

STUDENT HANDBOOK 2010-2011



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High School
'A Noble Choice'

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KEY DATES for 2010-2011

2010

August	30.....	Grade 9 Registration & Orientation
	31.....	Grades 10, 11 & 12 Registration
September	1.....	Grades 10, 11 & 12 Registration
	2.....	Professional Activity Day
	6	Labour Day
	7	Classes Commence
	14	Picture Day
October	11.....	Thanksgiving Day
	12.....	Progress Report Card
	15.....	Picture Re-take Day
	13.....	Parent-Teacher Interviews(4-7 pm)
November	8.....	Careers/Civics Changeover Day
	11.....	Remembrance Day
	12	Professional Activity Day
	Week of 22 nd	Mid-term Report Card (tentative)
December	20 - 31.....	Christmas Break

2011

January	3.....	School Resumes
	6 – 21.....	EQAO Grade 9 Math Testing
	26 – Feb. 1.....	1 st Semester Examinations
February	2.....	Semester 2 Begins
	11.....	Professional Activity Day
	Week of 14 th	Course Selection '11-'12 (tentative)
	Week of 14 th	1 st Sem. Report Card (tentative)
	21.....	Family Day
March	8.....	Progress Report Card
	9.....	Parent-Teacher Interviews (4-7 pm)
	14 - 18.....	March Break
	31.....	Grade 10 Literacy Test (OSSLT)
April	8.....	Professional Activity Day
	22	Good Friday
	25.....	Easter Monday
	15.....	Careers/Civics Changeover Day
	Week of 18 th	Mid-term Report Card (tentative)
May	23.....	Victoria Day
June	2 – 17	EQAO Grade 9 Math Testing
	22 – 28.....	2 nd Semester Examinations
	29.....	Graduation
	29, 30.....	Professional Activity Days

2010-2011 Student Parliament

Prime Minister.....Taryn Azzopardi
Minister of External Affairs.....Silken Matte-Leach
Deputy Minister of External Affairs.....Jocelyn Winter
Minister of Internal Affairs.....Brittany Danelon
Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs.....Zach Battiston
Minister of Arts.....Mark Gasparovic
Minister of Fund-raising and Charities.....Melissa Cowell
Minister of Finance.....Mohamed Eissa
.....Dan Dobrich
Minister of Public Relations.....Mariam Shaban
Deputy Minister of Public Relations.....Tyler Rawlings
Grade 10 Intern.....Karly Botsford
.....Chris Nocent
Grade 9 Interns.....To be determined

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

8:10	Warning Tone
8:15-8:20	Morning Exercises
8:20-9:35	Period 1
9:40-10:55	Period 2
10:55-11:35	Lunch
11:35	Warning Tone
11:40-12:55	Period 3
1:00-2:15	Period 4

DEAR SCHEDULE

8:10	Warning Tone
8:15-8:20	Morning Exercises
8:20-9:30	Period 1
9:35-11:05	Period 2
9:35-9:55	DEAR
11:05-11:45	Lunch
11:50-1:00	Period 3
1:05-2:15	Period 4

WELCOME TO
BELLE RIVER DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

The policies and procedures contained herein are designed to help you have a successful year at school. Your teachers are eager to help you prepare for a successful adult life, so study hard. Along with your studies, get involved in co/extra curricular activities designed to help you enjoy school life. Remember, your success is directly related to YOUR efforts.

Mission Statement - B.R.D.H.S. will provide the finest learning environment to prepare our entire school community for a future of dignity, self-worth and excellence.

SOME ACTIVITIES TO GET INVOLVED IN AT B.R.D.H.S.

Athletic Council	Awards Committee
Assemblies Committee	Badminton
Band	Baseball
Basketball	Blood Drives
Cross Country	Curling
Drama Productions	Environmental Club
Football	Fund raising Committee
Golf	Graduation Committee
Hockey	Prom Committee
Rugby	Soccer
Student Parliament,	Swim team
Track and Field	Yearbook
Volleyball	Tech Team
Web Design	Book Club

GUIDANCE SERVICES (8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m)

The guidance counselors are always willing to help you plan ahead by providing: individual counseling about courses, careers and personal matters; group presentations about careers and future education; interest and aptitude tests to help you understand yourself; printed information about jobs, colleges, universities, other opportunities, careers and further education; records of your accumulated credits, information about scholarships and financial aid for further education; guest

speakers from business, college, university; and help in finding jobs; referrals to community agencies for help with particular problems.

Although our three Guidance Counselors try to see every student each year with regard to future plans, you should request an interview at a time best for you rather than waiting to be contacted. Please fill out a '*Request for Appointment Form*'.

All changes to student timetables must be made in consultation with the Guidance Department. Please make appointments! Course changes do not take effect until all documentation has been completed and signed.

LIBRARY/RESOURCE CENTRE

NORMAL LIBRARY HOURS: Monday - Friday: 7:45 am – 2:15 pm. Changes will be announced and/or posted.

Homework Room: Monday-Thursday 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

LOAN PERIODS: Non-fiction -- 3 weeks; Reserve books, magazines, videos --short term. Books for DEAR or FSE's are loaned for 6 weeks if requested. (Renewal is possible subject to demand.)

HOW TO RETURN MATERIALS: You may return your library materials in the secure Book Return box inside the library or return directly to the library staff. Please do not use the Book Return box for easily damaged non-book items.

OVERDUE BOOKS & MATERIALS: 1. It is the borrower's responsibility to monitor the due date. Overdue notices are sent out weekly through the Home room teacher. 2. Fines are \$.10 per school day. Maximum fines will be pro-rated according to the value of the material.

LOST BOOKS: If you should lose an item, you will, of course, have to pay for it. The charge for a lost or damaged book is the current replacement cost, plus tax, shipping and handling.

COMPUTER LAB: Students are expected to follow the guidelines of the Greater Essex County District School Board "Acceptable Use Agreement". By entering the Internet, you are consenting to abide by the conditions. Students may access the Internet for current school-based work only. No e-mail use is acceptable. Use of proxies will result in a loss of computer privileges. Headphones must be worn when listening to audio.

COMPUTER CATALOGUE: The BRDHS collection is accessible by searching WebCat on the Student Reference Portal .

COPY MACHINE: A coin-operated photocopier is available for use by students at a nominal fee.

MULTIMEDIA EQUIPMENT: Students needing a library LCD projector, laptop or Smart Board must reserve at least 1 week in advance of presentation date. Equipment cannot be guaranteed if reservations are left to the last minute.

EXPECTED STUDENT BEHAVIOUR: Students using the library should do so in a quiet and responsible manner. Students may study or do research in groups, but the over-all QUIET tone of the library must be respected. No food or drink or card playing allowed. Using the Internet for games or 'surfing' is not allowed.

General Obligations of Students

Under the EDUCATION ACT these duties are defined.

A student is responsible:

- For attending classes regularly and punctually;
- For exercising self-discipline;
- For accepting such discipline as would be exercised by a kind, firm and judicious parent;
- For observing the following rules and standards of conduct: being clean in person and habits, diligent in studies, courteous to fellow students and obedient and courteous to teachers;
- For taking such tests or examinations as are required; and
- To the Principal for his or her conduct on the school premises, at school-related events and on school buses.

BELLE RIVER DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS

1. **Attend classes regularly and punctually.** Participation in class is a major component of the assessment and evaluation process in each course. Absenteeism, for whatever reason, limits the chance of success.

Consequences for failing to show expected behaviour

- Notification of parents

- Interview with subject teacher
- Interview with head of department
- Referral to Vice-Principal
- Suspension
- Referral to Attendance Counselor
- Withdrawal from course

2. Show respect for authority.

Consequences for failing to show expected behaviour

- Exclusion from class
- Referral to Vice-Principal
- Loss of privileges
- Suspension
- Parental involvement

3. Show respect for school property and the property of others.

Consequences for failing to show expected behaviour

- Compensation for damages incurred
- Cleaning up or other school community service
- Loss of privileges
- Suspension
- Parental involvement
- Possible police involvement

4. Show respect for the physical and emotional well-being of others by refraining from:

- Fighting - this includes pushing, hitting, shoving, engaging in or inciting physical contact which may inflict physical harm
- Using foul, intimidating, or abrasive language
- Subjecting others to abuse and /or indignities which are inappropriate, offensive or discriminatory - for example: name calling; avoidance or exclusion on the basis of gender, race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, religion or individual differences; teasing or joking; graffiti; electronic bullying; slurs or insults.

Bullying is typically a form of repeated, persistent, aggressive behaviour that is directed at and individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be know to cause) fear, distress, and/or harm to another person's

body, feelings, self esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

- Non-intervention incidents - Witnessing any of the above without attempting to prevent or report it.

Harassment and bullying are complex issues which involves people, their perceptions and behaviour, the culture and norms of society in which they live. It will not be tolerated.

Consequences for failing to show expected behaviour

- Referral to Administration
- Detention(s)
- Contracts of Non-Association
- Mediation
- Suspension
- Loss of privileges
- Parental involvement
- Police Involvement

Treat others with the respect you demand for yourself. If you believe that you are the victim of harassment you have an obligation to:

- i) Insist the unwanted behaviour cease
- ii) Report the unwanted behaviour to a teacher

5. Comply with the Board Policy regarding weapons and explosives.

Refrain from bringing anything to school that may compromise the safety of others.

Consequences for failing to show expected behaviour

- Subject to the provisions prescribed in the Safe School Act

6. Comply with the Board of Education policy regarding the illegal use of drugs and /or alcohol.

Consequences for failing to show expected behaviour

- Mandatory 10-day suspension up to expulsion
- Parental involvement
- Rehabilitative counseling referral
- Possible referral to police and/or RCMP

7. Comply with the provincial policy on smoking.

Belle River District High School and its school property are, by Board Policy, smoke-free zones. Thus, no smoking is allowed anywhere on our school campus. Smokers are also expected to respect the personal property of our neighbours. If you must smoke, please do so in the designated area only.

Consequences for failing to show expected behaviour

- Warning and community service
- In-school suspension
- Parental notification
- Out of school suspension and counseling programme

8. Demonstrate acceptable effort towards mastering daily schoolwork.

Consequences for failing to show expected behaviour

- Loss of marks
- Referral to department head
- Referral to Vice-Principal
- Loss of privileges
- Exclusion from class and parental involvement
- Loss of credit(s)

HOMEWORK

Grades 9 and 10: Students should spend a total of about 60-90 minutes per day on homework. Additional time will also be required for test preparation.

Grades 11 and 12: Students should spend a total of about 90-120 minutes per day on homework. Additional time will also be required for test preparation. When considering these general guidelines, the following factors should be kept in mind:

- All students, regardless of age, need personal time for such things as recreational play, religious and cultural activities, home duties and family responsibilities, and social activities;
- The activities of some students and their families, and/or their home situations, could provide difficulties in finding a suitable location or sufficient time for school related tasks;
- Some students may find time during the school day to complete some or all of the homework;

- Not all subjects lend themselves to homework;
- It is not necessary to assign homework every night in all subjects

9. Write all prescribed examinations.

Students are expected to write all examinations. Please note the examination periods for this year are:

Semester 1	2011-01-26 until 2011-02-01
Semester 2	2011-06-22 until 2011-06-28

Exams will be written starting at 8:15 a.m. Some courses may have part of the exam written the week before these dates. Any student who misses an examination or final summative evaluation (FSE) due to illness or compassionate reasons must bring in a doctor's certificate. Failure to write any exam or final summative evaluation without proper medical documentation will result in a mark of zero for the examination or final summative evaluation.

**PLEASE DO NOT SCHEDULE WORK OR VACATIONS
DURING THESE EXAM TIMES OR ASK TO WRITE EARLY.**

Consequences for failing to show expected behaviour

- Referral to Vice-principal with the possible assignment of zero on the examination missed and possible loss of credit(s).
- Students may upgrade marks at Summer School provided the regular school marks are high enough and all requirements for the course including the writing of the final examination have been met and the course is offered.

10. Comply with the school dress code.

BRDHS students are to follow the three basic guidelines: common sense, common courtesy, and common decency. The Dress Code has been developed by a committee of students, parents, and teachers. It is reviewed and modified to meet changing social standards. While the selection of clothing worn at school is the responsibility of parents and students, the school

reserves the right of final decision concerning dress and appearance. You will be required to change the improper clothing and if necessary, you will be sent home to change and may be required to make up for any class time that is lost.

Students should note the following:

1. Shorts and skirts should be mid-thigh length, (finger-tip rule)
2. For health and safety reasons no open-toed shoes and/or shorts are to be worn in the technical shops and proper uniforms should be worn in physical education classes. No bare feet are allowed anywhere in the building.
3. No hats are to be worn in the building until dismissal at 2:15 p.m. Kerchiefs, hoods and bandanas constitute hats. Students are requested to remove hats before entering the school and place them in lockers. Once students leave the building they are permitted to wear their hats. Coats must also be placed in lockers upon entering the building and are **not** permitted in classrooms.
4. Clothing that is excessively revealing or with holes is not permitted.
5. T-shirts, tank tops or other clothing with offensive, sexist, or racist messages as well as swim wear, or transparent clothing is not acceptable. This includes clothing that advertises beer, alcohol or drugs (or their logos). Shoulder seam width should be at least 3 to 4 cm. or wider. All tops must be able to be tucked into your pants, shorts or skirts (no bare midriiffs). Male students must wear shirts with sleeves.

Students are requested to ensure that while representing the school in athletic events, visits to industry or other schools or co-op placements, they maintain the highest standards of dress and deportment.

Consequences for failing to show expected behaviour

- You may be asked to go to the office.
- Parental notification and or changing clothing
- The administration reserves the right to send students home if it objects to a mode of dress.
- Repeat offenders will be suspended for defiance of school rules

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION AND COMPUTING DEVICES POLICY

The Greater Essex County District School Board recognizes that personal communication and computing devices such as cellular phones, SmartPhones, laptops, Netbooks or other electronic communication and computing devices have value and can be used effectively to support learning. However, within the confines of the school environment, their use has the potential to be disruptive when it undermines the integrity of an individual's right to privacy; adversely affects the quality of teaching or learning; and/or interferes with the safe and efficient operation of the school.

Student Use

1) Use of personal communication and/or computing devices is only permitted in school buildings or on school grounds in the morning, prior to announcements, in the cafetorium during lunch, and after the 2:15 pm bell.

They may only be used during instructional time when permitted and supervised by a staff member for educational purposes.

2) Students who choose to bring personal communication and/or computing devices to school do so with the understanding that:

- i) Personal communication and computing devices that are brought to school are the responsibility of the owner. The GECDSB and/or the school are not liable for damage, loss or theft of the device or data that is stored on the device.
- ii) Personal communication and computing devices may not be used at any time where individual privacy must be protected such as washrooms, locker or change rooms.
- iii) Unless expressly permitted by a staff member, personal communication and computing devices are not to be used during a curriculum assessment or evaluation (test or examination).

3) Students will be subject to school discipline, suspension, expulsion and/or police involvement, as per the school and board policy relative to the Code of Conduct and the consequences for the inappropriate use of personal communication and computing

devices by students shall include: a verbal warning; parent/guardian contact; confiscation of communication device; detention(s); suspension(s); expulsion; referral to Police.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is essential to the process of day-to-day learning. Missing school leads to gaps in this process that will result in loss of continuity for both the individual and his/her classmates. In addition, regular attendance and punctuality develops good habits, which are vital for success in future employment. Absence is permitted under the Education Act only for sickness, suspension, or religious holidays. Research shows that good marks are directly proportionate to good attendance.

Attendance concerns (lates, truancies and unexplained absences) may include any or all of the following progressive disciplinary actions:

- Notification of home
- Detentions
- Referral to Vice-Principal
- Suspension
- Possible referral to attendance counselor
- Removal from class and possibly from B.R.D.H.S.

Procedures for Absence

1. **Parents are asked to contact the school either by note prior to the student's absence or by phone using the 24 hour hotline at 728-2281 on the day of the absence.** If the student is to be picked up partway through the day, the parent is asked to come to or call the Attendance Office and inform the secretary. Students must sign in to and out of school through the attendance office.
2. If this has not occurred, the student is automatically marked truant and the school will call home at the end of the day. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that a phone call is received by the attendance office or a note is brought from his/her parents, dated, signed and with the reason for absence indicated. If this is not done within the next available day, the student will be blocked from attending school until the absence is

cleared up by either phone call or note. Truant students will not be granted any credit for tests, quizzes, assignments etc. given during the period of truancy.

3. Students who miss home room will be marked absent for the entire day unless they sign in at the Attendance Office.

Illness during class time - students will inform the teacher who will send a note to the office with the student's name and phone number so that we can make every effort to contact a parent/guardian for authorization, and then call the student out of class.

Lateness - For the entire school year, the first period begins at 8:15 a.m. and you are expected to be in your home room before this time. **You are deemed to be late if you arrive to period 1 after the bell.** If you arrive late for school, you must report to the Attendance Office for an ADMIT SLIP. Lateness for an invalid reason or chronic reasons (e.g., "I slept in", "I missed the bus", etc.) may result in disciplinary action. As well, you may be required to make up any time missed. Late arrival to school, unless due to a medical appointment or valid and documented reason will result in a lunch detention after the 4th late. Should students continue to persist in lateness, suspension may occur after the 8th late.

At any time in this process, a student's entire attendance/late record may be reviewed and suspension may result.

Early Excusal/Signing Out - To be excused during the school day, students are expected to report to the office with a valid note of explanation or have parents call the attendance office. Should a student need to leave the building or wish to sign out for a valid reason (ie. illness) during the school day, they **must report to the office first** in order to contact a parent or emergency contact for approval. Students who leave school at lunch and do not return are expected to have parents/guardians contact the office that day with a valid explanation. Should this not be possible a note or telephone call from a parent/ guardian is required on the following day. Students who fail to follow these procedures will be considered truant.

Truancies - may result in suspension contingent upon parental involvement, detentions and the possible involvement of the

school Attendance Counselor/Social Worker. Students over the age of 16 who continue to be truant following an out of school suspension will be requested to withdraw from BRDHS and seek alternative education before they may be re-registered.

Specific Policies and Expectations

Accidents - If a student is injured in any activity at the school, the student is expected to report the injury immediately to the teacher in charge, who will notify the office. An Accident Form must be completed as soon as possible.

Assemblies - Assemblies will be held periodically. Students are reminded that proper behaviour is expected during the assembly period. This means remaining for the whole assembly, and being quiet and attentive. Students will be assigned an area in which to sit.

Cafeteria Etiquette - The cafeteria and vending machines are being managed for the financial support of YOUR school activities. Your cooperation will ensure that we all gain maximum benefit from this arrangement. When you use the cafeteria, you are agreeing to the following conditions: to deposit all litter in waste baskets and pop cans in the recycling bins, to leave the table and floor around your place in a clean condition, and to help clean up an area when requested by the supervisor. Abuse of these conditions can result in clean-up duties or removal from the cafeteria. All food and drinks are to be consumed in the cafeteria. At the discretion of the teacher, bottles of plain water may be permitted in general-purpose classrooms.

Cheating / Plagiarism - Under Board policy, a student who is guilty of plagiarism, cheating, or assisting another student to cheat, shall be assigned a mark of zero (0) for the work involved. Cheating or assisting to cheat on a final examination or final summative evaluation (FSE) will result in the loss of the credit.

Computer Use – Students must abide by the Board's "Acceptable Use Policy". By clicking anywhere or by entering a

URL, they consent to abide by the conditions of use. Misuse of the computer may result in the privilege being removed.

Evacuation Procedures - Fire drills and evacuation drills will be held periodically. Our school is equipped with a distinctive fire alarm. When the alarm sounds, all students and staff are expected to move quickly and quietly to the assigned exits without running, and remain away from the building until the signal is given to re-enter. Please keep all sidewalks and driveways clear for EMS personnel. Students are expected to follow all teachers' instructions for all evacuation situations.

IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO CREATE A FALSE ALARM

Incomplete Courses - Ministry of Education and Training curriculum guidelines identify components of each course that must be successfully completed in order to be eligible to attain a credit in that subject.

* This work shall be completed by the last day of regularly scheduled classes. (This does not replace time-lines set by teachers for assignment due-dates)

Laser Pointers - These devices are prohibited and should not be brought to school. Students violating this policy will have their devices confiscated and returned only to their parent/guardian. Further violations of this policy will constitute defiance.

Lockers - Lockers are assigned to each student for his/her own use. No other person is to share your locker. Lockers are not to be damaged or defaced in any way. Since lockers are school property, the school reserves the right to search any locker. The school sells **Dudley combination locks**, and **only this regulation lock may be placed on a locker.**

KEEP YOUR LOCK COMBINATION TO YOURSELF!

The school is not responsible for articles lost or stolen from your locker or from dressing rooms.

Lost Articles - Items, which have been found, should be taken to the main office.

Opening exercises or other announcements - No movement in the halls shall be permitted during the National Anthem or morning announcements. Students are expected to stand quietly and listen. Announcements to be read in the morning need to be clearly written and signed by a sponsor teacher. They are to be submitted by end of day prior to the reading, to the announcement team.

Non-Academic Technological Devices – Devices such as cell phones, pagers, radios, walkmans, MP3 players, iPods, portable DVDs, game boys, etc... should be stored in your locker during school hours. **Students may use these devices on their lunch and/or spares only. These devices are not to be used within classrooms or in the halls during travel time.** Students violating this policy will have their devices confiscated and returned only to their parent/guardian. Further violations of this policy will constitute defiance. The school is not responsible for devices that are lost or stolen.

Parking - Please obey the one-way traffic patterns

- Entrance from South Street at north side of school
- Exit by the cafetorium wing - south side.

1. All parking around the building (cul-de-sac, gym and art and technical areas) is reserved.
2. No parking is allowed in the front circle or in front of the school.
3. Loitering is not permitted in the parking lot. Students are not to be in vehicles other than when actually arriving at or departing from school.
4. Unauthorized cars parked in staff reserved area, no parking zones or visitors parking area will be towed at the owner's expense.

The Greater Essex County District School Board and Belle River District High School assume no liability, implied or otherwise, for loss or damage to vehicles, property, or individuals in the parking lot.

Showing respect and co-operation - Our school is the centre of our surrounding community. People judge us by what they see us do and what they hear us say. We ask all our Nobles to accept the responsibility of being a positive image for BRDHS. Show respect for this property and that of our neighbours. Gathering and loitering in front of the homes on Baby Street is prohibited. Carry litter to the nearest garbage receptacle. Display courtesy to our neighbours. If you can do the little extras to build a positive community reputation for your school, all of us will benefit. In the classrooms, halls or in the office, as this is our business work area, students are expected to be polite and quiet. Please cooperate with custodial staff by keeping our school area free from all types of garbage. If littering does occur, encourage the litterer to be more responsible or set an example by picking it up.

Textbooks - Textbooks are issued on loan for all courses - Grade 9 to 12. Books must not be defaced in any way. A prorated replacement cost penalty will be applied to lost or defaced books and to books which are returned in such poor condition that they may no longer be used. Outstanding library fees must be paid before textbooks can be issued.

Unauthorized Activities - The school and/or the Greater Essex County District School Board will not be held responsible for any unauthorized field trip, excursion, activities etc. Organizing, including advertising any unauthorized activities, in this school is strictly forbidden.

Visitors and Trespassing - During the school day, BRDHS and the school grounds are out of bounds to everyone except our students, their parents/guardians, our staff, Board employees or persons having business with our administration or staff. Students' friends or relatives are welcome to visit, provided that PRIOR arrangements are made at least 48 hours in advance with a member of our administration and the visitor presents picture identification. Unauthorized visitors may be charged with trespassing.

ATHLETICS AT B.R.D.H.S.

We at B.R.D.H.S. are proud of the behaviour of our athletes and our spectators. We are not only governed by W.E.C.S.S.A.A. and S.W.O.S.S.A.A. Rules of Behaviour, but by a sense of fair play.

We always wish to treat opposing athletes and coaches as guests. Game rules are regarded as mutual agreements and the decisions of game officials are accepted without outward displays of anger. Players and spectators will refrain from abusive or irritating remarks. Conduct on and off the field of play is controlled not only by coaches and teachers, but also more importantly by the self-discipline of our athletes and spectators. As Nobles we strive to win with humility and lose with dignity.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SPORTS:

1. Players must attend regularly scheduled games and practices.
2. Players must be in attendance during the school day if they are to attend a practice/game.
3. Appropriate dress is required for practices and games. B.R.D.H.S. Athletic rules dictate the choices here.
4. Release of liability forms is necessary when private travel is required.
5. Do not leave valuables in dressing room areas.
6. Transfer students must determine their eligibility by consulting with the Athletic Director.
7. Players must be passing all subjects. Failing a subject for any report card may result in being removed from a team.
8. Gym clothing for Physical Education classes; shorts, and T-shirts are available for purchase at school at reasonable prices.

Belle River District High School
Extracurricular Eligibility Policy

The Greater Essex County District School Board values the important role that extracurricular activities play in the development of our students. Activities provided by our schools are meant to compliment and enhance the academic program so that all students have an opportunity to enjoy a well-rounded

educational experience. Extracurricular programs are a privilege for students to enrich their school lives.

At Belle River District High School, we believe that student participation in extracurricular activities develops strong interpersonal and social skills among adolescents. The life experiences of commitment, team work and camaraderie should help foster a feeling of pride and enjoyment for years to come. Students who wish to participate in extracurricular activities are subject to the expectations and standards outlined in the following school policy and that of any policies, expectations and standards found within the Greater Essex County District School Board or governing sport bodies including W.E.C.S.S.A.A., S.W.O.S.S.A.A. and O.F.S.A.A.

Criteria for Eligibility

Enrolment

For students to be eligible for participation in extracurricular activities they must be enrolled as full time students. Fifth year students must be taking a minimum of '...two(2) full day school credit courses in the semester in which he/she participates' (OFSSA By-law: B14, see W.E.C.S.S.A.A. Constitution, p. 14).

Academics

Although there is not a set average to determine eligibility, it is expected that all student participants will strive towards academic success.

The school's administration will review any student failing one (1) or more courses prior to the start of the extracurricular event or sports season. For fall activities the previous year's results will be used to determine eligibility. In the event that a student was successful at summer school in a course failed during the academic year, the failure will be considered a passing course.

Any course dropped with a failing mark will be considered as a 'failed course' for the purposes of this review.

Eligibility for a student in his/her first year at Belle River District High School will be determined by the academic performance, attendance and behaviour of the last school attended.

Elementary school marks will not determine a student's first year of eligibility in high school.

Throughout the extracurricular events or sports season, students are expected to maintain their academic performance and should not be failing one (1) or more courses at any given progress report.

Citizenship

Student participants should maintain an acceptable level of deportment and behaviour at all time as outlined in the pages of the school's current student planner.

Eligibility Status

Based on the criteria outlined above, the school administration will declare a student:

- I. Eligible – The student has met all of the eligibility criteria and is therefore eligible to participate in all organized extracurricular events for that semester. If he/she fails to maintain the current levels of performance and/or behaviour and/or citizenship he/she may be declared ineligible at any time during the semester.
- II. Ineligible – The student has not met one or more of the criteria and is unable to participate in any extracurricular activities during the present semester. Should the student increase their current level of academic performance and/or behaviour and/or citizenship, the student may be declared eligible pending a written appeal to the Principal.

Appeal Procedure

Should a student be declared ineligible and has not fulfilled one or more of the above criteria, they may appeal their eligibility with the school administration. Students who believe that they have extenuating circumstances, may appeal their ineligible status by informing the Principal in writing. Once the appeal is received it will be reviewed by the school administration and a decision will be made. Students may be deemed to remain ineligible or

eligible for participation in the extracurricular activity. Should the student be eligible for participation, they shall be monitored throughout the duration of this probationary period in order that they maintain the aforementioned eligibility criteria. Failure to maintain the standards of the eligibility criteria will result in a student being declared ineligible at any time.

Students receiving learning support who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) may be exempted from the eligibility criteria in consultation with the Principal.

W.E.C.S.S.A.A. CONSTITUTION

1.01.1.1 EACH STUDENT/ATHLETE SHOULD STRIVE TO DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING VALUES AND BEHAVIORS:

1. to understand the responsibilities involved in being a team member in terms of willingness to participate in practices, games, and maintaining satisfactory academic standards.
2. to be generous in winning and graceful in losing.
3. to gain a good knowledge and understanding of the rules of the game.
4. to understand that winning is desirable but to win at any cost defeats the purpose of the game.
5. to exhibit the qualities of good sportsmanship, dedication, pride, team spirit and leadership.
6. to demonstrate courtesy and respect towards coaches, sponsor teachers, officials and student minor officials
7. to understand that the only way to play the game is fairly and cleanly.
8. to understand that fighting, instigating threatening and/or other intimidating behaviors are not acceptable in W.E.C.S.S.A.A. competition. Any form of "HAZING" is strictly forbidden
9. to understand that obscenities, trash talk or other forms of verbal abuse directed at coaches, officials, players or spectators are not acceptable behaviors in W.E.C.S.S.A.A. competition.
10. to understand that the student /athlete's violation of the Association's policy (see Article 2.01; p. 1) regarding anabolic steroids and other illegal performance enhancing supplements will result in discipline against him/her including, but not limited to, restriction from WECSSAA activities. WECSSAA will accept any test results for illegal steroid use or other illegal performance enhancing

supplements done by an accredited outside agency (ex. Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport - CCES).

11. to understand that athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate uniform in the competition area, and use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competitive attire.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE BEHAVIORS AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE ABOVE CODE WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE W.E.C.S.S.A.A. CONSTITUTION.

- 1.02 "Code of Conduct for Student Athletes" is to be signed by all participating student/athletes. This shall be the responsibility of member schools. A "Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form" shall be submitted with the eligibility list to the Secretary/Treasurer.

ELIGIBILITY - ATTENDANCE

A student **MUST** be in "good standing" with regards to attendance, conduct and effort. A student **MUST** be in attendance for the entire school day on the day of a W.E.C.S.S.A.A. competition or have approval of the school administration in the case of an acceptable extenuating circumstance (i.e. funeral, special medical appointments, religious holidays). Any other reason should be referred to the W.E.C.S.S.A.A. Executive through the Secretary/Treasurer.

TRANSFER POLICY

- 14.01 No school shall include in its lineup any student who has been registered as a transfer from another school within the previous twelve (12) months.
- 14.02 Any student who has been registered as a transfer from another school within the previous twelve (12) months is ineligible for W.E.C.S.S.A.A. competition until he/she has been approved for competition by the WECSSAA Transfer Appeal Committee.

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