids in a classroom will be strictly enforced in the Media Center and all computer areas.

4. After roll is taken, students may leave their seats without permission to use the reference books, ~~magazines~~, newspapers, books, or to check out materials. Students are to immediately return to their assigned seats with necessary materials.
5. The table and chairs ~~in the magazine area~~ are to be used for faculty, staff, and visiting adults ~~for a conference area~~.
6. At the end of the period, students are expected to pick up any garbage around their tables and push in their chairs before leaving the Media Center.

MEDIA CENTER POLICY

~~Magazines and Newspapers~~ **and Databases**

~~1. Current issues of magazines will be displayed in a magazine rack in the Media Center. All students may use the magazines in the Media Center.~~

~~a. Current magazines may not be taken from the Media Center during the school day without special permission.~~

~~b. Current magazines may be checked out for overnight during the last period of the day or after school and must be returned before the first class the next school day.~~

~~2. Back issues of magazines may be checked out for two (2) weeks. To obtain a back issue, the student should see the Library Media Specialist.~~

3. Current copies of ~~daily newspapers~~ **The News-Tribune** will be available in the Media Center.

~~4. Students are not to mutilate magazines and newspapers.~~

~~Reference, Reserve Books, and Databases~~

~~1. All dictionaries, encyclopedias, atlases, and special references are found in the "Reference Section" of the Media Center.~~

~~2. Reference Books may not be taken from the Media Center during the school day without special permission.~~

~~3. Some Reference Books may be checked out overnight.~~

~~4.—Reference Books should be returned to the correct place in the Reference Section when the student is finished with it.~~

~~5.—Reserve Books are special books or other materials taken from the regular shelves and placed on “Reserve” for a limited time for a specific class. The teacher of that class makes the request.~~

~~A.—Reserve material may be checked out for any one period during the school day but must be used in the Media Center.~~

~~B.—Reserve materials may be checked out for overnight during the last period of the day or after school and must be returned before the first class the next school day.~~

6. Online databases **provided by the State of Illinois** are available through the Media Center. Students and staff can access these through **links provided by the Media Director and any staff**. ~~the District’s website by clicking Menu on the upper right side of the site, then clicking “Library Information.”~~ Databases include ~~Gale Student Resources in Context, and Opposing Viewpoints in Context.~~ Login and password information are available from the Media Director ~~or in the Media Center.~~

Audio-Visual Materials

~~1.—All audio-visual materials are listed in Prairie Cat Encore.~~

~~2.—All audio-visual materials may be checked out of the media center with a teacher’s permission. The student will be responsible for all Audio Visual materials and any borrowed equipment.~~

Overdue Materials

1. In order to foster a positive environment that promotes open access to books and information, the Putnam County School District libraries are fine free. Students are still expected to adhere to all circulation policies when it comes to checkouts, returns and renewals

~~1.—A fine of five (5) cents per day will be charged for overdue general circulation books and back issues of magazines.~~

~~2.—Because the Media Center has a limited number of Reference Books, current issues of magazines, and Reserve materials, a special fine of twenty (20) cents per day will be~~

~~charged for these overdue materials. This special fine will be charged for materials not returned by the end of the first period following an overnight check out.~~

~~3. Fines are to be paid in the Media Center.~~

4. A lost or ~~mutilated~~ **damaged** book must be replaced with the actual cost of the book. **Students are unable to check out books until replacement fees are paid in full.**

5. All replacement fees are to be paid in the Media Center.