This handbook contains important information. Please read and use for future reference.
Mission of the School

Walnut Hills High School, a classical six-year college preparatory high school, is dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence in a culturally diverse community. Academic ability, a respect for learning, and a will to achieve are tools for the student body and faculty alike. Analytical and creative thinking skills equip students to draw upon the knowledge of the past, to weigh the questions of the present, and to envision the possibilities of the future. Involvement in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities provides additional opportunities for pursuing intellectual, social, and athletic goals. We believe that intellectual achievement is intrinsically valuable in a democratic atmosphere of mutual respect, social equality, and personal responsibility.
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ABSENCES

It is the parent's responsibility to report their child’s attendance information to the office in a timely manner.

For all day absences, please call 363-8404.

For tardies, late arrivals and early releases, please send a note with your student to the appropriate grade level office. If coming from or going to a medical/dental appointment, a doctor's excuse is required.

Grades 7, 8, 9 (A-L) Ms. Davis 363-8423
Grades 7, 8, 9 (M-Z) Mrs. Christie 363-8570
Grade 10-11 Mrs. Fischesser 363-8641
Grades 12 Mrs. Daniels 363-8445
Walnut Hills History

Walnut Hills High School, a college preparatory school for grades 7-12, is nationally recognized as one of America’s top public high schools. The 2900+ member student body is culturally and ethnically diverse, with students attending from every urban neighborhood in Cincinnati. Eighty-seven percent of the graduates enter college with advanced standing, and students score especially well on the Ohio Tests of Scholastic Achievement. Upon graduation, Walnut Hills High School students are accepted by the finest universities and colleges throughout America.

Walnut Hills offers a rigorous classical program, requiring three years of Latin for incoming 7th and 8th graders. There is an Advanced Placement Program offering over 30 courses, more than any other school in the nation – public or private. The school has an outstanding fine arts program which includes five dramatic/musical productions each year, AP studio art, and award winning bands, orchestras and vocal groups. There are over 90 competitive sports teams and over 50 extra-curricular activities. The school participates in mathematics, science and foreign language competitions, including the National Mathematics Examination, First Robotics, the Model United Nations, the National Scholastic Art and Writing competition, Science Olympiad, and Mock Trial.

In 1895 Walnut Hills High School opened its doors at Ashland and Burdett Avenues as a neighborhood school. In 1918 the school took a new direction toward preparing students for college admission in the liberal arts. Randall Condon, Superintendent of Schools, and George Davis, Walnut Hills Principal, were committed to make Walnut comparable in every respect, to the best college preparatory schools in the nation. The program became so popular that the old building became inadequate, and on September 8, 1931, the present larger building on Victory Parkway was officially dedicated. The inspiration for the design was the Library Building of the University of Virginia and Monticello, both the work of Thomas Jefferson. It was quite appropriate that, given the purpose of Walnut Hills High School, the architecture should have reflected the classical ethos.

In 1935 the Board of Education confirmed the status of the school as “an institution specialized for college preparation.” Again in 1972, the Board of Education reaffirmed the position of Walnut Hills High School as a six-year, college preparatory school. As early as 1926 a systematic method of pupil selection was adopted. Today students enter the school after passing a special college preparatory examination.

Throughout its history the popularity of Walnut Hills has necessitated additions to the building. In 1960 the annex added seventeen classrooms, and in 1976 a fine arts complex was dedicated. In 1999 the Alumni Arts and Science Center was opened. This facility has science laboratories, spacious art studios, classrooms and an expanded level of technology. There is an outdoor learning area with five bio-beds and aquatic pool. This thirteen million dollar project was financed by our very supportive Alumni Foundation. A new athletic stadium opened in 2006 and features an eight lane track and artificial playing surface. The campus has undergone a sixty-five million dollar building and renovation which was completed in 2014. The project was funded by Cincinnati Public Schools as part of their Masters Facilities Plan. Fall of 2013, the renovated north wing re-opened, and in December, 2013, a new competition gym and new music lyceum opened as well. The Alumni Foundation entered into an agreement with CPS to fund a new six lane competition pool in 2015. In addition, features were added such as courtyards flanking the front of the school which added outdoor dining and meeting space for students to technology upgrades including a new digital lab for the music lyceum. An additional all weather field on the south side of the campus was also included and a new tennis complex opened at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

In addition to intellectual achievement, Walnut Hills brings together capable students and faculty dedicated to the principles of mutual and collective respect and to the development of good citizenship. In today’s society we anticipate that students may change careers six or seven times throughout their lives. Walnut Hills, must, therefore, prepare students for change. By devotion to a strong academic college preparatory program that maintains roots in the classical tradition while exposing students to the most advanced technology and challenging courses, Walnut Hills will continue to prepare students to be lifelong learners who adapt to the conditions of a rapidly changing world. As we enter the new year, Walnut Hills truly epitomizes its motto, Sursum ad Summum – “Rise to the Highest.”
For the school calendar of events, please refer to the school website, walnuthillseagles.com/calendar.aspx

For information about late arrival or early departure available to juniors and seniors who have study halls scheduled 1st or 7th periods, refer to page 32 "Study Hall."

Daily school attendance will be taken during the extended second period. Period absence is recorded by each teacher for each class attended and is reported at the end of each marking period on the report card.

**DAILY BELL SCHEDULE:**

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**DAILY LUNCH SCHEDULE:**

- 1st Lunch: 10:15 - 10:45 Grades 9 & 10
- 2nd Lunch: 10:45 - 11:15 Grades 7 & 8
- 3rd Lunch: 11:15 - 11:45 Grades 11 & 12

**COMMUNICATIONS WITH OUR SCHOOL:**

The most effective step is to address your concern to the responsible individual. The following outline indicates major responsibilities of key personnel in the school.

### Teachers:

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<td>3713</td>
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<td>Albright</td>
<td>2840</td>
<td>Music</td>
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<td>Math</td>
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Each teacher has two planning periods which may be used to meet with parents. Forward notice of at least 48 hours is required for meetings. All contacts at Walnut Hills are committed to return phone or e-mail messages within 24 hours.

Counselors:

Counselors are responsible for college and career, academic guidance, social and emotional support. They attend to the whole child. Contact your child’s counselor first about schedules, report cards, motivation concerns, and academic performance. Telephone contacts and personal conferences with teachers and counselors are encouraged to discuss particular problems. If you have a concern, please call, email, or schedule an appointment with your child’s counselor.

Administration:

In addition to the principal, there are assistant principals assigned to the school. All of the building administrators share the District’s commitment to provide the best possible education for each child. While teachers and counselors will be expected to handle first contacts about class work, the following assignments are listed to direct contacts for other concerns:

Three Assistant Principals are responsible for specific administrative tasks but also are the first contact to discuss issues that have not been satisfactorily resolved through preliminary discussions with teachers and counselors. The following is a list of the Assistant Principals and their areas of responsibility:
Charitable Donations  
DT/Friday School/ISS  
Help Night  
Grade 7-9, M-Z, Activities  
Lockers  
LSDMC (w. Thomas Morgan)  
Med Room  
Student Assistants  
Student Pictures  
Student Success Center  - Carpe Diem  - Student Mentoring  
Study Skills  
Teacher Evaluations  
Teaming  
Yearbook

Mrs. Kathy Restle  
Room 2209  
Restle@cps-k12.org  
363-8641
AdvancED Committee  
DT/Friday School/ISS  
Emergency Procedures  
ILT Attendance  
Free/Red Lunch  
Grades 10th-12th, Activities  
International Field Trips  
New Teacher Organization  
Security  
Study Hall  
Teacher Evaluations  
Teacher lunch schedule changes Transp--  
Late Bus Slips

Mr. Joseph Stewart  
Room 2216  
stewajo@cps-k12.org  
363-8445
504 Plans  
Census  
Commencement  
Counseling Functions  
DT/Friday School/ISS  
Grade Level Activities  
Home Instruction  
IAT  
Late arrival/Early Dismissal  
Master Schedule  
Parking  
Student Teachers  
10th-12th, Activities  
Surveys  
Teacher Evaluations

Principal … Mr. John Chambers, Main Office (Chambjo@cps-k12.org / 363-8401) is the official head of the school and is responsible for all phases of the school's program. The Principal is the final point of contact when concerns have not been resolved through the teacher, counselor or assistant principal.
Administrator          Grade Level          Ext.
Principal, John Chambers     7-12          Mr. Chambers’ Asst.          Mrs. Joan Kuethe
Asst. Principal, Ashley Thomas Morgan 7-9 (A-L)   Mrs. Morgan’s Secy.          Ms. Rebecca Davis
Asst. Principal, Jessica Smitson  7-9 (M-L)   Mrs. Smitson’s Secy          Mrs. Teresa Christie
Asst. Principal, Kathy Restle  10-11   Mrs. Restle’s Secy.           Mrs. Jenna Fischesser
Asst. Principal, Joe Stewart  12   Mr. Stewart’s Secy.            Mrs. Shelli Daniels

FAX Number

Support Staff:

Athletic Director – Mr. Steve Ellison     Room 2404   Ellisos@cps-k12.org
Attendance –
   All Day Absence Attendance (Grades 7-12)
   Late Arrivals and Early Dismissals:
      Gr 7-9, A-L (Ms. Davis) Room 2207   davisre@cps-k12.org
      Gr 7-9, M-Z (Mrs. Christie) Room 2207   chriss@cps-k12.org
      Gr 10-11 (Mrs. Fischesser) Room 2209   Fischjen@cps-k12.org
      Grade 12 (Mrs. Daniels) Room 2216   danishe@cps-k12.org
Cashier – Mrs. Janet Fine-Todd Room 2200   Finejan@cps-k12.org
Library – Mrs. Sallie Barringer Room 3203   BarrinS@cps-k12.org
      Mrs. Ellen Wathen Room 3203   WathenE@cps-k12.org
      Mrs. Acacia Moraes Diniz Room 3203   dinizac@cps-k12.org
Medical Room – TBD Room 2212
Music Office
      Mrs. Amy Forrester, Ass’t. Music Office   ForresA@cps-k12.org
Powerschool Accounts
      Ms. Shelli Daniels Room 2216   danishe@cps-k12.org
Receptionist – Mrs. Renee Sales Room 2200   Salesre@cps-k12.org
School Resource Officer
      Officer Phil Black Room 2701   Blackph@cps-k12.org
Stud Activities Coord – Shauniece Steele Room 2403   Steeles@cps-k12.org
Asst Stud Activities Coord–Mark Hermann Room 2403   HermanM@cps-k12.org
Test Coordinator - Mrs. Maria Horn Room 3106   hornmar@cps-k12.org
Alumni Foundation:
   Executive Director Room 2215   Mrs. Deborah Heldman
      HeldmaD@cps-k12.org
   Assistant Room 2215   Ms. Anne Jones

FAX Number 363-8420
Meaningful partnership with parents is critical to Walnut Hills High School. Parents are valued members of our community and involvement in school is welcome and needed! There are many ways to be active from supporting your student’s academic life and cheering them on in artistic or sporting endeavors to getting involved with parent volunteer efforts. Consider Boosters dedicated to fundraising for Walnut Hills athletic programs, Walnut Hills Instrumentalist Parents (WHIP), the Parent Booster group for all music programs and music performing groups at Walnut Hills, or the Walnut Hills High School Association.

**Walnut Hills High School Association**

All parents or guardians of Walnut Hills’ students and all faculty and staff members are members of the Walnut Hills High School Association! There is no membership fee to join, and the experience you gain through meeting other members and learning more about the school is invaluable! The mission of the Walnut Hills High School Association is to support the overall school through volunteering and through the provision of much needed funds. Thanks to Walnut Hills parents, guardians, teachers, and staff, the Walnut Hills High School Association helps with a range of items including, for example, student socials, welcoming of new students and their families, and support of school wide events. The Walnut Hills High School Association also provides funding for many critical items such as textbooks, technology, and college counseling. All parents, guardians, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend our meetings, which are generally held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at Walnut Hills. The meetings can be found on the WHHS master calendar at [http://www.walnuthillseagles.com/calendar.aspx](http://www.walnuthillseagles.com/calendar.aspx). This provides a great opportunity to find out more about school programs, issues, and life in general at Walnut Hills.

You can get involved and help support Walnut Hills by volunteering to be on one of our event committees and by contributing to our fundraisers - WalnutFest and the Legacy of Excellence Annual Campaign.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Legacy of Excellence Campaign (Fundraiser)
- WalnutFest (Fundraiser)
- Grade Level Parent Committees
- Fine Arts Volunteer (Drama and Art)
- Hospitality
- Mailings (throughout the year - stuff/address/label envelopes)
- Newsletter (published 6 times/year)
- New Student Registration (Jan/Feb/Mar)
- New Family Welcome
- PR (events and student-staff achievements)
- Spirit Shop (open from 10:15-11:45 am)
- Staff Appreciation

If you have any questions about volunteering or if for any reason you are unsure about whom to contact at the school or you are reluctant to do so, the elected representatives of the Walnut Hills High School Association will be happy to assist you with your concerns. Please note that the contact information for the individual committee chairs can be found on the Walnut Hills website at [http://www.walnuthillseagles.com/parents/WHHS-association/board-members-contact.aspx](http://www.walnuthillseagles.com/parents/WHHS-association/board-members-contact.aspx) and in the Walnut Hills Directory.

**2018-19 WHHS Association Executive Committee:**

President: Lucinda Hurst  
Vice President: Simone Bess  
Recording Secretary: John Capannari  
Treasurer: Jen Horvath
Academic Honesty/Cheating/Plagiarism

It is essential that Walnut students embrace honesty and integrity in all academic endeavors. The school motto, *Sursum ad Summum* (Rise to the Highest), suggests respect for the academic work and ideas of others. There is no tolerance for cheating or plagiarism of any kind at Walnut Hills.

As stated in this handbook under Cheating/Plagiarism, and CPS Districtwide Code of Conduct: ‘A student must not use, submit or attempt to obtain data or answers dishonestly, by deceit or by means other than those authorized by the teacher. These are examples of acts of cheating/plagiarism: any inappropriate copying, literary theft, falsification, counterfeiting, piracy, fraud, or unsupervised possession of any federal, state or district mandated test(s). Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, copying word for word from references such as books, magazines, research materials or the internet.” Any technology or other resources that a student accesses during a test which is not authorized is considered cheating.

Violation of the Academic Honesty policy will result in a “0” for the assignment with no opportunity for make-up. In addition, the parent will be contacted and the incident placed on the student’s record. For a second offense, in-school suspension will be assigned. Further incidents will result in progressively longer suspensions.

Address Changes:

Information which is mailed to your home, whether from the school, from the Board of Education, or from the Transportation Department will be addressed as follows:

To the Parent/Guardian of
(Student’s Name)
(Street Address)
Cincinnati, Ohio (Zip)

If your child's last name is different from yours, it is very important that you show the student's name on your mailbox. In many instances, the post office returns mail to us that has been addressed with the student's name because the mail carrier does not recognize that name for that address. Please make sure that your child’s name is reflected on the mailbox.

If you have an address or phone number change, a parent is required to make the changes on Registration Gateway at http://cpsupdatereg.cps-k12.org, using your child’s student ID as the login and the student's date of birth with the slashes as the password (ie: username 100012345, password 01/09/2009). You can find your student's CPS ID on PowerSchool under the "Student Chart” option. Also, if you are the parent of a returning student, you can locate your child’s student ID number on a previous report card or on their student ID badge. You will be required to provide proof of address (ie: utility bill, mortgage statement, lease agreement). If you have questions, please notify the school registrar immediately by calling 363-8546 or emailing nashhoj@cps-k12.org. We want you to receive important announcements, letters, newsletters, etc., which will be mailed to your home. Post office box numbers cannot be used.

Advanced Placement Program (AP):

Admission to Advanced Placement (AP) courses is by application and approval only. Sitting for the AP exam administered in the spring is required for course completion. The fee per exam is $94-$145 (subject to change). Additionally, a $5.00 late fee, per exam, will be applied if not paid by the late April due date. Fee reduction is available on a need basis based on federal guidelines. Students should use careful consideration when scheduling multiple AA/AP’s. Students who begin AA/AP courses are expected to remain in the class for the entire year. Weighted courses are indicated in the Course Guide.

AP Exam Preparation:

Students scheduled to take an AP exam are eligible to miss classes the half day of school prior to the exam in order to prepare for the test if they fill out the Early Dismissal/Late Arrival Form, get required parent signature, and turn it in by the deadline printed on appropriate form.
Alumni Foundation:

The Walnut Hills High School Alumni Foundation’s mission is to enhance the educational experience for all students while at Walnut Hills. Active alumni provide financial and volunteer support to meet a plethora of long and short range goals including: fundraising for capital and annual campaigns, alumni funded scholarships, equipment and technology, facilities and grounds improvements, faculty/staff development, continuing education and extracurricular activities. Alumni provide students with networking, co-op, internships and career connections. The most significant contribution has been the construction of the Alumni Arts and Science Center. Located in the school, the Foundation coordinates local and regional reunions and events and publishes The Chatterbox to facilitate communication. Upon graduation, each senior automatically joins the 20,000+ member alumni organization.

Attendance:

Poor attendance is a primary cause of course failure. Course grades are a much better predictor of later success in college than any other factor including SAT, ACT, and other test scores.

Attendance is mandated by the Ohio Department of Education. Students are expected to be in attendance unless excused for personal illness, death in family, religious holiday, or medical or dental appointments that cannot be scheduled outside school hours. Examples of unexcused absences are: vacations, babysitting, oversleeping, “Take Your Child to Work Day”, and missing the bus. In order to participate in extracurricular activity, students must be officially in attendance on the day of the event. Any student reporting to school after 10:15 a.m. will not be permitted to participate in any extra-curricular activity that day.

No student is to leave the campus during the school day without authorization from the attendance office. Violations of this rule will result in disciplinary action.

If any senior student accrues six absences a quarter – whether unexcused or excused – the teacher can request a parent/student conference with the grade level administrator and upon the completion of the meeting with the administrator, the teacher has the option to drop a student’s status in that course.

Absence and Tardiness:

Absence:

In compliance with legislation, a parent must call the attendance line on the day of the student's absence. The attendance line to call for all grades is 363-8404. Failure to call can result in unexcused absence. The phone call must include the caller’s name (parent/guardian's name), the student's name and grade, and the reason for the student's absence. Following a school absence, if the school has not been notified by the parent/guardian, the student must bring a note explaining the reason for the absence. The note or phone call must include the reason for the absence, student’s name, and grade, as well as the signature of parent/guardian with telephone number where contact can be made for verification. Absences must be verified within two days of the absence or they will remain unexcused causing assignments, tests, or quizzes completed during the student’s absence to be given zero credit.

Unexcused absences will be verified with parents. If a student expects to be absent 5 days or more, please call the counseling office to request make-up work. The student is required to provide a doctor’s note in this situation. Students cannot write their own notes or call in their own absences, even when they are 18 years or older. A parent signature is required for all items requiring parent signatures, regardless of the student's age. No emails or texts will be accepted for a student absence.

Keeping Up With School Work When Absent Due To Illness:

1. All students should develop a "buddy system" - obtain a telephone number of at least one person in each class. Students should check Schoology as well for possible teacher postings.
2. If a parent knows that a student will be absent five days or more due to illness, he or she can contact the counseling office personnel who will initiate the collection of assignments from the student's teachers for the length of time designated by the parent. The parent will be responsible for having the work picked up at the agreed upon day and time.
3. Home instruction is rarely appropriate due to Walnut’s rigorous advanced curriculum. If such services are appropriate, the process will be initiated by the counselor after receiving notice from the parents. The parent is responsible for having the appropriate forms filled out by the physician and returning them to the counselor, who will forward them to Cincinnati Public Schools Health Services.

4. When a student is confined to a hospital that has a Cincinnati Public School Instructor, it is the responsibility of the hospital to identify students physically capable of doing work while confined and to assign them to the hospital tutor. Hospital personnel will determine when the student is well enough to begin instruction. The tutor will provide a grade to be averaged by the regular teacher upon the student’s return to school.

5. Any absence that remains unexcused for two days after a student returns to school can cause any assignments, tests or quizzes completed during the student’s absence, to be given zero credit.

**Absences (Special/Planned)**

If a student plans to be absent from school for a religious holiday, college trip or other excusable event, they must deliver a note to the grade level office in order to pick up a "planned absence form" at least three days prior to the event. Students are required to get each teacher’s signature for approval to make up work they will miss. Credit for make-up work may be denied for unexcused absences or failure to follow procedure.

**Absences Due to College Visits:**

Refer to page 13, “College Visits”.

**Absence During Exams:**

Semester examinations count 1/4 of the semester grade in all courses. Students are expected to be present for each examination. If a student is ill on an exam day, the parent/guardian must notify the grade level administrator before 9:30 a.m. on that day. If the school is not notified, the absence will be considered **unexcused**. The teacher has two options:

1. Assign an "F" for the exam (unexcused absence).
2. Provide a make-up opportunity before final grades are due.

**Early Dismissal:**

1. Before his or her first class begins, a student must present a note from a parent or guardian to the appropriate grade level office requesting an early dismissal.

2. Information provided in the note should include the following:
   a. Date.
   b. Reason for early dismissal.
   c. Time of dismissal requested.
   d. Whether the student will be returning to school.
   e. A telephone number where parent/guardian may be reached for verification.

3. Upon verification, the student will receive an Early Dismissal Slip with the time of dismissal.

4. Students who transport themselves or take public transportation must leave the school grounds promptly at the time indicated on the note. Students leave the building if they have a permission slip. They do not report to the office on their way out. Students may not be picked up for early dismissal during lunch or study hall without prior notice. Loitering in school, on the grounds, or in close proximity to the school after the early dismissal has been granted will result in revocation...
of the dismissal and possible disciplinary action.

5. If a student is returning from an early dismissal, he/she must present the Early Dismissal Slip to the attendance office for authorization to return to class. Upon return from an early dismissal due to a doctor visit, the doctor’s note must be provided.

6. No student will be permitted to leave the school grounds without permission at any time during the school day. Parental permission alone is not sufficient authorization. Students must obtain an official Early Dismissal Slip from the attendance office. Violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action.

7. No student will ever be released to a person without proper identification. It is essential that all people authorized to pick students up be listed on the emergency medical forms.

8. Please refer to the study hall policy on page 32 for early dismissal and late arrival procedures for juniors and seniors in 1st or 7th period study hall.

9. In the event of student illness during the school day, refer to pages 25-26, “Illness at School”.

10. No early dismissal will be granted after 2:00PM without notice at the beginning of the school day.

Birthday Celebrations:

Birthday and other celebrations are disruptive. There are to be no bakery goods, party snacks, party favors, balloons or flowers brought or sent to school for celebrations. If an infraction occurs, such items will be confiscated and will be available for student pickup at the conclusion of the school day. This policy applies to lunch time as well as class time.

Building Hours:

There are three areas that students may go to after school hours. First, the library remains open until 3:30 for quiet study. Second, athletes waiting for practice must report to study tables in cafeteria. Third, all other students waiting to be picked up must be in the after school study area (cafeteria), which remains open until 4:30 Monday through Friday. At 4:30 p.m. any student not participating in athletics or extra-curricular activities must be picked up. Students may use their phones in this area to arrange for pick-up. Otherwise this is a quiet area.

Supervision is provided for students in the building from 7:10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Students are not expected to arrive before 7:00 a.m. (except when there are special hours for the metal detector processing) and must leave by 2:45 p.m. unless involved in a staff-supervised activity. Any student remaining on school grounds after 2:45 in an unsupervised area will be subject to disciplinary action. Students should rely on private transportation if they are involved in activities that require them to leave the premises at times later than regular dismissal. Office hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with the exception of the main office which is 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If a practice begins after 4:30 pm, students are expected to leave campus unless supervised by their coach. Students who fail to follow these policies will be denied the privilege of staying after school.

Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation:

Students will not intimidate or harass one another physically, sexually, verbally, electronically or ethnically. Any “bullying” behavior will be handled quickly, firmly and within the confines of the law.

Cell Phones/Electronic/Entertainment or Communication Devices:

Students are permitted to have cell phones at school under certain conditions that are outlined below.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

1. What devices?
   Students can access our network using their own electronic devices – laptops, Netbooks, iPads, iTouches, tablets, cell
2. Can students print from these devices?
   Students will not be able to print from their device on the school printers, nor will they be able to access individual server accounts from individually owned devices. However, they may use email, cloud servers, or USB drives in order to transfer school materials between individually owned devices and school computers.

3. Does my child have to bring a device?
   No, it is not a requirement.

4. Should I purchase anything at this point?
   Teachers’ curricular choices will vary in the use of technology, some will be encouraging students to bring in their own devices, and others may not. However, providing resources to your student provides him/her additional opportunities.

5. Students may not use electronic devices:
   - in class or an office, unless authorized by the teacher, counselor, secretary, administrator, or other staff member in charge of the room,
   - in assemblies, theatrical productions and concerts, bathrooms, locker rooms, or any areas where privacy is a concern, unless authorized by the staff member in charge.
   - in the library or the computer lab without first checking in with the librarian, teacher or other staff member in charge.

6. Using Devices on the WHHS Guest Network:
   - Students who bring their own devices and access the guest network must adhere to the District Acceptable Use Policy, School Rules, and Individual Teacher Rules.

7. Disciplinary Consequences:
   - The district, school, and teachers are not responsible for loss, theft, damage, etc…of individually owned devices, as well as increased tardiness, or injury connected with texting while walking during passing time.
   - With more freedom, there are strict consequences when devices are used in violation of the BYOD Policy.
     - If a device is confiscated by a teacher, administrator, or staff member for unauthorized use, the device will be held for three days by the grade level office. Students who refused to give up devices face disciplinary consequence.
     - Electronic devices will be returned only to the student’s parent on the third day following the day of the incident. Any electronic devices left after June 1 will be donated to a not-for-profit organization.
     - Students will face consequences for photographing or recording students or staff on campus. Such activity is not permitted.

Cheating/Plagiarism:
See “Academic Honesty” page 8.

Closings:
The Cincinnati Public Schools' Pupil Transportation Branch notifies commercial radio and television stations of changes in transportation services caused by inclement weather or utility problems. There are two different messages for Cincinnati Public Schools: (1) “Cincinnati Public Schools open. Two hour delay.” This message is not intended for high schools. All WHHS students should attend school during regular school hours. Please be aware that Metro bus times will not change even when on a two hour delay. Dismissal at regular time. (2) “Cincinnati Public Schools closed.” There is no school for students.

In the event of an emergency during a school day on which students and staff are unable to occupy our buildings, students will temporarily be relocated to Xavier Campus, Schmidt Field House.
**College Applications and Transcripts:**

All college applications must be processed through the Guidance Office. A transcript request form must be turned into the counseling office at least two weeks prior to the application deadline to allow enough time for processing and/or mailing. A stamped addressed envelope needs to be provided if requesting a paper transcript. College admission tests scores are not included on the transcript; students are responsible for forwarding scores to the schools of choice. The final transcript will be sent to the college indicated by the student in Naviance at no cost.

**College Board – Advanced Placement Program** – see AP Exams under Testing on page 13.

**College Credit Plus Program:**

Ohio’s College Credit Plus Program provides for enriching the experiences of exceptional high school students beyond the spectrum of the high school. Walnut Hills offers a broad array of college level courses. College Credit Plus is intended to provide access to courses not available at Walnut Hills. Each year all interested students must inform their high school counselor if they intend to participate by the date given by the counseling department at the fall College Credit Plus Meeting. This year the College Credit Plus meeting is on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Students are responsible for following the application process set up by the college or university.

**College Information Center:**

In 1998 Walnut Hills High School Parent Board established the College Information Center (CIC), dedicated to providing help with college entrance test preparation, essay writing, application completion and interview strategies. Originally funded through the annual SOS campaign, today operation of the CIC still depends on parent contributions. The CIC staff and volunteers work closely with the counseling department.

Students and parents may use the CIC’s library of college catalogs and reference books on all aspects of college selection, including financial and scholarship information. The CIC has a cart of laptops with internet access that students use for college and scholarship searches.

Located in Room 2205, the operating hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. To contact the College Information Center call 513-363-8455 or 513-363-8609.

**College Representatives/Recruiters:**

Approximately 150-200 college representatives visit Walnut Hills during the school year, with the majority of visits occurring between the middle of September and the end of November. Visits are held from 11:15 to 11:45. To learn when specific colleges will be represented, students and parents can refer to Naviance for the calendar of college visits.

**College Visits:**

The Walnut Hills Junior/Senior Campus Visitation Policy allows three days for campus visits in Grade 11 and Grade 12. No later than one week before a planned visit, a student must bring a note to the Guidance Department office manager from a parent/guardian giving permission and stating the dates of visitation and the colleges to be visited. The office manager will initiate a form that the student’s teachers must sign, and the student then must submit to the grade level office. No absences can be excused for college visits if these procedures are not followed in advance.

**Commencement:**

Participation in the commencement program by eligible seniors is a privilege, not a right. All academic, financial, and discipline obligations must be fulfilled in order to participate in the graduation rehearsal and the commencement program. It is the individual student’s responsibility to see that these obligations are met on time. Participation in commencement is not mandatory. If a discipline code infraction occurs between the final school day and commencement, the school administration
reserves the right to deny participation in commencement ceremonies.

**Computer Technology:**

The use of computer technology is integrated in many classrooms during the six years a student may attend WHHS, as well as in specific courses with the aim of creating life-long learners who are responsible digital citizens. Refer to the BYOD Policy above.

**Computer Labs:**

There are five PC Computer Labs and one Mac Graphics Lab at Walnut Hills.

- Graphic Design Lab - 2709 is a classroom-only lab used primarily for Art courses.
- Computer Apps Lab-3104 is a classroom lab used primarily for the Computer Applications and Programming courses.
- The MFL Lab -1604 is a classroom lab used primarily for the Modern Foreign Language courses.
- PC Lab-3701 is reserved by teachers for classroom instructional purposes and projects.
- Library Lab-3201 is available to students 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.
- Journalism Lab, 2306, is used strictly for the yearbook and Chatterbox staffs.

**Technology-Use Rules:**

At Walnut Hills High School, a sub-committee of the Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) has developed a policy known as “Acceptable Use of Computer Technology.” This policy is in line with the Cincinnati Public School’s Code of Conduct K-12 and addresses many issues that can arise from the use of technology in a school setting. The goal of this policy is to provide a safe and secure learning environment that allows students to grow into responsible users of computer technology. Use of this technology does require a commitment from the students to use the equipment responsibly for the school-related purpose or assignment defined, and within the rules established. Because computer technology can have a major impact on the lives, privacy, and security of so many people, the rules governing its use and penalties for its abuse can be severe. Students must learn and follow the Rules listed below:

The following activities are COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY VIOLATIONS and are subject to disciplinary action:

**Category-1**

1. Intentionally wasting resources including printing pages directly from the internet and printing multiple copies.
2. Posting anonymous messages, chain letters, or engaging in “spamming”.
3. Eating, drinking or having food or beverages on computer desks and tables.

**Category-2**

1. Intentionally changing computer monitor or printer settings and/or selections.
2. Harassing, insulting, or attacking others.
3. Playing non-educational games without permission from the staff member responsible for the technology.
4. Using the network/internet in such a way that it will disrupt others’ use.

**Category-3**

1. Installing or removing software.
2. Intentionally or maliciously modifying or damaging computers. Computer systems, networks, software, and/or hardware.
3. Using network-ID & password of another, or trespassing in another’s folders, works or files or allowing another to use your ID and password.
4. Using the network for any illegal activity including violation of copyright laws or other contracts.
5. Sending, writing or displaying messages or pictures using obscene language and/or inappropriate images, or any images promoting or referencing violence or illegal actions.
6. Employing the network for financial or commercial gain.
7. Students may not buy or sell anything over the internet.
8. Gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities. Use or possession of “hacking” tools and other programs which can be used to obtain unauthorized information or access to computers, networks, internet sites and their contents.
Consequences and Penalties
Once it has been determined that a student has violated the “Acceptable Use of Computer Technology” rules, then a corrective strategy will be implemented in accordance with procedures developed by the Technology Sub-Committee.

Listed below are disciplinary guidelines used by teachers and/or administrative staff for violations.

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Notes:
- Loss of access applies to all computers on campus.
- All corrective strategies and actions include the following:
  - Prompt notification of the WHHS Administrative and Academic staff via email.
  - Prompt notification of a parent/caregiver by teacher or grade-level administrator.
  - Conference between student and the WHHS Network System Administrator.

**Cum Laude Society:**
The Walnut Hills High Chapter of the Cum Laude Society elects members during the second semester of the senior year. Election is determined by the average of a student’s grades in certain academic subjects completed at the Walnut Hills High School campus in grades nine through twelve only. In addition, a student must have successfully completed a minimum of four semesters at Walnut Hills High School and carried a minimum of four academic courses each year. Character is also a consideration.

**Daily Schedule:**
There are seven (7) periods of fifty (50) minutes which comprise the school day. This schedule will occasionally be reversed on days of testing.
Dance Expectations:

Dances at Walnut Hills High School have been fun for students and chaperones alike for years and should continue as enjoyable events for all. In order to maintain appropriate decorum in dress and behavior, written guidelines have been established in hopes of avoiding any misunderstanding at future dances.

Some of what is seen and heard in movies, on television, and on radio is not acceptable at high school functions. Students should exercise modesty and good taste in dress and behavior. Provocative dress and lewd dancing are not acceptable.

Social behavior at a dance should be courteous, polite, and mannerly with one another, chaperones, and concession workers. Each person represents himself/herself as well as Walnut Hills High School. All school rules apply, including possession or use of alcohol, and exceptional behavior is anticipated on the part of each person. Students may be required to submit to an alcohol breath detector test and have their belongings searched. Students and guests who do not meet expectations and guidelines for attending a high school dance will be required to leave and face disciplinary actions.

➢ Acceptable apparel: Students are expected to wear clothing that is appropriate to the occasion: clothing that is decent, modest, safe and non-offensive. The administration reserves the right to deem attire unacceptable.

➢ Formal dress- (Prom) Male apparel- tuxedo, two-piece or three-piece suit, formal dinner jacket, dress shirt with collar and long sleeves, formal tie, dress shoes (no athletic shoes). Female apparel- cocktail dress with modest neckline (mid-thigh/fingertip length or longer), formal evening dress with modest neckline, formal suit (pants/skirts mid-thigh/fingertip-length or longer), stockings, dress shoes.

➢ Semi-formal dress- (Homecoming, Senior Dinner Dance, Frosh, Twilight Ball) Male apparel- dress shirt with collar, dress tie, turtleneck shirt/sweater, knit shirt, sweater, pants (dress, Dockers-style, khakis, corduroys), dress coat/sport coat/jacket, dress shoes. Female apparel- blouses or tops with modest neckline, dresses or skirts (mid-thigh/fingertip length or longer), pants (dress, Dockers-style, khakis, corduroys), sweater, dress shoes.

➢ Casual dress- (after-school casual dances) Male apparel- attire is the same as semi-formal, with the addition of sport shirts, jeans which are clean and without holes and slogans, and tennis shoes or sneakers. Female apparel- attire is the same as semi-formal, with the addition of jeans which are clean and without holes and slogans, and tennis shoes or sneakers.

➢ Unacceptable apparel- mask or costume (unless a costume ball), sleepwear, boots other than fashion/dress boots, work uniforms, painting pants, exposed lingerie, tank tops, undershirts, t-shirts, sports bras, jeans with frayed holes or hems, slogans, clothes which are unclean, sweatshirts, sweat suits or jogging clothes, bare midriff outfits, see-through dress without undershell or lining, or plunging neckline.

Dances:

The Twilight Ball and Fall Costume Bash are for Walnut Hills 7th & 8th graders only. FROSH is for Walnut Hills 9th graders only. Senior Dinner Dance is for Walnut Hills 12th graders only. Homecoming is for Walnut Hills 10th, 11th & 12th graders whose dates 10th grade and up may be from other schools. Junior & Senior Prom is for Walnut Hills 11th & 12th graders whose dates 11th grade and up may be from other schools. Permission slips and identification are required for all dances. No cap on ages for participation in dances. 12th graders must have all fees paid in full, with the exception of AP fees, in order to purchase a Prom ticket or attend Prom.

Detention:

After-school office detention may be assigned to students for tardiness, littering, and other forms of minor misbehavior. Detention precludes all other after-school activities. Staff supervision is provided Monday through Thursday from 2:40 - 3:30 p.m in Room 2301/2302. Students will receive notice at least one day in advance to make transportation arrangements. Students who skip an office detention will be assigned to Thursday/Friday Evening School.
Disclosure of Disciplinary Infractions:

Many college applications ask both counselor and student about suspensions and/or expulsions. Students and counselors are required to respond in a truthful manner, perhaps including a brief letter of explanation.

Dismissal:

Students must leave the campus at 2:45 p.m. when not in an authorized activity. Students who remain on campus past dismissal must be involved in an authorized activity, and no student is to be on campus without adult supervision. In the event a parent is delayed picking up his or her student, the student must wait in the cafeteria study area. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in student’s inability to stay after school.

Display of Affection:

In keeping with reasonable rules of appropriate conduct, students will refrain from actions involving touching of a sexual nature (i.e. kissing, lap sitting, etc.), with or without consent of the other party. Respect for one another and good taste in manners should be exhibited at all times. Violation may result in disciplinary action.

Dress Code:

The primary purpose of the school is education, and all matters of dress and grooming must be weighed against that single objective. To that end, students should avoid dress that distracts attention from the orderly pursuit of knowledge, disrupts the educational process or constitutes a threat to individual safety or safety of the group. In addition, students are expected to maintain high standards of personal cleanliness and hygiene by making sure they are neither offensive to others nor a threat to the health of the school community. When a student’s appearance is unacceptable, the student will be removed from class and required to change clothes. Exceptions must be approved in advance by an administrator. An administrator will make the final judgment on the appropriateness of student dress.

Some examples of inappropriate appearance:

1. Hats, hoods or headgear not religious in nature (in class or assemblies)
2. Underwear worn as outerwear
3. Sleepwear, including slippers
4. Pants which expose undergarments or skin; shorts shorter than mid-length
5. Clothing with offensive slogans, cartoons, illustrations or diagrams, that depicts or promotes illegal activities, products, or violence
6. See-through or strapless outerwear and rips or tears of jeans above the knee which exposes skin
7. Clothing that exposes cleavage, breasts, buttocks, midriff or genital area; students must be covered from shoulders to mid-thigh
8. Any clothing items that detract from the educational process.

Eligibility, Graduation and Course Requirements:

College-bound students should make no less than a C in any subject. Students are expected to maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 and have good citizenship. Students who fail a semester of three or more subjects within a school year must enroll in another school of choice. Students who fail one or two subjects will be required to attend summer school. Failure to do so will result in a removal from Walnut Hills High School. Seniors who fail one or two subjects required for graduation will be permitted to repeat the courses in summer school in order to receive an August diploma.

Graduation Requirements include the following:

1. 22 units earned in grades 9-12 (23 recommended).
2. Minimum completion of 18 academic courses in grades 9-12.

Specific Course Requirements:

1. **Art**: Art 7-8. One semester is required in grade 7 or 8. One Fine Art credit is required in Grades 9-12.
2. **English**: English 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.
3. **Health**: Senior High Health (1 sem.) in grades 8 - 12.
4. **Latin**: Latin I, Latin II, and Latin III are required for students who enter at grade 7 or 8. Latin IV is required if no further language study is planned.
5. **Modern Foreign Language**: Two years of study in a foreign language are required for students who enter at grade 9 or later or for those who have not completed Latin IV. A combination of three years of modern foreign language is recommended for students who enter at grade 7.
6. **Mathematics**: Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II are required. In addition, Pre-Calculus is recommended. Four years are required during grades 9-12 beginning with the class of 2011. Those planning to enter scientific, engineering, health-related, technical fields and business administration are expected to complete four years of Math in grades 9-12.
7. **Music**: A semester course of vocal or instrumental music in grades 7 or 8. One Fine Art credit is required in Grade 9-12.
8. **Physical Education**: PE 7, PE 8, and two semesters in grades 9-12.
9. **Science**: Science 7, Science 8, Biology (grade 9 or 10), Chemistry (grade 10 or 11) and a third year science elective are required. Physics is highly recommended for those planning to enter scientific, engineering, health-related, or other technical fields.
10. **Social Studies**: Social Studies 7, American History 8, Modern History 9, American History grade 10 Government, and one full year of a Social Studies elective are required. Students must complete at least one semester of Economics in grades 9-12 or complete Micro/Macro Economics AP. Starting with the class of 2017 students must complete one semester of government or AP U.S. Government.
11. Students must accumulate at least 18 points in the end of course exam program.

Students are strongly encouraged to schedule Computer Applications in grades 9-12.

*These graduation requirements are designed to provide preparation for undergraduate degree programs. Students and parents, however, are encouraged to investigate specific college program requirements early enough to plan an appropriate combination of high school courses.

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NOTE: Items shaded in blue are changes that were made to the honors diploma system, including the entire STEM, Arts, and Social Science and Civic Engagement Honors Diplomas.
Course Completion Criteria:

1. Carnegie units are earned for all courses in grades 9-12.
2. Credit is awarded for a course in which the pupil has earned a final grade of “D” or better in each semester (Students in grades 7 or 8 who earn an average grade of “D” in Algebra I are encouraged to retake the course).
   Examinations are required at the end of each semester in all subjects. The exam weight is 25% of each semester grade.
3. Consecutive semesters must be passed within the current school year.

Level Change:

On occasion, a change in level or status of a student in an AA/AP course is necessary. If possible, this change may take the form of a schedule change to a different teacher and/or bell in a lower level course, should space be available, or a “drop status” form to remain with current teacher/bell but receive course credit for and be graded appropriately for the lower level. In order to facilitate the change, the following steps must be taken:

1. Student must demonstrate that he/she has completed all coursework and sought additional help from the teacher;
2. Teacher or student must then initiate a level change or dropped status discussion.
3. Teacher must complete a “Change in AA/AP Status” form and teacher, student, parent, counselor will sign the form.

These steps should be followed before a student change is allowed. This change should occur no later than the end of the first quarter/start of second quarter or for “compelling circumstances” (health/family).

Grading Practices:

1. Honor Roll Eligibility
   “A” Honors reflects a 4.0 or better GPA. “A” Average is 3.51 – 3.99 GPA, “B” Average is a GPA of 3.00 – 3.5. A grade of “D” or “F” in any subject will prohibit eligibility for the Honor Roll.
2. Honors Program for Eighth and Ninth Grades
   Up to 180 students based on academic performance and other school criteria will be invited to participate in the honors program. Final selections will be made in June once grades from the recently completed courses are available.
3. AA/Honors Program for Eighth Grade
   After honors, the next highest ranking 8th grade students, based on grades in the core academic courses, will be invited to take AA/Honors English, Social Studies and Science. Course invitation and confirmation will take place in June.
4. Grading Policy
   Grades at Walnut Hills are earned by the student, determined by the teacher, and are considered final. Any concerns about grades should be brought directly to the teacher.

Grade Calculation, G.P.A. and Class Rank:

Calculation of grade points for regular and weighted courses are shown below:

- College Prep courses: A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1
- AP courses (and courses deemed to be of AP rigor): A = 6, B = 4.5, C = 3, D = 1.5
- AA & Honors courses: A=5, B=3.75, C=2.5, D=1.25

Both cumulative weighted and unweighted G.P.A. are calculated only from semester grades. Both are shown on the transcript along with weighted class rank at the end of the fifth, sixth and seventh semesters of senior high studies. Weighted courses will have a double asterisk by the number of units (**).
The averaging of semester grades follows the matrix below:

**FINAL SEMESTER GRADE MATRIX**

To determine final semester grade, find the row that begins with both quarter grades. Go across the row to the appropriate semester exam grade column; read final semester grade.

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Schedule Changes:

Each year a new master schedule is created to accommodate students’ course requests made during optioning in January. Faculty members are employed, textbooks are purchased, and rooms are assigned on the basis of these requests.

Preliminary schedules are made available on Powerschool in early August so that parents and students can review. After receipt of preliminary student schedules, further elective changes will not be honored. Parents have until a designated date in August to complete the google form on our website for requested changes to their student’s schedule. Changes will only be considered for errors in the course schedule. Requests for specific teachers will not be honored.

Other:

1. It is expected that every student will carry five academic subjects (i.e. courses in the areas of English, Mathematics, Modern Language, Science, and Social Studies) in any year. Art History AP, Music Theory AP, and Studio Art AP may be applied toward this requirement.
2. In order to schedule more than five academic subjects in grades 9-12, students must have at least a “B” Average (3.0) in academic subjects, or, for compelling circumstances, must have approval of the counselor.
3. The Modern Foreign Language requirement must be fulfilled in the same language.
4. Advanced Placement Program – admission by application and approval only. The AP exam administered by ETS in the spring is required for course completion (the fee per exam is $94-$145, subject to change. Additionally, a $5.00 late fee, per exam, will be applied if not paid by the late April due date). Students should use careful consideration when scheduling multiple AA/AP’s. Students who begin AA/AP courses
are expected to remain in the class for the entire year. Approved students who begin AA/AP courses cannot be withdrawn before the end of the first marking period, unless an error in placement has been made. A double ** will note weighted courses.

5. Course choices are considered final once courses begin.
6. Students must schedule a minimum of six courses each semester.
7. Although the school acknowledges the personal and economic value of employment or childcare experience for adolescents, such opportunities should be scheduled after the normal school day. Students should not work more than twelve hours a week. Consistent with the college preparatory nature of the school, program changes are considered as they affect the total school organization.
8. For eligibility to play high school sports, OHSA (Ohio High School Athletic Association) guidelines require students to pass a minimum of five classes excluding physical education in the quarter preceding the sport.
9. Walnut Hills plans to offer most courses listed in the curriculum guide. Because of changes in faculty assignments or insufficient enrollment, some courses may be eliminated for the coming academic year. 

New Courses:

Students may petition for the addition of new courses to the Curriculum Guide. A brief description of proposed course content and a suggested course title must be signed by a minimum of 25 students who are eligible to take the course. The feasibility of scheduling the course will be evaluated with the appropriate department and Instructional Leadership Team. Petitioning must be done by the month of December.

**Extra-Curriculars & Athletics**

Students who are not enrolled at Walnut Hills High School who are participating in Walnut Hills extra-curricular's are not permitted to be on campus during the school day.

Eligibility for athletics is established on a quarterly basis and is determined by grades received during the preceding quarterly grading period. Semester, final grades, “fifth quarter” or rubric scores are NOT used to determine eligibility. Summer school grades may not be used to substitute for failing grades from the previous grading period or for lack of enough subjects taken during the previous grading period. Any student who commits a category 2 or category 3 offense can be excluded from all after school activities for a period of 30 to 60 days after serving a suspension or expulsion. Administration will submit the names of students who are excluded to teachers, Schedule E advisors, and coaches.

Students in grades 9-12 must have been currently enrolled in school during the immediately preceding grading period. To be eligible by OHSAA standards, students must receive a passing grade in a minimum of five (5) one credit courses or the equivalent, which count toward graduation.

Ninth grade students may participate in extra-curricular activities for the first quarter of the school year provided they were enrolled in school during the immediately preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in a minimum of five of those subjects in which the student received grades. After the first quarter, continued eligibility will be determined by the criteria outlined above.

Walnut Hills High School is a member of the Eastern Cincinnati Conference and the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) and has agreed to abide by adopted policies and procedures. **Walnut Hills competes against Anderson, West Clermont, Kings, Loveland, Milford, Turpin and Withrow.**

A student’s presence on an athletic squad draws the focus of public attention to him/her as a representative of Walnut Hills High School. Remember, interscholastic athletics exists for its educational value. For spectators, while winning may be important, the prime objective is to appreciate the educational and athletic development of student-athletes. Spectators and participants are all guests at this educational experience. They have the responsibility to uphold the ideals of good manners and sportsmanship at all times. We recognize that game officials do their best to make quick, fair and unbiased decisions and expect fans and participants to respect the judgment of contest officials and abide by the rules of the contest and display
positive behavior. Every competitor is worthy of respect and should be treated with courtesy.

Attendance at Walnut athletic events is encouraged. Attending students, parents and fans are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times by sitting in the appropriate designated areas, showing respect to visiting schools and fans and displaying courtesy to officials/school personnel at all times whether at home or away.

Athletics will require fundraising in order for students to participate. **Contributions, financial or by service are expected.**

**All parents of student athletes are expected to volunteer to support the events.**

Freshmen are eligible to try out for any of the varsity or JV teams.  High School basketball and football have freshman teams.  Junior High basketball, football and volleyball have separate 7th and 8th grade teams.

Web Page:  [http://www.walnuthilleagles.com/sports/](http://www.walnuthilleagles.com/sports/).  If you have any questions or concerns regarding participation on a team, please contact Steve Ellison in the Athletic Department at 363-8635 or  ellisos@cps-k12.org.  You may reach the assistant athletic directors, Shauniece Steele, at steeles@cps-k12.org or 363-8601 and Mark Hermann, at 363-8603 or hermann@cps-k12.org.

The Athletic Department provides the following sports teams for their student/athletes.

= Offered at that level.  7th & 8th = Offer both a 7th grade team & an 8th grade team.

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Steve Ellison, AD, 513-363-8635 or ellisos@cps-k12.org

All extracurricular activities must have a faculty sponsor. All student clubs must have a faculty sponsor and be charted by the Student Congress. The conditions of involvement in the activity must be spelled out in a constitution so that students know what opportunities are available and what commitment is required for the activity or organization to function.

A student who is interested in a club, organization, or activity offered at Walnut Hills should search out information in the following ways.

1. Listen for announcements made during second bell each day.
2. Read information posted on the "Under the Dome" bulletin board.
3. Contact the advisor of the specific group.

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| Animation Club                      | Mr. Gibson                   | KIVA                          | Mr. Scudder                  |
| Antiquitas                          | Ms. Keener                   | Lego Club                     | TBD                          |
| Archeology Forum                    | Mrs. Ligon                   | M'SE                          | TBD                          |
| Art Club                            | Ms. Watling                  | Math Counts*                  | Mrs. Burris/Mrs. Rhame       |
| Astronomy Club                      | Mrs. Macsotai                | Math Team* (all grades)       | Dr. Gordon                   |
| Backpacking Club                    | Ms. Mondini/Ms. Sullivan     | Mock Trial                    | Mr. Brady                    |
| BCC Step Team                       | Ms. Brokamp                  | Model U.N.                    | Mr. Gerth & Ms. Bramlage     |
| Bio-Eco Club                        | Mr. Schnure                  | Modern Abolitionists          | Mrs. Wolfe                   |
| Black Culture Club                  | Ms. Brokamp                  | Music Production Club         | Mr. LeBorgne                 |
| Boo Radley Society                  | Ms. C. George                | NSBE Club                     | Ms. Dobbs                    |
| Cappies                             | Mr. Sherman                  | Nut House Club                | Ms. Hill                     |
| Certamen                            | Ms Martinez, Ms Z Ligon      | Outdoor Adventure Club        | Ms. Sullivan                 |
| CHAT                                | Ms. Coats-Haan               | Photography Club              | Mr. Stocker                  |
| Chatterbox                          | Ms.Gerwe-Perkins             | Ping Pong Club                | TBD                          |
| Chess Club                          | Mr. Shaw                     | Pit Orchestra                 | Mr. Caliguri                 |
| Chinese Club                        | Ms. Ji                       | Project Start                 | Mr. Maddox                   |
| Christian Connection                | Ms. Fay                      | Recyling Club                 | Mr. Schnure                  |
| Class of ’19                        | K. Noland/J. George          | Remembrancer                  | Mrs. Gerwe-Perkins           |
| Class of ’20                        | Mr. Harris/Mr. Miles         | Robotics                      | TBD                          |
| Class of ’21                        | Mr. Caliguri                 | Rock Climbing Club*           | Mr. Miles                    |
| Class of ’22                        | Ms. Rigs                     | Rotary Interact               | Ms. Keener                   |
| Class of ’23                        | Ms. Stephenson               | Russian Club                  | Mrs. Hart-Tompkins           |
| Community Action Team               | Ms. Stephenson               | St. Baldricks                 | Mrs. Wolfe                   |
| Culinary Club                       | Mrs. Wasem                   | Say Soccer                    | Ms. Liss                     |
|                                    |                              | Science Fair*                 | Mr. LoVaglio                 |
### Family Life/Sex Education Program K-12:

As mandated by law, parents have the opportunity to withdraw their child from this particular instructional setting if it is their desire to do so based on religious or moral concerns. Parents must be notified in writing in a timely manner of the general content of the instructional program in Family Living/Sex Education. The notification to parents must advise them that it is their responsibility to notify the school in writing if they do not wish to have their child participate in the Family Life and Sex Education Program. If the school is not notified in writing, the child will receive instruction in the program. Any child whose parents request exemption, in writing, must be excluded from instruction, without penalty to the child. There can be no partial exemption from the program. The child participates in the total program or does not participate at all.

### Fees and Expenses:

See listing of Fees and Expenses (page 35).

### Field Trips:

Field trips are an important element of the educational process. Students are responsible for obtaining makeup information. Students may be denied participation on a field trip due to poor grades in any class that is affected.

### Health Records:

Both state and local health laws mandate that each student must have received clearance for DPT, Polio, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella to continue attendance in school. All students, including transfers from a school outside of Hamilton County, as well as students from a private school in Cincinnati, also must be screened for tuberculosis within ninety (90) days of the first
day of school unless documentation of tuberculosis screening within the previous year is presented. To assist in helping students get immediate family or medical assistance when they become ill or injured during the school day, each parent must complete and return an Emergency Medical Form. A NEW Emergency Medical Form must be completed each school year; it must be completed online through Registration Gateway by August 20, 2018. Parents are responsible to see that this form is kept updated and to inform the school of any changes in phone numbers, doctor, medication, or special problems. In instances where a child has been prescribed medication by a physician, a special permission for the dispensing of medication(s) must be filed. A copy of the prescribed medication, dosage, duration of dosage, and any possible side effects must be signed by the physician. All medication must be carried in the original container and bear the name of the child for whom it has been prescribed. Authorized forms for dispensing of medication must be completed online through Registration Gateway.

Help Night:
Students should consult with teachers regarding special help they may require. Requests should be made after or between regular class periods and should identify the reason for the request e.g., preparation of a special report, review of a test of quiz, help with a specific skill, etc. Assignments for help after the regular school day should be made with teachers at least two days beforehand. Each teacher is available at least one day a week for such help after school. If a student chooses to attend help night, he/she must remain with the teacher until 3:30 or go to the cafeteria until his/her transportation arrives (or until 7:25 if the sessions take place before school). See pages 1-4 for individual teacher help night information.

Homework:
Families choose Walnut Hills High School to give students a strong academic foundation for college work. At least 10 to 15 hours per week of outside study is expected of students to properly prepare for their classes. Suggestions for establishing effective homework habits are available from teachers and counselors. Additional study hours throughout the week and on weekends are expected beyond completed homework assignments. Homework can be a substantial part of the quarter grade.

Honors Program for Eighth and Ninth Grades:
Up to 180 students based on academic performance and other school criteria will be invited to participate in the honors program. Final selections will be made in June once grades from the recently completed courses are available. Consideration will be made for students new to Walnut Hills. This consideration may include grades, standardized test scores and the rigor of the program from which the student enrolled. In an effort to expand opportunities for acceleration in the junior high program, a AA/Honors level of courses was added in English, Social Studies and Science. The next highest ranking 8th grade students, based on grades in the core academic courses, will be invited to take one of these three courses. Course invitation and confirmation will take place in June.

Hot Weather Policy and Procedures:
Under Board Policy 3516, the Superintendent has the authority to close schools due to emergencies. This would be the policy under which we would close schools for heat emergencies or for the closure of schools due to inclement weather (i.e., snow days). There are no established temperature, heat indexes, or “magic numbers” under which we will close schools. Therefore, the decision will be made on a day-to-day basis. In addition, there are no existing Health Department regulations or guidelines. It will be a judgment call of the Superintendent.

Illness At School/Medical Room:
In the event of illness, students must obtain a hall pass from their teacher to report to the Medical Room unless during lunch period. If the Medical Room is unavailable, the student must report to his/her grade level office.

A parent will be contacted, as necessary, to make arrangements regarding the situation. If parental permission is granted for a student to leave school, a note from the Medical Room must be presented to the secretary in the grade level attendance office. There the student will receive an official Early Dismissal Slip. In no case is a student to leave school without permission from
the grade level office as described above (See Early Dismissal and Attendance). Students waiting for pick up because of illness will wait in the grade level office. If this procedure is not followed any absence following an early dismissal will be considered unexcused (this includes a circumstance in which a student initiates the process in an unacceptable fashion such as calling the parent directly.) Repeated violations may result in disciplinary action.

The Medical Room at Walnut Hills High School assists in calling parents and distributing medicines which have been registered with a Physician’s Permission Form. For the security and protection of all students, a picture I.D. must be shown when requesting registered medicines. Each school year students must have a new digital Emergency Medical Form on file through Registration Gateway in order to use the medical room. Students must obtain a hall pass from his or her teacher for admittance to the Medical Room. Students who have Emergency Medical Forms on file may use this facility between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. of the school day. Because of limited space, students are not permitted to rest in the medical room. Emergency situations will be handled as warranted. Parents of students with special needs must notify the Medical Room and the Grade Level Administrator.

Any medications brought to school by students must be kept in the Medical Room. There the medications are registered with a Physician’s Permission Form or prescription. All medications stored in the Medical Room must be claimed by the last day of school. Otherwise, medications will be disposed of by the school. Medications will be distributed only from medicine bottles which display the student’s name and dosage. Per CPS Board Policy, no medications will be dispensed without a physician’s signature, including over the counter medications.

Internet: (See Computer Technology)

Library:

The Walnut Hills High School Library offers students a collection of books, periodicals, web-based resources, and technology to meet their academic and recreational needs. All materials are selected with the student in mind. The trained librarians can assist each student in locating resources for research or a book for recreational reading. Students are welcome to visit the library before, during and after school. The library is open each school day from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students may use the library during their study hall or lunch to use the resources available in the library. While students may always use the library before and after school and during lunch, use of the library during Study Hall is a privilege that may be revoked by the librarians because of inappropriate behavior.

Our library circulation is completely automated. Students are responsible for all items checked out under their name. In orientation at the beginning of the school year, new students learn about searching the library card catalog and using library resources for their classes. Students may use the library computers to access our library catalog and research databases, all of which are web-based.

Our library collection includes over 20,000 books. We also subscribe to 20 magazines and newspaper in print and have access to 1400 more through our web-based resources. Our library acquires books by purchase and by gift. A gift to the library in the name of a friend or relative provides a thoughtful way to remember or honor someone. For further information regarding this opportunity, call the Library at 363-8516.

The library has a 30 workstation computer lab for students to use who may not have access to a computer at home and need to work on school projects.

Local School Decision Making Committee (L.S.D.M.C.)

The L.S.D.M.C. is a committee that usually meets monthly from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. This committee represents students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni, and community and gives the school its general direction.

Lockers

Students are to keep their personal belongings in the lockers which are assigned to them. Valuables should not be kept in lockers. Students are responsible for safeguarding their personal property. The school cannot be responsible for replacing lost
or stolen property. Every student who uses a locker must have a combination lock on it (no speed dial locks), provided by the
student. Combinations and lockers should not be shared with anyone other than the assigned locker partner. Students found
using/sharing a locker other than the one assigned to them will be subject to disciplinary action. All locks should be
registered with the fourth period teacher. Any unregistered locks will be removed.

**Lost and Found Articles:**

The school carries no insurance against theft. Students are responsible for securing their own belongings. Valuables
(watches, rings, glasses, wallets, clothing, books and all electronic devices) found in the school should be taken to room 2207.
Please check the lost and found box in the cafeteria for lost items.

**Lunch:**

Students are scheduled for lunch during the 4th period class. Pupils may bring lunch or buy lunch at school. A substantial
lunch may be purchased for approximately $2.50. Federal funds subsidize a plate lunch available for $2.00. The plate lunch
menu is varied each day and provision is made for a balanced, adequate diet.

If a student needs a free or reduced lunch application, he or she can pick it up from the grade level administrator.

Students may eat only in the following areas:

1. **Lunchroom** - Students may purchase plate lunches, ala carte servings or bring bag lunches to this area during
   scheduled lunch periods; food and drinks may not be taken from the lunchroom without permission from staff,
   faculty or administration approval.

2. **Lunchroom Courtyard / Arcade Patio** - Students are invited to bring their lunch to this area. This area will
   be closed during inclement weather.

3. **Arcade / Arcade Extension** – only on inclement days as specified by the school.

4. **Other Location Designated by Administration**

   Courtesy and consideration for others must be displayed by everyone at all times including lunch period by disposing of litter
   properly, not disturbing classes in session, and exhibiting responsible behavior. Eating is not permitted in any other area
   except with staff, faculty or administration approval.

   Students must be in their lunch location by 10 minutes after the start of lunch. Students moving from the cafeteria to another
   lunch location are expected to follow routes designated by administration. Between the lunch session five-minute passing
times, no student should be in the hallways without a hall pass. All hallways are considered out-of-bounds. Students should
   be at their selected lunch locations during these times: 10:25-10:40, 10:55-11:10 and 11:25-11:40. During each fifteen-minute
   span of time, the hallways should be quiet so learning can take place in the classrooms.

   No student is to leave grounds during the lunch period or at other times during the school day. Violation of this rule will
   result in disciplinary action.

**Mandatory Participation Fee:**

A fee is charged by Walnut Hills High School to help offset some of the costs of providing a comprehensive extra-curricular program.
This fee will be paid by everyone who makes a team; there is no fee to try out for a team. You should contact the Student Activities
Coordinator if a hardship affects your ability to pay. A separate fee is charged for each team you make. For example, if a student
makes the tennis and swim teams, he/she pays two fees; however, if a student makes the high school basketball team and the coach
moves the student between varsity and JV, he/she pays one fee. This is not a pay to play fee. The fee must be paid one week before the
first official contest of each season. Once this deadline has passed, a player will not be able to practice or play until the fee is paid. In
past years, the fee has been $40 for participation in a junior high school sport and $70 for participation in a high school sport. Fees are subject to change. Fees are nonrefundable. All checks should be made payable to the “Walnut Hills Athletics” and write “Mandatory Participation Fee” on the check. Payment can also be made by credit card, but American Express cannot be accepted. Parents and players are expected to participate in Parent Board fundraisers, team fundraisers, and Athletic Boosters fundraisers, such as Booster memberships, Walnut Fest, and the Flower Sale.

**Medical Room:** (See “Illness at School”)

**Medications:** (See “Illness at School”)

**Messages:**

Delivering messages to students involves the interruption of classroom instruction. Therefore only messages of an **urgent nature** from parents will be delivered. **Routine calls will not be honored.** Cell phones may not be used during classes.

**Metal Detectors:**

Security is always a priority at Walnut Hills High School. Metal detectors may be used at times at the entrance to an activity, classroom, or to the school. The security staff assists the administration with creating a safe campus.

**Metro Service:** See “Transportation”

**NCAA Clearinghouse:**

Any junior planning to participate in college athletics should register with the NCAA clearinghouse using the link on Naviance.

**Off Campus:**

No student is to leave school grounds at any time during the school day or after school if waiting for an activity without prior approval of the administration. Violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action.

**Open House (Curriculum Night) For Parents:**

Curriculum Night will be from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on Thursday, August 23rd. This time is set-aside for parents to visit their child’s teachers. Parents will hear the teachers’ expectations for the course and receive a syllabus of the content of the course.

**Open House for Prospective Students and Parents:**

The first Sunday afternoon in November (November 4, 2018) is set aside from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for prospective clientele to meet Walnut Hills High School students, parents, teachers, counselors and administrators. Several hundred families take advantage of this date every year.

**Outstanding Financial Obligations:**

Outstanding obligations may prohibit 1) the student’s participation in graduation, 2) obtaining official transcripts for education or employment purposes and 3) obtaining their diploma. Be sure to warn pupils in advance where possible. Students transferring to another Cincinnati Public School must pay the student fees before all records will be transferred. Their other obligations will be transferred to their new school. Students transferring to a private or parochial school will have the transcript withheld until all financial obligations have been paid. Walnut Hills 12th graders must have all fees paid in full, with the exception of AP fees, in order to purchase a Prom ticket or attend Prom. Cash or money order ONLY will be accepted in the main office. Payments via checking account, Master Card, or Visa may be paid on line at payforit.net. A student ID is required to set up an account on payforit.net.

**Parent Organizations:**
Besides the Walnut Hills High School Association (formerly Parent Association), parents can join the Walnut Hills Instrumental Parents (W.H.I.P. - music program boosters). If interested in contacting the board members of the WHHS Association, you can use the following link: [http://www.walnuthillseagles.com/parents/WHHS-association/board-members-contact.aspx](http://www.walnuthillseagles.com/parents/WHHS-association/board-members-contact.aspx), and for W.H.I.P., you can contact Mr. LeBorgne, the faculty chair, at leborge@cps-k12.org.

**Parking:**

All operators of licensed motor vehicles must register license numbers with Office 2216 if cars or motorcycles are used for transportation to school and are parked on Sulsar Drive, senior parking lot, extended parking lot or adjoining city streets. Students parking in designated student parking areas on school grounds must display a parking permit which can be purchased for $20 in Office 2216. Students are not permitted to park in faculty, staff, and visitor parking areas during the school day. Violators will receive repercussions outlined on page 51. Parking off school grounds is highly discouraged. Students parking off school grounds must register their vehicles. Our security staff cannot secure your car off school grounds.

**Physical Education:**

All classes are co-educational. Separate locker room facilities, however, are available where students are to leave street clothes, shoes, book bags and books while participating in class activities. Failure to adhere to proper gym attire will/may negatively impact grades. Students must provide their own locks for their gym locker and keep the locker locked during gym class. The school is not financially responsible for stolen items. (See Fees and Expenses p. 35). Students shall not place items in an unlocked locker.

**Plan Books:**

A primary key to success in school is managing time. All seventh and eighth grade students are required to have and maintain a Student Plan Book in which all assignments are recorded. Students at all other grade levels also should invest in a book to track their work. Parents are encouraged to check the plan books frequently and to offer assistance in making sure that work is returned in time and that adequate time for preparing long-range projects is allocated. Plan books cost $5.00 and are available in the Spirit Shop.

**PowerSchool:**

PowerSchool is the computer system used by Cincinnati Public Schools to keep track of student information. PowerSchool is used by principals, school office staff, teachers, counselors, central office staff, parents and students. It helps parents be an active part of their children's education and keep track of academic progress on a daily basis.

The system is accessed through a web site, so you can view it from home, work, or the local library. The information about your child is private and password protected. You will not be able to see other student's records and other parents cannot see your children's records.

Call 513-363-8445 with any concerns or if you need to register. You can logon to the website [powerschool.cps-k12.org](http://powerschool.cps-k12.org) to register or stop by office 2216 to receive a registration form. Previous PowerSchool accounts will carry over into the next school year; therefore, registration is only necessary if your child is new to Walnut.

If you need help with PowerSchool troubleshooting call the District Help Desk at 513-363-0390 or email [itmhelp@CPS-k12.org](mailto:itmhelp@CPS-k12.org).

**Privacy Information:**

Public release of student information is limited by Ohio Law Directory Information. This information includes name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and
sports, weight and height of athletic team members, dates of attendance, date of graduation, and awards received. If parents, legal guardians or students 18 years of age wish to prevent the release of Directory Information, please complete the form on the Gateway back-to-school digital packet by September 4, 2018. The link to the back-to-school packet is [http://cpsupdatereg.cps-k12.org](http://cpsupdatereg.cps-k12.org). The parent’s username and password is the student's number and date of birth using slashes. (ie: username: 100012343, password: 01/01/2009). ([refer to page 6 for contacts].

**Registration:**

Registration for new students for the school year 2019-20 will be held Thursday, January 31, 2019, Thursday, February 21, 2019, and Thursday, March 21, 2019. **The program will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.** Parents are asked to attend the entire session and have with them the following documents: copy of the SCPP test results, copy of the student’s birth certificate, copy of the student’s report card, copy of the student’s immunization record, proof of residency (see chart below), and, if applicable, a copy of the custody papers.

Parents wishing for their students to be excluded from any media photos or videos should be noted on the media release form found in the digital Back-To-School packet on Registration Gateway, [http://cpsupdatereg.cps-k12.org](http://cpsupdatereg.cps-k12.org).

**Enrollment – Proving Residency**

*Proof of residency shall be required for all newly enrolled students and any student whose address changes. Residency shall be established by providing an original or copy of one (1) item from either list.*

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<td>(2) <strong>Property Tax Statement</strong> dated within the previous year and be addressed to the parent at the residence.</td>
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<td>(3) <strong>Federal or state tax returns</strong> dated within the last 12 months.</td>
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<td>(5) <strong>Construction Contract</strong> include: (1) a sworn statement describing the location of the house to be built and stating the parent’s intention to reside there upon completion; and (2) a statement from the builder confirming that a new house is being built for the parent and that the house is at the location indicated in the parent’s sworn statement.</td>
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**Note:**

CPS accepts Parent Residency and Property Owner Affidavits with the required proof of residency documents.

CPS does not accept any notarized statements as proof of residency.

**Report Cards:**

Home reports are distributed to students no later than 10 school days following the end of each term. Counselors mail failure notices each semester. Fourth term reports are mailed to the parents of each student in June unless obligations are still outstanding. Midterm reports are distributed to students during the fifth week of each quarter. The school calendar and parent newsletter list specific distribution dates.

**Safety:**
Safety of students is a primary concern for all of us. Parents should not have students walking to off campus bus stops or cutting through certain areas. Private transportation should be provided after the regular 2:30 p.m. dismissal time once the Metro Extra buses have left the area. Please see dismissal on page 17 for additional information. Students should carry their school provided student ID at all times while on campus. If an ID is lost, the student will pay for the cost of a new ID.

**SAT Reasoning Test, SAT Subject Test, ACT Scores:**

Walnut Hills High School will not send a list of the student’s SAT Reasoning Test, SAT Subject Test or ACT scores with applications and transcripts. **STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE** for arranging the transmission of college entrance examination scores to colleges and universities. Students may visit their counselor’s office for any waiver requests for the SAT and ACT. College application fee waiver requests may be made to the college counseling office on the transcript request form.

**Saturday School:**

Students may be assigned Saturday School for more serious behavior than warrants a Thursday / Friday School. Saturday School precludes all school activities. Saturday School is assigned when a student skips Thursday / Friday School. Saturday School is held the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, except during holiday weekends, from 9am to 11am.

**School Tours for Prospective Students:**

Tours for prospective students and their parents will be conducted by the principal and/or a designee at 1:00 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: January 9, 2019, January 23, 2019, January 30, 2019, February 6, 2019, February 13, 2019, and February 20, 2019. Participants must register in advance on our school website. Registration opens on December 1, 2018. Space is limited, therefore, only two people per party may register.

**Senior Activity Calendar:**

A senior activity calendar will be distributed in the fall, outlining senior dates and activities.

**Shadowing:**

Only students who have registered or plan to register to take the entrance test will be candidates to shadow on selected days during the months of November 2018, January 2019, February 2019, and the first week of March, 2019. On-line registration will be conducted through our website beginning October 1, 2018. Space is limited and the appointments fill quickly. Shadows are not permitted beyond these dates. The Walnut Hills High School students hosting the shadows will be chosen from a pool of student ambassadors. Students will take a shadowing form signed by their parent to each of their teachers for their initials. After all teachers have initialed the form, the student takes the form to the Principal for approval.

**Smoking:**

Ohio State Law prohibits the use or possession of tobacco or other smoking products by students in any school building, on school grounds, or at any school-sponsored event. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disciplinary action. The campus is a smoke-free environment. Smoking within the buildings is not permitted by anyone.

**Student Directories:**

The WHHS Association will publish a directory of students enrolled at the school. Copies may be purchased for $5.00 at the Spirit Shop. **THOSE WHO CHOOSE NOT TO BE LISTED IN THE STUDENT DIRECTORY MUST CALL 363-8445 by AUGUST 23.** See “Privacy” section.

**Student Elections:**
The election of Student Congress officers and class officers takes place in April. To be eligible for nomination, a student must have at least a 2.5 GPA and no previous assignments to ISS, OSS, or Alternative Placement, and/or expulsion in grades 9-12 (for ninth grade elections, eighth grade record will be considered).

**Study Hall:**

Study halls are scheduled for all students when they are not scheduled in courses. Students in grades 11 - 12 may apply for a late arrival or early dismissal if they have a study hall the first or seventh class period and they have private transportation to or from school. No public transportation may qualify a student to receive a late arrival or early dismissal. Students seen on campus at a time when they have a late arrival or early dismissal will have that privilege revoked with the first offense. Poor grades or poor behavior will end a student's late arrival or early dismissal privilege. Before a late arrival or early dismissal is granted, grades will be reviewed, private transportation established, and a contract must be signed. No late arrivals or early dismissals will be granted before the second week of school. A contract must be signed by both student and parent before late arrivals or early dismissals can be granted. Either may be revoked for poor behavior or poor grades.

Students in grades 10-12 with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0, and a positive behavior record, who wish to work in the office or for a teacher during his/her study hall, may apply to do so with the individual for whom the student plans to work. Actual work permits will be revoked for poor grades.

**Summer School:**

Students who fail at least one semester of one or two courses will be required to attend Walnut Hills Summer School. There will be a fee for enrollment in summer school. Failure to participate will result in removal from Walnut Hills High School.

**Suspension and Expulsion:**

Walnut Hills High School participates in the CPS Alternative to Suspension Program (A2S) and Alternative to Expulsion Program (A2E). Students exhibiting disruptive behavior that impedes the instruction within the regular school setting will be assigned to these programs in lieu of being removed completely from a school setting. These programs allow students to continue with academic instruction coupled with activities to help the student become more aware and demonstrate social competencies in communications, decision-making and problem-solving skills.

Students are provided due process as directed by the State Legislature, interpreted and implemented by the Board of Education. The staff at Walnut Hills strives to provide the best possible learning environment for all students. To this end, the rules and regulations must be enforced without favoritism to ensure consistency and fair treatment for all.

Any student who commits a category 2 or category 3 offense can be excluded from all after school activities for a period of 30 to 60 days after serving a suspension or expulsion. Administration will submit the names of students who are excluded to teachers, Schedule E advisors and coaches.

**Suspension - In School:**

In-school suspension may be assigned by the administrator (as a repercussion for a disciplinary offense). While attending in-school suspension (ISS), a student will be required to complete normally assigned class work and assigned work details. It is the responsibility of the student to determine/discover the work to be completed. Failure to adhere to the ISS rules will result in further disciplinary action.

**Tardiness:** (See Absence and Tardiness)

**Testing:**

To receive a diploma in the State of Ohio, students are required to take seven end-of-course tests and are required to earn at least 18 points. End-of-course tests are: Algebra I or Integrated Math I, Geometry or Integrated Math II, American
Government, American History, English I, English II, Biology. Each test score earns you up to five graduation points. You must have a minimum of four points in math, four points in English, and six points across science and social studies. Your school and district receive grades on the Ohio School Report Cards for all students’ scores and participation on state tests. An alternative option is to earn “remediation-free” scores on either the ACT or SAT. For the ACT remediation-free scores are as follows: English – 18 or higher; Mathematics – 22 or higher; Reading – 22 or higher. For the SAT remediation-free scores are: Writing - 430 or higher; Mathematics – 520 or higher; Reading – 450 or higher. Your district will choose either the ACT or SAT for all students in your district to take for free during a one-time statewide spring test in grade 11.

AP Exams: The College Board’s Advanced Placement program affords students in grades 10-12 an opportunity to take college level courses for college credit. At this time Walnut Hills High School offers 34 Advanced Placement courses. Students are required to take the AP exam when enrolled in any AP course. The fee per exam is $94-$145 (subject to change). Additionally, a $5.00 late fee, per exam, will be applied if not paid by the late April due date. Students are automatically charged for the cost of each exam per course and will receive an obligation notice if the cost is not paid by April of the test year. More AP information will be disseminated in the AP classes.

Theft/Lost or Stolen Items:

Students must be responsible for the safekeeping of all personal items. The school will not investigate the theft or loss of personal electronic items if not properly secured.

Thursday and Friday Evening School:

Students may be assigned to Thursday or Friday Evening School for more serious misbehavior than warrants detention. Thursday and Friday Evening School precludes all after school activities. Thursday and Friday Evening School is held from 2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Students are required to attend on the date assigned.

Transportation:

Queen City Metro buses serve Walnut Hills High School. Metro Extra routes deliver students to the school on Jonathan Avenue. Routes are determined by Queen City Metro and the district's transportation division. Parents should call Transportation at 363-0330 or Queen City Metro at 632-7528 if they have any questions.

Extra curricular bus passes are available for students involved in after school activities. They MUST be used with a Queen City Metro Card and a fare is required for grades 9-12. Below are the rules and regulations to be followed when using this card.
1. Passes are valid only after 4:30 p.m.
2. Students will obey the driver and display acceptable behavior on the bus.
3. Misconduct or pass misuse will result in the loss of the pass.
4. While on the bus, the following rules will be observed:
   a) No smoking or eating.
   b) No fighting, creating disturbance, or damaging the bus.
   c) Profane language is prohibited.

These cards can be obtained in office 2209 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Transportation to and from school is provided through contract with Queen City Metro. Each eligible student will receive a bus pass which must be shown to the driver when boarding a bus. Passes are honored on school days only from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Students in grades 9-12 are required to pay a fare (50 cents each way) in addition to presenting the pass. Any student not presenting a pass will be required to pay full fare.

Bus cards are distributed at school the first day of school to those students who live in the district, who have enrolled prior to August 1, and who do not live within walking distance from school. A lost card can only be replaced at the CPS Central Office for a fee of $10.00.
Drivers are responsible for all conduct on the buses. Students may be put off a coach and/or have their passes confiscated for misuse or misconduct. Incident reports will be filed by Metro drivers with the Transportation Office at the Education Center on Burnet Avenue (363-0330) and with the school.

Plan Ahead - If a student misses a bus, alternate plans should be in place for going to or from school. Students should know all routes that serve their neighborhood. When a bus driver passes by without stopping, students should note the 3-digit number painted on that bus, located in front, on the side, at the rear and inside the bus. Students should then report this number along with an account of the incident after arriving at school to Room 2207. Private transportation must be arranged by parents for students on exam days if students arrange for a late arrival or early dismissal.

**Visitors:**

Parents and Alumni are welcome to visit Walnut Hills during school hours for conferences and observation. Alumni must report to the Alumni Foundation Office upon arrival. Conferences must be scheduled with a minimum of 48 hours notice and observations with a 24 hour notice. Persons not currently enrolled at Walnut Hills and who are not participating in formal school exchange programs may not visit the school, teachers or friends, nor attend classes during regular school hours. All visitors must register with the main office upon arrival.

**Volunteers:**

No school can operate at peak performance without the help of volunteers. The Walnut Hills High School Association has organized activities - Medical Room, Library, CIC (College Information Center), Tutors, etc., which can always use your help. Surveys are mailed each summer asking parents to identify their volunteer interests. Please complete the survey or contact a Walnut Hills High School Association member to volunteer.

**Work Details:**

Students receiving detentions, Friday Evening School, or ISS may be required to participate in specialized work details on and around the campus.

**Work Permits:**

Work permits will be issued in the Main Office from 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The student must provide his or her birth certificate, and a 2-sided work permit form with the parent, employer, and physician’s sections completed in order to receive a permit. These forms may be obtained in the main office. Work permits will be issued to students ages 14 through 18.
FEES AND EXPENSES
(All are subject to change)

1. Board of Education Instructional Fee Collection forms were mailed home in the back-to-school mailing.
2. Various classes have materials fees that are collected by the classroom teacher or the Treasurer.
3. The fee per exam is $94-$145 (subject to change). Additionally, a $5.00 late fee, per exam, will be applied if not paid by the late April due date. All fees, except AP, are due by the end of October. This cost is determined by CollegeBoard and subject to change.

Every student enrolled in a required Math course at Walnut Hills High School must own a TI (Texas Instrument) Challenger Solar Powered Scientific calculator or its equivalent. Parents are encouraged to make this investment early. The back of the calculator should properly identify the name of the student who owns the calculator. It will be used on a daily basis at school during each year math instruction has been scheduled.

**Consumable Fee** (Required for Chemistry & Biology) $10.00

**Curriculum Materials** (available from teachers):
- Art supply fees - (per semester) $25.00-$50.00
- World Language Course Fees $25.00

**Safety Goggles** (available from science teachers):
- Required for Biology, Chemistry, Zoology, Physiology, and Science classes. $3.00

**Science Fair Project Boards** (available from science teachers) $5.00

**Physical Education** (available from P.E. teacher):
- Gym Uniforms (shirt) $12.00-$20.00
- Gym Uniforms (shorts) $12.00-$20.00

Walnut Hills High School requires uniform dress in all gym classes. Grey Walnut Hills shirts and blue shorts are available for both boys and girls. Tennis racquets must be provided by students electing tennis class.

**Instructional Fees:**
Since 1979, the Board of Education has assessed special fees for each child to defray instructional supply and equipment expenses. (See Schedule of Student Fees, page 23).

**Student Parking Fees:**
Eligible Students $20.00

**Honors:** $65.00-$90.00 + travel

“Pay to participate” $40 (Jr. Hi) / $70 (HS)
Fall Semester

- Challenge yourself academically by taking difficult courses, i.e. AA courses
- Explore various extra-curricular activities to find those that you enjoy
- Attend free “Lunch Bunch” review sessions sponsored by the College Information Center prior to taking the PSAT at Walnut on October 10th
- Attend College Planning Night program for parents and students (November)

Spring Semester

- Plan the next three years of your academic courses and identify which AP courses you want to take
- Register for Naviance and complete the Career Interest Inventory and Career Cluster Finder
- Meet with your counselor to discuss your goals and to review your academic plan prior to optioning
- Attend PSAT academic review sessions to review your PSAT results
- Become familiar with college information resources provided by counselors, Naviance, the College Information Center, and the library
- Compete in matches, competitions, and contests to accumulate awards for inclusion in your resume

Summer

- Find a summer job, consider volunteering, attend a summer program
- Read for pleasure to build your vocabulary
Fall Semester

- Continue taking challenging academic courses, i.e. AA and AP courses. Maintain or strengthen, if necessary, your GPA. Update your academic goals and four-year plan
- Continue involvement in volunteer and extra-curricular activities. Consider narrowing down your activities to focus on those you particularly enjoy. Begin to work towards leadership positions
- Complete the Career Interest Profiler in Naviance
- Use Naviance to research colleges; use Super Match to begin building a college list
- Compete in matches, competitions, and contests to accumulate awards for inclusion in your resume
- Attend free “Lunch Bunch” review sessions sponsored by the College Information Center prior to taking the PSAT at Walnut on October 10th
- Register for the PreACT (Est. $15 cost)
- Consider attending the National College Fair (September), browse college guidebooks, check out college websites
- Attend College Planning Night program for parents and students (November)

Spring Semester

- Option for 11th Grade and attend the AP Fair
- Attend academic review sessions after receiving the PSAT and PreACT score reports (February/March)
- Begin to build a college application file, gathering materials about colleges of interest and collecting standardized score reports, transcripts, awards and honors
- Take AP Exams in May
- Take SAT Subject Tests in Latin, United States History and Math Level II after completing relevant coursework only if schools under consideration require or suggest taking those tests
- Register for July or August Achieving College Testing Success courses

Summer

- Find a summer job, do volunteer work, or attend a summer program
- Visit local colleges
- If you go on a family vacation, visit colleges in the area
- Study for the PSAT that you will take as a junior for National Merit eligibility
- Read for pleasure and vocabulary building
WALNUT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
College Planning Calendar
Junior Year

Fall Semester

- Continue taking challenging academic courses, i.e. AA and AP courses. Maintain or strengthen, if necessary, your GPA. Update your academic goals and four-year plan
- Focus on becoming a leader in a few extra-curricular activities. Run for an office, lead a team, start your own club, business, or service project
- Continue to compete in matches, contests, and competitions and add any awards to your resume
- Use Naviance to expand your list of colleges, including “reach” and “safety” schools. Think about what you seek in a college: location/size/specific major/competitiveness
- Attend College Planning Night program for parents and students (November)
- Attend free “Lunch Bunch” review sessions sponsored by the College Information Center prior to the October PSAT/NMSQT and continue attending ACT/SAT specific sessions
- Take the PSAT in October, the test that determines National Merit Scholarship qualifiers
- Get to know your teachers and start thinking about whom you might ask to write college and scholarship recommendations
- If you intend to seek an athletic scholarship, register at the NCAA Eligibility Center at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. Send out letters of interest to coaches at the schools that most interest you
- Preview how much financial aid for which you may be eligible by completing the Net Price Calculator at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Attend college fairs and meet college representatives when they visit school during 3rd lunch. Ask questions!
- Visit colleges. Students are permitted three (3) excused absences during both junior and senior year for college visits
- Take the ACT in December. Order the test booklet(s) for review. No college requires submission of scores from both tests and no college specifies which test it prefers.
- Complete Personality Type in Naviance

Spring Semester

- Attend academic review sessions after receiving the PSAT/NMSQT and ACT score reports
- Register the SAT in March if scores on the PSAT suggest that test as well. Order the test booklet(s) for review. No college requires submission of scores from both tests and no college specifies which test it prefers.
- Preview the Common Application and review copies of the supplements from colleges that interest you
- Attend the Been There, Done That program, comprised of a panel of parents providing the parent perspective and a panel of senior students providing the student perspective of the college application process (February)
- Prepare for and take the district provided ACT (February 20)
- Visit colleges. Students are permitted three (3) excused absences during both junior and senior year for college visits
- Write a response to the common application essay. Submit to an English teacher for editing
- Ask 2-3 teachers to commit to writing recommendation letters. Prepare documentation that will help teachers write effective letters. Keep in mind teachers cannot write unlimited recommendations (May)
- Continue to prepare for follow-up ACT and/or SAT tests – ACT now offers a test in July and SAT offers a test in August.
- Take AP Exams and SAT Subject Tests after completing relevant coursework only if schools under consideration require or suggest taking those tests
- Register for an August Common Application Boot Camp

Summer Semester

- Find a summer job, do volunteer work or attend a summer program
- Continue to research and visit colleges and note any early action or early decision deadlines at colleges of choice
- Read for pleasure to build your vocabulary
WALNUT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

College Planning Calendar
Senior Year

Fall Semester

- Continue taking challenging academic courses and keep up your grades. Beware of “senioritis”!
- Continue involvement in volunteer and extra-curricular activities; update your resume
- Meet individually with your counselor to narrow list of colleges, discuss financial aid and scholarship opportunities
- Decide schools to which you will apply and prepare a list of deadlines having noted over summer any early action or early decision deadlines at colleges of choice
- Take any additionally needed SAT, ACT, or SAT Subject Tests in September or October
- Attend Senior College Forum for all seniors (September)
- Parents attend the September 6 program, Nuts and Bolts, for a detailed explanation of the college application process
- Parents attend Senior Financial Aid Night (September 26)
- Complete senior packet on Naviance – one for parents, one for students (October 1)
- Research scholarship opportunities and internships listed in Naviance and track deadlines
- Complete NCAAClearinghouse application (www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) if a student athlete
- Complete official FAFSA (financial aid form) at www.fafsa.ed.gov, beginning October 1. If required, complete the CSS/Financial Aid Profile at www.profileonline.collegeboard.org
- Attend Interviewing Skills Workshop (October)
- Arrange for college interviews if required – preparation for which should include scheduling a mock interview in the College Information Center
- Submit WHHS guidance office request form so that counselors complete letters of recommendation
- Make certain teachers submit letters of recommendation at least two weeks prior to the college deadline and by November 16 at the latest
- Brainstorm, write your essays, and enlist editors to help you revise them. Create a master list of supplemental essays
- Visit colleges of major interest. Plan an overnight in a dorm if possible
- Attend college representative visits and ask questions!
- Submit by November 16 guidance office transcript requests for each school to which you are applying
- Request ACT scores at www.actstudent.org or SAT, Subject Test, and AP scores at www.sat.collegeboard.org be sent to colleges at least three weeks before the application deadline(s) if scores have not been previously sent

Spring Semester

- Continue to apply for scholarships (January – March)
- Send supplemental information to colleges as it becomes available, i.e., awards
- Meet Acceptance Reply Date. Write to inform and thank colleges whose offers you did not accept
- Write thank-you notes to teachers who wrote letters of recommendation
- Complete the Future Plans / Final Transcript request form on Naviance (May)
- Create a college budget and begin applying for additional student loans, if necessary
- Attend Senior Exit Meeting with your counselor (May)
2018-2019 EXAM SCHEDULE
For the

ACT-PSAT/SAT – Subject Tests

PSAT/NMSQT – grades 10, 11
Test Fee – CPS pays the fee
Test Date – Wednesday, October 10, 2018

PSAT 8/9 – grade 9
Test Fee – CPS pays the fee
Test Date - Wednesday, October 10, 2018

- grade 8
Test Fee – TBD
Test Date - TBD

PreACT – grade 10
Test Fee – TBD
Test Date – January 26, 2019

ACT
Test Fee = $46.00

ACT Plus Writing
Test Fee = $62.50

Test Date          Regular Registration Closes          *Late Registration Closes
July    14, 2018          June            15, 2018                      June    22, 2018
September 8, 2018        August           10, 2018                      August  26, 2018
October  27, 2018         September        28, 2018                      October 14, 2018
***December 8, 2018       November         2, 2018                       November 19, 2018
February  9, 2019         January          11, 2019                      January 18, 2019
***April   13, 2019        March            8, 2019                       March   25, 2019
***June    8, 2019         May              3, 2019                       May     20, 2019
July     13, 2019          June            4, 2019                       June    24, 2019

SAT
Test Fee = $47.50

SAT with Essay
Test Fee = $64.50

Subject Tests
Test Fee = $26.00
+ 22 per test (language test fee $26)

Test Date          Regular Registration Closes          **Late Registration Closes
August  25, 2018        July              27, 2018                      August  15, 2018
***October 6, 2018      September        7, 2018                       September 26, 2018
November 3, 2018        October          5, 2018                       October  24, 2018
December 1, 2018        November        2, 2018                       November 20, 2018
***March   9, 2019       February         8, 2019                       February 27, 2019
***May     4, 2019        April            5, 2019                       April    24, 2019
June      1, 2019        May              3, 2019                       May     22, 2019

*Requires additional $29.50 late fee
**Requires additional $29.00 late fee

Wait List fee available – Test fees plus $51.00/SAT or standby registration – Test fees plus $53.00/ACT
***Question & Answer Service available & recommended - $18/SAT or $20.00/ACT
SAT and Act registration forms and fee waivers are available in the counselors’ office.
Mailed registration forms must be postmarked by midnight of the dates listed above.
Students may register online for the SAT at http://www.collegeboard.org and for the ACT at http://www.act.org
2018-2019 College Entrance Test Information

Eighth Grade Students

PSAT 8
Test Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019
Eighth graders will have the option to take the PSAT 8. Registration fee.

Freshman Students

PSAT 8/9
Test Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2018
All freshmen will take the PSAT 8/9. No registration is required. CPS pays the fee.

Sophomore Students

PSAT/NMSQT
Test Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2018
All sophomores will take the PSAT/NMSQT. No registration is required. CPS pays the fee.
PreACT
Sophomores will have the option to take the PreACT. Registration fee.
Test Date – Saturday, January 26, 2019

Junior Students

PSAT/NMSQT
Test Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2018
All juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT. No registration is required. CPS pays the fee.
ACT
Recommended Test Date: December 8, 2018 (registration deadline: November 2)
Register online at www.act.org or pick up a registration packet and practice test in the Guidance Office or in the CIC (Room 2205). Register to take the ACT Plus Writing. Take advantage of the Test Information Release, return of the test booklet and expanded score report, available on this test date for an additional fee of $20.00.
SAT
Recommended Test Date:
March 9, 2019 (registration deadline: February 8, 2019)
A strong PSAT score on the October 2018 test is a good indicator that a student should consider taking the SAT.
Register online at www.collegeboard.com or pick up a registration packet and practice test in the Guidance Office or in the CIC (Room 2205).

Senior Students

SAT
Recommended Test Dates: August 25, 2018 (registration deadline: July 27) or October 6, 2018 (registration deadline: September 7)
Register online at www.collegeboard.org or pick up a registration packet and practice test in the Guidance Office or in the CIC (Room 2205).
ACT
Recommended Test Date: September 8, 2018 (registration deadline: August 10)
Register online at www.act.org or pick up a registration packet and practice test in the Guidance Office or in the CIC (Room 2205).
We recommend these test dates so that students can meet specific college deadlines. Because almost all colleges will accept results from either test, students do not have to take - or retake - both tests. Discuss with a counselor or CIC staff member the better option.
CAREER INFORMATION WEBSITES

Naviance- http://connection.naviance.com/walnuthhs
Naviance is a tool that allows students to find college and career pathways that are right for them. Students are able to complete inventories that assess their learning style, personality type, and career interests. Using the results of these inventories, students can explore potential careers, including the tasks and skills of each career, educational requirements, and salary range.

America’s Career InfoNet – http://www.careeronestop.org
Find occupational requirements, wage and employment trends, state-by-state labor market conditions, millions of employer contacts nationwide, and the most extensive career resource library online. Vast library with more than 4,000 links to Career Resources. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

From the U.S. Department of Labor and revised every two years, this nationally recognized source of career information is designed to provide assistance to individuals making decisions about their future work lives. The Handbook describes what workers do on the job, working conditions, the training and education needed, earnings, and expected job prospects in a wide range of occupations.

The leading career information resource for the military world of work. Gives details on enlisted and officer occupations. Because most military occupations are comparable to one or more civilian occupations, civilian counterparts are given for every applicable military occupation. Describes training, advancement, and educational opportunities within each of the major Services.
Listed below are a few of the best resources to guide you through the college process.

**FIND IT ONLINE:**

- **www.act.org**  
  Includes college searches, financial aid resources, and tips for taking the ACT.

- **www.collegeboard.org**  
  Includes college searches, financial aid resources and tips for taking the PSAT/SAT

- **www.collegenet.com**  
  Provides an online guide to colleges, universities graduate programs and financial aid. Includes a search engine for all education-related pages.

- **www.collegeview.com**  
  Provides a compilation of more than 3,800 schools including Hobson’s guides to black colleges, Christian colleges and special information for Hispanic college-bound students as well as virtual campus tours, scholarship searches and a career center.

- **www.fastweb.com**  
  Lists more than 600,000 scholarships, descriptions of over 4000 colleges and universities and tips on financial aid and careers. Students can also create profiles that will match scholarships and colleges with student criteria.

- **www.petersons.com**  
  Identifies colleges by tuition, location, major, sports and more. Also offers financial aid search options for grants, scholarships and loans.

- **www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/cohome.htm.**  
  Lists the best colleges and best graduate schools.  
  **U.S. News and World Report**

- **www.connectedu.net/members**  
  CPS-sponsored website providing college searches and financial and scholarship aid opportunities.

**FIND IT IN PRINT**

- **Colleges That Change Lives, 2013-14 Edition**  
  Loren Pope, Penguin Press  
  A candid review of 40 “life-changing” colleges which are producing outstanding results with a variety of students.

- **The College Board Handbook, 2017 Edition**  
  The College Board  
  Includes every college and university in the U.S. organized by state, and lists SAT statistics, deadlines, financial aid, percentages, popular majors, brief descriptions. Also comes with a CD-ROM.

- **Complete Book of Colleges 2017**  
  Princeton Review (Editor)  
  Contains profiles for more than 1,821 schools. Includes academic programs and majors offered, tuition and other costs, extracurricular activities and much more.

- **Cool Colleges 2007, 2nd Edition**  
  Donald Asher, Ten Speed Press  
  Provides quirky reviews of most accredited institutions within the U.S. and Canada with emphasis on helping students find college matches based on their personalities and approach to education.

- **(The) Fiske Guide to Colleges 2018**  
  Edward B. Fiske; Sourcebooks, Inc.  
  Rates more than 300 schools based on academics, social life and quality of life. Also includes current trends in college admissions and a “Best Buy” list of 44 public and private schools that offer an excellent education at reasonable prices.

  The Staff of the Yale Daily News  
  Contains information for more than 300 schools in the U.S. and Canada, including up-to-date Information on everything from tuition to acceptance rates to male/female ratios.

- **Rugg’s Recommendations on the Colleges, 34th Edition**  
  Frederick E. Rugg  
  PDF Format only  
  Evaluates 970 colleges by department/undergrad major

- **U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges 2017 Guidebook**  
  Features complete data on more than 1,400 colleges and universities plus exclusive lists and indices to help compare the schools.
STUDENTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES DOCUMENT

When in conflict, all rights and responsibilities listed here are superseded by national, state, and local laws and Board of Education actions.

I. Assembly

A. Rights

1. Students have the right to meet and form groups and organizations. No group shall be denied the right to organize and meet unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the group is intent upon disruption of the educational process or upon the violation of the law that its existence clearly endangers the health or safety of students or staff members or the proper process for forming clubs is not followed.

2. No student shall be subject to punishment or harassment for membership in any legitimate group or meeting.

3. Student groups have the right to hold meetings at which they may discuss, pass resolutions about, or take lawful action respecting any manner.

4. All student organizations are to be accorded equal consideration and treatment with respect to holding meetings in schoolrooms or on school grounds.

5. Student organizations may invite speakers to address their group; approval of the faculty sponsor is required and speakers must be scheduled during non-class time. Prior notice of two days is required. Denial of permission shall be reasonable and justifiable. Appeal of any denial may be made.

B. Responsibilities

1. All student groups and meetings must have a member of the school staff as sponsor, advisor or monitor. The group has the primary responsibility in the selection of the faculty advisor, subject to the agreement of the sponsor and the principal. Its recommendation will normally be followed.

2. Each group shall petition Student Congress for a Charter after guidelines for participation have been developed and the preliminary work is approved by the school administration.

3. No pupil may sell any item except as part of a specifically authorized school activity. Organizations wishing to sell items should make arrangements with the appropriate administrator and put an announcement in the Daily Bulletin. Food sales may not be conducted during class time or lunch periods.

II. Discrimination and Access

A. Rights

1. Each student has the right to equal opportunity in the classroom and other school related activities, without regard to sex, race, physical handicap, religion, national origin, economic or social status.

2. Each student has the right to participate fully, at the level of his demonstrated ability, in the educational activities of the school and is entitled to a school atmosphere that promotes learning in an orderly fashion.

3. Students have the right, upon request, to receive advice from a counselor on matters relating to their physical or mental well being.
4. Each student has the right to an explanation of course objectives and rules explaining grading.

5. Each student has the right to a fair evaluation at the end of each grading period.

6. Excused absences, misconduct or disciplinary actions (in or out of school) are not to be used as criteria for academic grading, though failing grades may be assigned to work during unexcused absence or suspension from school. The personality of the student should not influence academic grades.

B. Responsibilities

1. Each student shall work to his/her full potential commensurate with his/her capabilities.

2. Each student shall attend school regularly except for legitimate absences about which parents have knowledge (personal illness, death in family, religious holidays).

3. Each student shall meet course requirements including prompt make-up work.

4. Each student shall know and follow the code of conduct and be familiar with actions or behaviors not permitted in school or at any school activity.

III. Exercise of Common Courtesy and Mutual Respect

A. Rights

1. Each student deserves to be respected and valued for his/her individuality by all others in the community.

2. Each student has the right to fulfill his/her best intellectual potential in an atmosphere conducive to academic excellence.

3. Each student has the right to be recognized for appropriate accomplishments.

4. Each student has the right to enjoy the special advantages occurring from the presence, in school, or students with diverse cultural, economic, racial and religious backgrounds.

B. Responsibilities

1. Each student should show respect to himself/herself and all others in the community.

2. Each student should foster a climate of tolerance and capitalize on cultural/ethnic/religious/racial/ and economic diversity in the community.

3. In the pursuit of intellectual achievement, each student will/should keep an open mind, listen to others and not resist programs and change.

4. Each student will/should include others in activities regardless of race, gender, religion, or cultural differences.

5. Each student should contribute his/her talents to the community.

6. Each student should promote the ideas of good citizenship in all aspects of human relations, thereby preparing the student for life in a pluralistic society.

IV Expression
A. **Rights**

1. Students have the right to express, through proper channels, in a non-disruptive manner, their opinions on subject matter taught, school activities, operation/policies, and on matters of broad social concern and interest.

2. School personnel will provide an atmosphere which encourages students to examine with an open mind all sides of controversial issues and will promote among students, respect and tolerance for other points of view.

3. All recognized school groups have the right of access to school publicity facilities – bulletin boards, Daily Bulletin, and approved areas for posting announcements, as time and space permit. Approval of the faculty sponsor and administration, however, is required.

4. Students have the right to symbolic expression. This refers to expression that conveys personal beliefs through such means as hairstyle, clothing, buttons.

B. **Responsibilities**

1. Posters may not be placed in the main hall foyer or taped to any painted surface in the building. All posters must be approved by the administrator coordinating student activities and removed by the sponsoring group promptly after the event.

2. Expression may not slander or devalue groups or individuals, nor use obscene language in any form.

3. All forms of free expression are subject to normal limitations imposed by standards of decency, safety and health in a non-disruptive school atmosphere which is conducive to learning.

**IV. Grievance Procedure**

A. It is recognized that non-academic grievances are most effectively settled at the lowest possible level. If resolution is not obtained, however, the procedure will include the following sequential steps:
   a. A meeting of the two grievants to solve the problem prior to any further steps;
   b. A grievant may seek a meeting with the counselor for information;
   c. A meeting of the two grievants with the principal or his designee;
   d. If the grievant cannot meet agreement with the principal, the grievant has the right to appeal his/her case to the Superintendent’s office.

B. Students should bring academic grievances to the appropriate administrator. The student has a right to have an adult of his/her choice at such a meeting with the administrator.

**VI Publications**

A. **Rights**

1. Students have the right to express themselves by means of publications.

2. All recognized school groups may use school facilities to publish information if facilities are available and if the group supplies the materials needed.

B. **Responsibilities**

1. Student publications must bear the name of the group and the individuals responsible.
2. Students who write, edit, publish or distribute handwritten, printed or duplicated material within the school assume full responsibility for its contents.

3. Publications of a recognized school group must have the approval of the faculty sponsor. Publications of any other group or individual must be approved by the principal, to whom they must be submitted two days prior to intended distribution. Any denial of permission to publish must be reasonable and justifiable; appeal of any denial may be made (Sec. VI). The final decision as to the suitability of materials shall reside with the Faculty Advisor (after consultation with the student editor) in accordance with other provisions of the document.

4. Students may not distribute printed materials that promote activities which clearly endanger the safety of students or staff members, or activities which clearly threaten to disrupt the educational process, or activities which break rules or laws.

VII Student Government

A. Rights

1. The student body has the right to organize a representative student government organization.

2. This body shall, in so far as possible, be elected and shall equally and democratically represent all students.

3. All students are eligible to participate

4. The student government has the right to appoint or cause to be elected student representatives to all in-school organizations on which students are officially represented.

5. The student government may evaluate any aspect of the school community.

B. Responsibilities

1. The student government shall review, evaluate and recommend actions relating to the extracurricular program including chartering other groups and organizations.

2. The student government shall regulate the use of the school bulletin boards in cooperation with the administrator coordinating student activities.

3. Students officially designated by the student government shall petition to meet with the department chairmen and other policy-making bodies to make presentations regarding pertinent issues.
Parents often wonder what they can do to help their teenagers successfully meet the challenges of secondary school. Researchers from the University of Wisconsin and Stanford University conducted a study as part of the Madison National Center on Effective Secondary schools. Here are 10 tips for parents who want to help teenagers meet the challenges of high school and beyond.

1. **Recognize that transitions are tough.** The first year of high school can be a difficult and stressful year. The work is harder, expectations are higher, and pressure for good grades is stronger. What’s more, students must adjust to new faces and a new social system. Some students may not be ready to adjust to the more rigid academic structure of the high school. Others may have some difficulty with the self-discipline needed to operate independently. Parents generally become more vocal because they know exactly what they want their sons and daughters to get from high school. At the other end, seniors must be prepared to leave the familiar routine of high school and venture into a new situation: establish a reputation, make new friends, and cope with the often unpredictable demands of the world beyond high school. By simply acknowledging how difficult these tasks are, parents can help students manage successfully.

2. **Let them stretch.** High schoolers grow rapidly in physical, mental, and social maturity. They must try out and learn to manage these new abilities. Parents can assist by (A) Letting their child express opinions in family discussions—and taking their opinions seriously. (B) Encouraging students’ efforts to try out new activities—especially ones that parents haven’t selected for them. (C) Giving them room to fail as well as room to succeed at something.

3. **Guide through example.** In high school, students grow sophisticated enough intellectually to recognize and resent contradictions between what you say and what you do. Telling students it is important to study and learn is more effective if, after saying it, parents sit down to read a good book rather than sit down and watch television. Set the desired example and Be Positive.

4. **Discipline with choices and consequences, not demands and punishments.** By saying, “This is the rule, period,” parents (and educators) give students the subtle message: “I don’t think you are able to make good decisions.” An alternative is to offer choices and consequences. For example, “You may do this or you may do that, but if you do that, please understand that the consequences will be…” Students whose parents use this strategy tend to have better grades, higher self-esteem, and closer relationships with their family.

5. **Be consistent.** No matter what discipline style parents use, it is more effective when it is consistent. Try to make the consequences for a particular action the same each time it occurs. And, try to ensure that each parent disciplines in the same fashion. In this study, students raised in households with this sort of consistency developed a stronger sense of self-discipline.

6. **Knowing where beats being there.** Working parents often feel guilty if they cannot be there when their children are due home from school. The study results indicate that school grades and levels of misbehavior are not affected by whether or not a parent is home when the teenager finishes school for the day. However, knowing where the student is does make a difference. Grades were significantly higher and problem behavior was less frequent among students whose parents monitored their whereabouts after school.

7. **Praise works better than presents.** Some parents respond to good grades with concrete rewards: money, car use, etc. They take these presents away if grades fall. Others raise expectations and challenge their students to do even better. Curiously, the study indicated that these strategies tended to drive grades downward. The most effective strategies were to respond to good grades with praise and respond to poor grades with simple words of encouragement or offers to provide help (a tutor, for example). The only failure of this approach comes when student grades are very low to begin with. At the other end, seniors must be prepared to leave the familiar routine of high school and venture into a new situation: establish a reputation, make new friends, and cope with the often unpredictable demands of the world beyond high school. By simply acknowledging how difficult these tasks are, parents can help students manage successfully.

8. **Attend school functions.** The more frequently parents were involved in the school, the better their students did academically. Students seem to appreciate the interest parents show by attending back-to-school nights, parent-teacher conferences, and co-curricular events, especially ones in which the student is involved. Attending these functions also puts parents in a better position to be able to talk about school with their child, to spot difficulties their child is having, and to suggest strategies for overcoming difficulties. Visit school any time, not just on special occasions.

9. **Keep in touch with your teen.** These days, teens and parents are often so busy that they hardly see each other. But young people benefit enormously from opportunities to talk with a parent about their experiences, opinions, and feelings. This is not a time for parents to lecture, offer advice or remind about rules. It is a time to listen intently to what’s going on in their child’s life.

10. **Keep in touch with other parents.** When neighborhoods or communities share a common set of expectations for teenage behavior, life is much easier for parents and for teenagers. Networking with other parents is a good vehicle for establishing shared expectations and for learning how other parents handle common situations. Use your Parent Board Directory!
WHEN YOUR TEEN IS GIVING A PARTY. Plan in advance. Check party plans with your teenager and know the guest list. If you agree as to who is invited, you can curb the “open party” situation.

SET A TIME LIMIT. Set a definite start and end, not too long. Consider weekend daytime parties as an alternative to evening ones or plan an activity such as swimming, skating, or renting movies.

AGREE TO RULES AHEAD OF TIME…THOSE MIGHT INCLUDE:
- No drugs, including alcohol
- No smoking
- No leaving the party and returning
- No gate crashers allowed
- Lights should be left on
- Some rooms in your house should be off-limits

KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES. The responsible adult at a teenager’s party is VISIBLE and AWARE. Remember, IT IS ILLEGAL TO SERVE DRUGS, INCLUDING ALCOHOL, TO MINORS. You are legally responsible for anything that may happen to a minor who has been served drugs or alcohol in YOUR home.

INVITE ANOTHER PARENT OR COUPLE OVER. Other adults are company for you during a long evening and can be of help with problems. Also, if parents have driven teenagers to your house, you might consider inviting them to meet you, however briefly.

WHEN YOUR TEEN IS GOING TO A PARTY. Call the host parent. Make sure that your basic ground rules, such as parental supervision and no alcohol, will be followed before you give your consent to attend a party. If you teenager complains that you don’t trust him or her, explain the issue is not one of trust, but rather an issue of parents agreeing to certain ground rules.

CHECK THE PARTY PLANS BEFORHAND WITH YOUR TEENAGER. Know where your child is going and with whom. When taking your teenager ot a party, wait to see that he or she is inside the house. If you don’t know the host parents, introduce yourself.

MAKE IT EASY FOR YOUR TEENAGER TO LEAVE A PARTY. If there is drinking or drug taking or any reason that your teenager wishes to leave a party, make an arrangement that your child can call you (or a designated adult) and you will come. Urge your teenager NEVER to ride home with a driver who has been drinking. You might have an understanding that there will be no punishments or restrictions for a call letting you know that things are getting out-of-hand.

BE UP TO GREET YOUR TEENAGER WHEN HE/SHE COMES HOME FROM A PARTY.

CURFEWS

The City of Cincinnati has established a curfew law:

- 15 years or younger: 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- 16-17 years of age: midnight to 5:00 a.m.

Students picked up by the Cincinnati Police during the above times will be taken to curfew centers and parents will be called. If a vehicle is stopped for a traffic violation, and a juvenile happens to be in the car, they will be in violation of curfew.
Districtwide Discipline Policy

Positive School Culture

- There is a districtwide Code of Conduct for students.
- Every parent should receive a copy of the Code of Conduct early in the school year.
- If you do not receive one, please contact your child’s school.

Cincinnati Public Schools strives to create a Positive School Culture in all our schools, aimed at creating a safe and orderly environment that keeps students in school and engaged in learning.

Part of this Positive School Culture is a districtwide Code of Conduct that provides clear and explicit expectations for student behavior, specifies guidelines for teaching social skills to students, describes methods to help correct behavior and outlines the consequences for misbehavior.

In addition to the Code of Conduct, each school is required to develop its own Positive School Culture Plan through its Positive School Culture Committee. This plan must include a range of options that teach behavior expectations to students. Schools must communicate this plan to parents and students. Parents should know and understand the Positive School Culture Plan at their children’s schools.

Searches of Students and Property

Students will be subject to searches by metal detectors and/or by hand on a random basis, or with reasonable suspicion, by district administrators or security personnel.

The district may search: A student’s outer clothing, pockets, book bags or other property; a student’s locker; a vehicle driven to school by a student and parked on school property.

Students have no expectation of privacy in cell phones or other electronic devices brought to school. If there is reasonable suspicion that a search will reveal a violation of school rules, cell phones and other electronic devices may be confiscated and searched, including searching calls, e-mails, contacts, texts, and other communications or Internet access.

Students will be treated with respect during a search. Any student failing to cooperate during a search will be subject to discipline under the CPS Code of Conduct.

The Cincinnati Public School District is not responsible for damaged, lost or stolen personal items.
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Questions concerning infractions should be referred to the grade level administrator. Inquiries about DT should be directed to the staff who assigned it.
1. Students must cease all talking and social activity when the bell rings and remain quietly in their seats throughout the period. A student should request permission to speak to another student or teacher by raising his/her hand.

2. A student must bring material needed for study to the Study Hall.

3. Electronic devices may not distract other students.

4. Working with other students is permitted if this activity has been approved by the Study Hall teacher.

5. A student who uses the Study Hall period to make up work with a classroom teacher must provide notification from the teacher to the Study Hall teacher within the first ten minutes of the bell.

6. A student who must leave Study Hall for an emergency summons, or restroom visitation must sign out and in with the Study Hall teacher. A student who abuses restroom privileges will have that privilege suspended. Only one student will be permitted to visit the restroom at a time.

7. A student who wishes to use the Library during Study Hall Bells 1-7 should report immediately to the Library and sign in. The student should not report to Study Hall.

8. A student who chronically violates Study Hall regulations will be referred to the appropriate administrator for further discipline and possible parent conference.

9. For 11-12 only: 1st and 7th period Study Halls offer the option for students and their parents to contract for late arrival or early dismissal privileges. A reserved section will be available during 1st and 7th periods for “occasional” students who must be present at school on some days during these times. Students with late arrival or early dismissal may not be on campus during these times, unless in study hall.

10. An unexcused absence from Study Hall is treated as a “cut,” the same as an absence from any other scheduled class.

11. A student (in grades 9-12 with a 3.0 or “B” average) who wishes to work as a classroom or office assistant must see the appropriate adult and bring the student assistant permit to the Study Hall teacher the first day he/she will miss Study Hall. This assignment must be approved by the 10th and 11th grade administrator.
3rd Floor (Upper Level)