



**West Iredell
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Home of the “WARRIORS”

STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Student Handbook

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Iredell-Statesville Board of Education affirms the principle that every student -- regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, cultural or economic background, or disability -- should be given an equal educational opportunity for educational development. Further, no student, on the basis of sex, marital status, pregnancy, or parenthood, will be excluded from participating in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity conducted by the district. The school district will treat its students without discrimination in regard to course offerings, athletics, counseling, employment assistance and extracurricular activities.

2022 - 2023 School Calendar - Significant Dates and Days of No School

2023

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| August 22 | First day for Teachers |
| August 23 | Required Teacher Workdays |
| August 24 | Open House (5 - 7 pm) |
| August 25 & 26 | Teacher Workdays (Optional) |
| August 29 | First Day of School for Students |
| September 5 | Labor Day Holiday |
| September 14 | Early Release Day (1st & 2nd Periods) |
| September 26 | Teacher Workday (Optional) |
| October 5 | Early Release Day (3rd & 4th Periods) |
| *October 31 | END of the 1 st Nine Weeks |
| November 1 | Teacher Workday (Optional) |
| November 8 | Report Cards |
| November 11 | Veteran's Day Holiday (NO SCHOOL) |
| November 23, 24, 25 | Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL) |
| December 7 | Early Release Day (1st & 2nd Periods) |
| December 21 & 22 | Teacher Workdays (Optional) |
| December 23 - January 3 | Christmas Break |

2022

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| January 4 | School Resumes |
| January 13 | END of Fall Semester |
| January 16 | Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (NO SCHOOL) |
| January 17 | Required Teacher Workday |
| January 26 | Report Cards |
| February 10 | Teacher Workday (Optional) |
| February 22 | Early Release Day (3rd & 4th Periods) |
| March 6 - 10 | Spring Break (NO SCHOOL) |
| March 22 | Early Release Day (1st & 2nd Periods) |
| *March 29 | END of 3rd nine weeks |
| April 7 | Good Friday Holiday (NO SCHOOL) |
| April 10 & 11 | Teacher Workdays (Optional) |
| April 26 | Early Release Days (1st & 2nd Periods) |
| May 5 | Teacher Workday (Optional) |
| May 21 | Prom |
| May 29 | Memorial Day Holiday |
| *June 9 | Last Day of School |
| June 12 & 13 | REQUIRED Teacher Workdays |
| June 14 & 15 | Teacher Workdays (Optional) |
| June 9 | Required Graduation - 7:00 pm |
| *End of grading term | |

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

On behalf of the faculty and staff at West Iredell High School, I am excited to welcome you to the 2022 - 2023 school year. We look forward to partnering with you to provide the opportunity for all students to achieve their highest potential. We know a strong partnership with you will make a positive difference in your child's education. We encourage parents and students to visit the office or counseling center for any additional information you may need.

Our handbook is designed to inform you of the policies and expectations that you need to know to be successful at West Iredell High School. It is very important that you are informed regarding standards related to appropriate behavior for a safe and productive school year. Please contact school personnel with any questions you may have.

Our goal is to provide all students with the opportunity to excel in academics, athletics, and fine arts so that they may become positive, contributing members of our school and community. We will meet this goal by concentrating on the processes that spur continuing advancement, evaluating what we have, determining what we can do to improve, and identifying what we need to make those improvements.

Students, I challenge you to set high goals for your learning, attend school regularly, complete all assignments, and to be respectful to everyone.

The faculty and staff look forward to working with you and your child this school year. We thank you for your support and Go Warriors!!

Sincerely,

Ms. Ellyn Gaither, Principal

West Iredell High School Mission Statement

Creating excellence every day through powerful individualized instruction paired with technology to prepare our students to achieve their academic potential. Our students will become 21st Century learners and successful members of the community. We will achieve our mission with the support of our staff, parents, and the community.

Our Vision

Creating Excellence Everyday!

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Nurse

The school nurse, Mrs. Loudermilt.

Student Services

Our guidance department has an open door policy. We encourage all students to develop a personal relationship with their counselor. We are here to help students with their educational goals, solving personal problems, conflicts and resolution, college selections and making choices about their future education and careers.

Student Assistance Program (SAP)

SAP is led by Amye Llamas and assists students in their ability to cope with the everyday pressures of being an adolescent. Groups or individuals may discuss topics such as drug and alcohol abuse, value clarification, self-concept and decision making. All information is *strictly confidential*.

Class Promotion Requirements

To become a Sophomore you must pass **6** classes.

To become a Junior you must pass **12** classes.

To become a Senior you must pass **20** classes

To Graduate you must pass 28 classes and meet the course requirement standards.

Grading Scale

In October 2014, the State Board agreed and approved a standard 10-point grading scale to begin with the 2015-16 school year. This scale does not include “pluses” or “minuses”. Local school districts are required to follow the scale at the high school level (grades 9-12), and may be used in lower grades if desired. Under the new scale, grades and grade point average calculations will be applied as follows:

A: 90-100 = 4.0

B: 80-89 = 3.0

C: 70-79 = 2.0

D: 60-69 = 1.0

F: < 59 = 0.0

The quality points standard provides an additional .5 quality point to Honors courses and a 1.0 additional quality point to Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate courses, community colleges courses, or four-year university or college courses taken in high school. This eliminates discrepancies between AP/IB and community college or college/university courses and quality points and provides the same additional quality point to all college-level coursework.

For example, a student who earns an A in an AP course would receive a weighted 5.0 grade for that particular course.

Exam Schedules for WIHS: EOC, SAT, ACT & AP

WIHS examinations will be held during the following dates:

| First Semester Exams | 2 nd Semester Exam |
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| January 9 - 13, 2023 | June 5 - 9, 2023 |
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| | Exam Schedule for Advanced Placement Courses |
| | Monday, May 1, 2023 – Friday, May 12, 2023 |

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| Students interested in taking the SAT need to speak with someone in Student Services about testing dates. |
| Students interested in taking the ACT need to speak with someone in Student Services about testing dates. |
| All current 10th graders will take the PreACT on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 |
| All current 11th graders will take the ACT on |

EOC Course Requirements -- School Board Policy #3420

In order to receive credit for any course that requires an end of course test, the student must:

1. Achieve a passing teacher grade (60 or above) (calculated using the higher EOC grade) AND
2. Take the end of course test
3. Courses with a state End of Course test or field tests are:
 - o English II
 - o Biology
 - o Math I
 - o Math 3

Disciplinary Discretion

Implementation and execution of all punitive measures will be at the discretion of any administrator. These policies are meant as guidelines and are not prescriptive unless they are covered under ISS District Policy, ie. Assaulting any teacher or administrator.

West High Tardy Policy

Definition: The student is not in the assigned classroom to begin class when the tardy bell rings. Putting your stuff in the room and then leaving does not count as being on time. Each teacher will discuss when a student is tardy to class.

No Student movement will be allowed in the hallways the first 10 minutes and the last 10 minutes of class. This is with or without a hall pass.

West Iredell High School is committed to protecting the school day and each 80+ minute class by discouraging any tardiness to school or to any class. In the morning, fifteen minutes is provided between the warning bell and the 8:15 AM bell. Five-minute travel time between class changes has been established with careful thought. Students are responsible for their movement about the building and should plan accordingly to arrive in class before the tardy bell. The administration may determine chronic tardiness to be a discipline matter. A tardy is missed time in the classroom. The teacher has the option to allow a student to stay before or after school or during Intervention block to make up for instructional time missed.

AN EXCUSED TARDY WILL BE GRANTED IF:

- A parent / guardian comes to the attendance office and/or a note from the parent/guardian confirming the student was sick
- A doctor's note is provided for an appointment during the school day.

Tardies will no longer be cumulative throughout the day. In other words, the consequences a student faces are for the tardies in each individual class.

Consequences for tardies will now be handled by the teacher, except for first period. The office will handle first period tardies.

To ensure that students adhere to the tardy policy, the following consequences have been developed.

Consequences:

- 1st tardy – warning
- 2nd tardy – parent contact and teacher consequence (teacher to contact)
- 3rd tardy – Lunch Detention – 30 minutes
- 4th tardy – parent contact and Lunch Detention – 30 minutes
- 5th tardy – 1 Day ALC
- 6th tardy – Two days of ALC

*Students who skip Lunch Detention will have one chance to reschedule.

In addition, student drivers who are tardy to school will also have the following consequences:

- 3rd Tardy- parking revoked for 3 days
- 4th tardy- parking revoked for 5 days
- 5th tardy- parking revoked for 9 days
- 6th tardy- parking revoked for the remainder of the semester

Procedures Concerning Attendance

- Parental written explanation of absences must be presented, with documentation, for each absence upon returning to school. All parent notes for absences, early dismissals, and tardiness must include the student's first name and last name, 1st period teacher, dates absent, the reason for absence, and parent signature. The school will code the absences in accordance with the State guidelines. If no parental note is presented within two days, the absence will be coded as "unlawful."

- The school will code absences in accordance with state guidelines, which provide that an absence may be coded lawful for the following reasons:

1. personal illness or injury which makes the student physically unable to attend school;
2. isolation ordered by the State Board of Health;
3. death in the immediate family;
4. medical or dental appointment;
5. participation under subpoena as a witness in a court proceeding;

Letters will be mailed home at three (3), six (6), and ten (10) unlawful absences. Students under the age of 16 will be referred to the Iredell County Truancy Court for prosecution.

- Students needing to leave early during the day can bring a note at the beginning of school or at the designated time in which they need to leave. They will sign out on IdentAKid.

- A student that leaves school during the day or comes in late due to a medical or court appointment must bring back a note from the medical office or court in order for the time missed to be lawful.

- Students who report to class without an admission slip will be sent to the main office for a slip.

- Students on a late bus will be given a late bus slip at the bus. These students will be admitted to class without being counted tardy.

- **It is the responsibility of the student to contact his/her teachers on the first day of his/her return to school following an**

absence to arrange for make-up work. All assigned make-up work will be completed outside of regular class time within 5 school days (except in the case of consecutive multiple absences).

- A student must attend school 50% of the school day in order to be counted present for the entire day, including EXAM DAYS. Also, a student must attend a specific class 50% of the periods in order to be counted present for that class.

- Students absent from school and/or class because of an official school-sponsored activity will not be counted absent from either school or specific classes. Other school related activities must be approved in advance by the principal.

- **Students must be in attendance 50% of the school day in order to participate in or to observe extra-curricular activities.** (Examples: athletic events, school activities, class plays, concerts, etc.) Exceptions may be approved by the principal.

Excessive Absence/Make-Up School Board Policy #4400

High School attendance is an essential element in the learning process. The primary responsibility of school attendance rests with students and parents.

WIHS Dress Code Guidelines

Students are expected to attend school in clothing that is appropriate for a productive educational environment. Clothing and accessories that bring excessive attention to an individual will be prohibited. Appropriate and acceptable apparel includes the following:

- All shorts, dresses, skirts, skorts, and rompers must be at least mid-thigh length. This includes males wearing shorts.
- No visible skin above mid-thigh. This includes athletic leggings with see-thru panels and jeans with holes in them.
- Leggings, athletic leggings, yoga pants, and jeggings may be worn with a shirt or dress covering private areas in the front and back.
- No see-through clothing. If you can see skin or your undergarments through your shirt or pants that is against dress code. This includes leggings.
- Shirts MUST be long enough to cover midsection at all times (ex. while seated, leaning over, or raising arms)
- Sleeveless shirts are allowed as long as there are **no visible undergarments, no spaghetti straps, and no visible cleavage**. No side-less muscle tees and white ribbed tank tops (wife beaters). Cold shoulder shirts are allowed.
- No pillows, stuffed animals, blankets, bedroom shoes, and pajamas.
- Head coverings are allowed inside the building but if a teacher requests that a student remove for instructional purposes then the student needs to comply with the request..
- No visible undergarments (ex. briefs, boxers, gym shorts)
- Pants must be worn at the waist, not around the legs below the waist. Belts and/or zip-ties will be issued to students that do not adhere to this rule. Belts and zip-ties must remain in place for the entire school day
- No transparent, slashed clothing, or holes in pants above the mid-thigh (unless leggings are worn to hide any visible skin).
- No inappropriate symbols, words, pictures, or articles depicting violence, tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or innuendos alluding to sex, vulgarity, demeaning to race/gender, or gang-related
- No wallet chains, belts, or jewelry (including spiked jewelry) that pose a safety hazard
- No costumes or costume accessories (Certain exceptions during Spirit Week)

Dress Code Violations/Consequences:

- Students wearing inappropriate clothing will be provided an opportunity to correct the violation or call home for a change of clothing.
- If the violation cannot be corrected, the student will be placed in ALC for the remainder of the day.
- The student will be given a warning and a parent will be contacted
- Repeated offenses will involve additional school discipline following the school policy for insubordination.

○ **DRESS CODE CAN BE AMENDED AT ANYTIME WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE SCHOOL'S ADMINISTRATION.**

Tobacco Use/Possession Policy (School Board Policy #4320)

The tobacco policy will have the following consequences for those students who are caught smoking, are in possession of tobacco products or tobacco related products (such as lighters, matches, rolling papers, etc.) or caught in the act of acquiring tobacco products, and also any students who act as “lookouts” for other students who attempt to smoke on campus or during other WIHS affiliated activities.

For the purposes of this policy, the term “**tobacco product**” means any product that contains or that is made or derived from tobacco and is intended for human consumption, and all lighted and smokeless tobacco products: electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, and other electronic smoking devices even if they do not contain tobacco or nicotine.”

First offense 3 days ALC referred to SAP tobacco awareness class.

Second offense 3 days OSS education program completion

Third offense 5 days OSS education program completion

Fourth offense 10 days OSS education program completion

Electronic Cigarette / Vaping Use/Possession Policy

The electronic cigarette / vaping policy will have the following consequences for those students caught while possessing or using electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, and other electronic smoking devices - even if they do not contain tobacco or nicotine (for e-cigarettes that contain tobacco, see the [tobacco policy](#); and for ones containing illegal substances, see the [drug and alcohol policy](#)):

First offense 3 days ISS, mandatory education program, parent conference with the SAP counselor, loss of privileges (parking, after school activities) until education component and required conferences are completed, confiscation and destruction of the vape.

Second offense 3 days OSS, mandatory education program, parent conference with the SAP counselor, restorative justice project, loss of privileges (parking, after school activities) until education component and required conferences are completed, confiscation & destruction of the vape.

Third offense 5 days OSS, mandatory education program, parent conference with the SAP counselor, restorative justice project, loss of privileges (parking, after school activities) until education component and required conferences are completed, confiscation & destruction of the vape.

Fourth offense 10 days OSS, mandatory education program, parent conference with the SAP counselor, restorative justice project, loss of privileges (parking, after school activities) until education component and required conferences are completed, confiscation & destruction of the vape.

The consequence for DISTRIBUTION of electronic cigarettes is 10 days OSS. Distribution includes buying, selling, or trading of electronic cigarettes, vapes, products and/or paraphernalia.

Electronic Device Policy

Electronic devices may be used before school, after school, during class changes, and at lunch. **Students may not use personal electronic devices during instructional time no matter the location unless approved by the classroom teacher.** If the teacher approves the use of a personal electronic device, for a classroom activity, then the teacher will instruct when the device can be used and when they need to be put away. Devices must be turned OFF and stored out of sight during instructional time. Personal electronic devices are NOT to be plugged into

electrical outlets or USB drives in computers at any time. The school is NOT a recharging station for your electronic devices. Students observed using or displaying electronic devices during instructional time will receive consequences set by policy 4318.

Wireless Communication Policy #4318

Except as permitted by this policy, wireless communication devices should be turned off during the instructional time unless authorized by school administration or school personnel for educational/instructional use. **Photography/videography with any wireless communication/electronic device is prohibited. ISS is NOT responsible for any theft, damage, or investigation for lost or stolen phones.** The following provisions apply:

- High school students may possess a wireless communication device. Wireless communication devices may be used during the student's designated lunch period only. If allowed, the device must be silent. Students should keep the device secured, silent, and out of sight while in class/during assigned class periods unless otherwise approved by the principal.
- **For all offenses**: the student will be given the opportunity to remove the battery from the device, unless authorized school personnel have reasonable cause to investigate information in or on the device.
- **NO wireless communication device shall be seen/heard/used/"on" during testing of any kind. In the event that a student violates this rule, the device will be immediately confiscated and discipline administered as deemed appropriate by school administration.**

The consequences for visibility and/or use of a wireless communication device during instructional time in violation of this policy will be:

- **First offense**: A warning will be issued to the student. The wireless communication device will be confiscated by school personnel; offense logged in discipline database, and returned to the student at the end of the day.
- **Second offense**: The wireless communication device will be confiscated; offense logged in discipline database, and held for 24 hours (1 day) until a parent conference is conducted.
- **Third offense**: device confiscated; offense logged in discipline database; and held for 48 hours (2 days) until parent conference is conducted.
- **Fourth offense**: device confiscated; offense logged in discipline database; and held for 72 (3 days) hours until parent conference is conducted.
- **Fifth offense**: device confiscated; offense logged in discipline database; and held for 96 (4 days) hours until parent conference is conducted.
- **Sixth offense**: device confiscated; offense logged in discipline database; and held for 120 hours (5 days) until parent conference is conducted.
- **Seventh offense**: device confiscated; offense logged in discipline database; and held for 144 hours (6 days) until parent conference is conducted.

Failure to turn over the device will result in a THREE (3) Day suspension

Three Tiered Discipline Policy

Minor Offenses

Undirected profanity, running in the hallways, public display of affection, littering, breaking in the cafeteria line, out of class without a hall pass, possession of food or drink during class time, loud disruption, tardy, not prepared for class,

dress code violation, in hall without a pass.

- **Consequences for Minor Offenses:**

- Teachers may assign students lunch detention or hold for Warrior Time block as serving detention.

Serious Offenses

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| Chronic minor offenses | Gambling |
| Out of assigned area / skipping | Class Cut |
| Providing false information | Failure to sign in or out |
| Disrespect for authority | Disruptive behavior |
| Violation of School/District safety policy | Horseplay |
| Leaving the classroom without permission | Cheating or Plagiarism |
| Inappropriate social behavior | Elevator use without permission |
| Selling or soliciting on school grounds | Violating the Internet use policy |
| Failure to attend ASD | |
| Parking anywhere other than the students assigned parking space | |

- **Consequences for Serious Offenses:**

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| ○ 1st Offense | Up to 3 periods of ALC |
| ○ 2nd Offense | 1 Day of ALC |
| ○ 3rd Offense | 2 days ALC |
| ○ 4th Offense | 3 days ALC |
| ○ 5th Offense | 3 days OSS |
| ○ 6th Offense | 5 days OSS |

- **Automatic 3 days out-of-school suspensions (OSS)**

- Directed Profanity
- Leaving campus without checking out properly or taking someone off campus without checking out properly
- Failure to comply with a reasonable request from any administrator
- Possession of over the counter medication (diet pills, caffeine, etc.)
- Disruption or non-compliance with ALC monitor
- Failure to turn over electronic device
- Theft: 1st offense - 3 days, 2nd offense - 5 days, 3rd offense - 10 days
- Threats/Harassment/Intimidation (Unwarranted & documented), Hazing, Bullying: 1st offense - 3 days, 2nd offense - 5 days, 3rd offense - 10 days. Refer to specific policies (4331)

Major Offenses — Mandatory 10 Day OSS

- Lose Control/Lose your License possession and/or use of drugs/alcohol, prescription medicine, odor of alcohol or marijuana on person (Loss of license for rest of year)
- Fighting (assault), posturing, being a party to an affray, possession of a dangerous object (including mace and pepper spray), arson
- Sexual harassment/misconduct, vulgarity, obscene gestures; profane, vulgar, or racist language/gestures
- Vandalism of school or personal property
- Interference with school officials, Chronic serious offender, Incurable attitude / blatant disruption, Acts that shock the social conscience, Possession of pornographic materials, Filing a false police report (ex. Calling 911), Throwing Items off a bus (moving or not moving)
- Pulling Fire alarm

365 Days OSS or Permanent Expulsion - First Offense:

Threats to the safety of the school, Bomb threats / Hoax, Falsely reporting a fire, setting fire in a building, Assault of a school official, Possession of a firearm or other weapons, distribution, selling, transmitting drugs (including prescription medicine), assault with serious injury.

Unless otherwise stated, major offenses will result in: OSS of five (5) to ten (10) days. **Chronic offender will be recommended for placement in alternative schools and / or permanent expulsion.** Any major offense may be reported to the SRO for possible criminal charges.

***The Superintendent may suspend a student for 365 days or the rest of the year.**

Breakfast and Lunch Prices

- Breakfast = K-12 will be \$1.50 for 2022-2023.
- Lunch = 6-12 will be \$3.00 for 2022-2023

Free and Reduced Lunch

To apply for free and/or reduced lunch:

- Visit the ISS homepage
- Under the heading departments, select School Nutrition
- Next click on <https://www.lunchapplication.com>. _____
- Qualifying for Free/Reduced lunch will get a reduction on Technology Fees

Parking policy

Only students who have had their applications approved and have purchased a parking permit may drive cars on the school campus. Students driving to school are **NOT** to return to their cars during the school day. **Students will pass 3 out of 4 of classes and will NOT exceed the amount of absences (3) allowed by the school, and they will NOT have code 2 absences or their parking permit will be revoked. Unexcused tardies are unacceptable.**

The following regulations have been established to govern the use of automobiles as transportation to and from school.

Parking permit application must be completely filled out, and placed on file in order for a student to drive a car to school.

- Each student authorized to drive must display a parking permit.
- The maximum speed limit is 10 MPH on school campus at all times.
- Students **are not** to be in the parking lot or in parked cars during the school day.
- Students are reminded that **the school** is not responsible for loss due to fire, theft, or accident. Or any damage, theft or accident not listed.
- The parking lot will be monitored.
- On the rare occasion that a student may need to drive a different vehicle, the student must register that vehicle in the office before 8:00 am that day.
- On arrival to school, students are not to remain in the parking lot.

- Parking permit fees are non-transferable to another student and non-refundable.
- All vehicles are subject to search according to Section 4000 Policy 4342 of the Iredell Statesville School Board Policy.
- Inappropriate social behavior will result in parking permit be revoked

1st offense - 5 day

2nd offense - 10 day

3rd offense – for the remainder of the year

PARKING REGULATIONS

The privilege of parking a personal car on school grounds may be exercised only after the student has met all the school requirements for such parking. Students are not allowed to park in staff parking areas. Parking permits may be terminated or suspended for the following reasons:

- Violation of the tardy policy
- Speeding
- Sitting in cars after arrival on campus
- Driving a non-registered vehicle
- Parking in unassigned area
- Leaving campus without permission from office
- Endangering the safety or property of others
- Going to cars during school without permission from office
- Improper parking across lines
- Failure to display parking permit
- Spinning tires
- Reckless driving
- Non-compliance to traffic patterns
- Loud music
- Refusal to follow a reasonable request

1st citation: \$10.00 fine

2nd citation: \$15.00 fine

3rd citation: \$20.00 fine

4th citation: Suspension of driving privileges.

Citations *must* be cleared at the end of the term to receive your schedule for the next term.

North Carolina Athletic Association Academic Requirements

A student must have passed a minimum load of work during the preceding semester to be eligible at any time during the present semester. A minimum load is defined as three (3) courses for schools on the “block” format. All students must also meet local promotion standards, set by the local Board of Education.

The sports that are offered at West Iredell High School are:

- **Fall Sports-** Football, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Boys Soccer, Girls Tennis, Girls Volleyball, Cheerleading, Girls Golf
- **Winter Sports-** Boys and Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Boys and Girls Swimming, and Cheerleading
- **Spring Sports-** Baseball, Girls Softball, Boys and Girls Track, Boys Tennis, Boys Golf, and Girls Soccer

Clubs

Advisors will arrange club meetings either before or after school or during Warrior Intervention block and at their discretion. Organizational meetings will be announced. Clubs at West Iredell may include the following: Beta, Chorus, FBLA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Multicultural, FCCLA, First Priority, FFA, Interact, International Thespian Society, Prom, Student Council, and Yearbook.

Alternative Learning Center (ALC)

Students may be assigned the Alternative Learning Center in accordance with the provisions of this manual. It can be by block time(s) or the entire day. Misbehavior in ALC will result in an automatic 3 Days of OSS. Students absent

will be required to make up their ALC on the next school day or as prescribed by an administrator.

Lunch Detention

Students may be assigned Lunch Detention by any teacher or administrator for minor infractions. Lunch Detention is held for the 40 minutes of lunch any day of the week..

Bus Conduct

All students are encouraged to ride the school bus to and from WIHS. Bus riders are to be physically present at their assigned stop 15-minutes prior to their assigned stop time. Bus drivers are only required to stop at assigned stops once per the assigned route description. Bus stops are assigned to a student's primary residence. In extreme conditions of family divorce or separation, there may be two primary stops. Notify the Assistant Principal in charge of school buses to coordinate the second stop. School buses will not stop at a student's or a family member's place of employment. Students are expected to ride their assigned bus. Once students are loaded on the school bus, students are not permitted to leave the bus unless they are at their assigned stop or otherwise directed to do so by school district employees. If your student does not ride the school bus for a prolonged time your student runs the risk of being taken off the school bus roster. Notify the office if your student will be off the school bus for a prolonged period (ex. sports, clubs, part-time job, etc.). If your student plans to return to the school bus after a prolonged period off notify the main office so bus drivers are informed to pick-up your student.

School transportation service is a privilege, not a right. Students at all times while riding a school bus or other school vehicle shall observe the directives of the bus or vehicle driver. These rules apply while on the school vehicle and at/near the vehicle stop. The following conduct is specifically prohibited:

- stopping, impeding, delaying or detaining a bus or school vehicle;
- disturbing the peace, order or discipline on a bus or school vehicle;
- tampering with or willfully damaging the bus or school vehicle;
- getting off the bus at an unauthorized stop;
- distracting the driver's attention by participating in disruptive behavior while the vehicle is in operation;
- failing to observe established safety rules or regulations;
- fighting, smoking, using profanity, possession or using drugs or intoxicating beverages, or otherwise violating any other board policy or school rule while on a school bus or other school vehicle; and
- any other behavior that may endanger lives or property.

Any complaints of drivers, parents or students that are not specified in the above list should be reported promptly to the school principal.

Consequences for engaging in prohibited behavior may result in temporary or permanent suspension from school transportation services and/or school, in addition to other consequences for violating other student behavior policies. Other consequences may be provided in accordance with the school's discipline policy. In addition, it is a criminal offense to unlawfully and willfully stop, impede, delay or detain a school or activity bus or to disturb the peace, order or discipline on a school or activity bus. Students who engage in such activities may be subject to criminal charges. The following items are not allowed on school buses: CD players/headphones, radios, electronic games or other electronic devices, nor food or drink.

Telecommunication Usage

In support of the school board policy the following is the disciplinary scale for computer violations:

Any attempt to circumvent the security software on our computers and/or network or accessing/creating any obscene or vulgar material including, but is not limited to: attempting to bypass Security software, accessing programs not on your Application Launcher screen, changing the computer's set-up in any way, possessing/using hacking software of any kind and purpose, creating shortcuts to programs on the hard drive, using someone else's logon,

downloading/installing any software (including games), viewing pornographic material, or viewing/creating obscene and vulgar websites. Any violation of this nature will result in suspension from school, and loss of computer usage at school. There will be no warning or second chances. Other computer violations will be dealt with on the serious scale.

Bullying Policy (School Board Policy #1710/4021/7230)

Bullying is deliberately hurtful behavior repeated often over a period of time or on isolated occasions, by which somebody deliberately intimidates or harasses another. Some acts of bullying are simply one person or group of people exercising power and control over another person or group of people either in isolated incidents or through patterns of harassing or intimidating behavior. Bullying can take many forms including any combination of physical, emotional, and verbal abuse.

Specific acts of bullying may include but are not limited to name-calling, teasing, physical abuse (e.g., hitting, pushing, pinching, or kicking), threats, taking of personal possessions, sending abusive text messages, instant messages, Internet e-mails, and phone messages, forcing others to hand over money, forcing others to do things against one's will, ignoring or leaving others out, attacking others in any way.

This policy will apply, including but not limited to, the following circumstances:

- while in any school building or on any school premises before, during or after school hours;
- while on any bus or other vehicles as part of any school activity
- while waiting at any bus stop;
- during any school function, extracurricular activity or other activity or event;
- when subject to the authority of school personnel; and
- any time or place when the behavior has a direct and immediate effect on maintaining order and discipline in the schools including activity on social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, etc.

Drug and Alcohol Policy (School Board Policy #4325)

Students are prohibited from possessing, using, transmitting, selling, or being under the influence of any of the following: Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, prescription medications, or any over the counter substances (see School Board Policy 4325). Students are prohibited from possessing, using, transmitting, or selling drug paraphernalia or counterfeit drugs. Any violation of this policy AND the medication policy will be reported to law enforcement. Any tips or information reported to school personnel will be investigated as potential violations of this policy.

- **First Offense:** notification of parents, law enforcement, Student Assistance Program coordinator (SAP), and probation officer, if applicable. The student will receive an out of school suspension for 10 days for possession of, under the influence of, or odor of drugs/alcohol and if student receives a drug evaluation within 5 days of the beginning of the suspension then the suspension will be reduced to 5 OSS days. **The student will receive an out of school suspension for 10 days with recommendation for exclusion for the remainder of the school year for selling, transmitting or distributing drugs, over the counter substances, or alcohol.**

- **Second Offense:** notification of parents, law enforcement, SAP coordinator, and probation officer, if applicable. The student will receive an out of school suspension for 10 days **with recommendation for exclusion for the remainder of the school year.**

Property Damage

Anyone who damages or destroys school property will be expected to pay for the property and additional disciplinary action will be taken.

Search and Seizure

If the principal or an assistant principal has reasonable suspicion that a student may have materials, such as drugs, weapons, or anything that is disruptive, unsafe, or inappropriate for the school setting, they will conduct a search. Lockers, book bags, purses, and vehicles may be searched. Parent permission is not required.

Student Passes

All students in the halls during classes **MUST** have a hall pass indicating what class they are from and where they are going.

General Information and Policies

Accidents

All accidents involving personal injury must be reported to the office. Any car accidents on WIHS property should be reported to NC State Highway Patrol.

Cafeteria Regulations

You are expected to leave your table clean and throw all trash away. Students are not to have lunches brought to campus from fast food restaurants for lunch. They are to bring their lunch with them in the morning or buy lunch in our cafeteria. Breakfast and Lunch are NOT free this year. Student Must qualify in order to receive Free Breakfast and Lunch this year. Breakfast is \$1.50 and Lunch is \$3.00.

Fees

Senior fees are \$50.00. (See Prom Fees)

Technology fees are \$30.00

Field Trips

Field trips are an important part of the educational program. Students are required to have written permission from their parents before going on any school-sponsored trip. Students going on field trips are not counted absent.

Fire and Safety Drills

All teachers will explain to their students' proper procedures. Students are to remain with their teacher, and follow all instructions of school personnel.

Graduation

Seniors are expected to dress in an appropriate manner. No shorts, jeans, tennis shoes, or flip-flops.

Graduation Speakers are determined by the top highest GPA's in the graduating Class. Honor Graduates are

the top 10% of the Senior Class. Junior Marshals are the top 10% of the Junior Class. The ranking for the Graduation Speakers, Honor Graduates, and Junior Marshals is completed after the 3rd nine-week grading period. Seniors will be recognized as Magna Cum Laude, Summa Cum Laude, or Cum Laude according to their GPA.

Grievance

For grievance notification contact one of the following:

Title IX – Sex

Discrimination

Mr. Richard Armstrong
Phone: 704-924-2012

Handicapping Condition

Ms. Rhonda McClenahan
Phone: 704-873-9432

504 Coordinator

Mrs. Kelly Marcy
Phone: 704-832-2506

Lockers

If a student would like to use a locker then they need to let their Homeroom teacher know what number they would like to use. The Homeroom teacher will contact Ms. Morgan to let her know what locker number the student would like to use and get the zip tie removed. **WIHS is not responsible for any items lost or stolen in the gym or hallway lockers or locker-rooms at any time.**

Lost and Found

Any personal belongings found on school grounds should be turned in to the office. The school is not responsible for money, books, clothing, etc. left unattended. Students should never bring extra money or valuables to school. Students who bring extra money or valuables to school do so at their own risk.

Media Center Regulations

The Media Center is open from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Materials in the library are for academic research and personal enjoyment.

Students are allowed to checkout two items. Students may also put up to 2 books on hold. Students may check books out for two weeks. Items checked out are expected to be returned on the due date. **Any students with books that are two weeks overdue will be assessed a \$1 per day late charge.** In addition, the following policies will be observed:

- Students are expected to conduct themselves as good citizens.
- Students must have a pass to enter the media center.
- Students who are unable to find what they are looking for should ask for help from the media coordinators.
- Students must pay for lost or damaged items.

Medication Policy

Whenever possible all medicines should be given at home.

In the event that any medications (including over the counter) must be administered during school hours, the proper papers must be filled out and returned to the office before medication is to be dispensed at school. All medications (including over the counter) are to be kept in the main office for distribution by a school official. Any violators of this policy will receive consequences according to the drug and alcohol policy of West Iredell High and the Iredell-Statesville Schools Board of Education.

Posters

All posters displayed in the school must have the approval of the advisor or an administrator. No Posters are to be taped to any walls, only posted on bulletin boards. Posters need to be removed when the event is completed.

Selling of Goods and Articles

Students are prohibited from selling anything at school that is not school sponsored. All club fund-raising activities must be approved by the principal, and are only to be sold after school hours. Collected money must be turned in daily to the bookkeeper.

Schedule Changes

No schedule changes will be made unless a mistake is made by the school. No schedule changes will be made after the first 5 days of the semester unless approved by an administrator.

Stolen Items

The school does not assume responsibility for any items brought to school in violation of school policies. Should any of those items become stolen, the school does not have the resources to investigate theft of items that were not supposed to be on campus in the first place. Should an item be brought to school against policy, and it is confiscated, the school is not accepting responsibility for that item. We will make every effort to secure the item so it may be returned in the proper manner, but we are not responsible for any loss or damage to the property.

Telephone Use

Students with emergencies are asked to use the telephone in the main office.

Transcripts

Transcripts sent while a student is still in high school are done without charge. Transcript requests from former students and alumni are to be made on-line. Visit the WIHS homepage and click on the link "Alumni Transcript Request/verification."

Visitors on Campus

We welcome those who wish to visit our campus. When visiting our campus, please check in with the security officer. After parking, report to the front office for a visitor's pass. Students are not permitted to invite friends and relatives from other schools as guests at West Iredell. Former students are welcome to visit after 3:25pm or at a pre-arranged time with a teacher or administrator.

Prom Fees and Rules

The 2022 – 2023 Junior/Senior Prom has been scheduled for Saturday, **May 21, 2022** from 8:00 pm – 12:00 am. The prom will be held at the Statesville Country Club.

All school rules apply and will be enforced during the prom.

If you are in OSS or absent the day before the prom you will not be allowed to attend the prom. This includes those assigned to an OSS site; also, your attendance must be in good standing

All Juniors and Seniors who did not pay as a junior are required to pay prom dues in order to attend the Junior/Senior Prom. Dues are \$50.00 beginning the first week of August.

The schedule of dues for the remainder of the school year is as follows:

- August 1st - January 1st \$50
- January 1st - April 24 **\$100**
- **Guest Fees** **\$50.00**

Juniors and Seniors who attend the prom with other West Juniors and Seniors are required to pay the above dues in

order to attend.

The purpose of announcing prom dues in August is to encourage students to pay early and save money. If students elect to pay their prom dues late, the cost will be significantly higher.

Information on prom dues is posted throughout the school and announced during afternoon announcements throughout the year.

If it is determined that students attending the prom have not paid their dues, that person will be denied entrance into the prom. Proceeds from the Prom Dues and Guest Fees are used to pay all prom-associated expenses, such as building rental, catering, music, decorations, etc. Any money left over after paying all prom expenses transfers to the next year's Prom account.

Students who are **not** in a Junior Homeroom in August will not be allowed to attend the prom unless they are a paid guest of a Junior or Senior or unless they have enough credits by the next semester to be a Junior.

All non-WIHS students who are not attending the prom must complete an application to attend the prom AND MUST be under the age of 21.

Please NOTE: Prom dues are non-transferable and non-refundable.

The dress code and all school rules are strictly enforced during the prom. Students attending the prom must select appropriate attire. Males must be in a formal suit. Females must be in an appropriate formal dress.

If there is a question as to whether a dress or suit is appropriate, the student should bring that item to school prior to the prom date and have the prom director or administration approve it.

The school administrators and staff working at the prom reserve the right to deny attendance to the prom based on dress code violation, behavior, smoking, or substance abuse.

The school administration reserves the right to do a background check on persons attending the prom that are not members of our student body.

Dropping Career and College Promise (CCP) and Early College Courses

Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year I-SS will now **charge fees for ISS students who want to drop CCP and Early College courses taken through Mitchell Community College.** The fees are to cover the ISS cost associated with these courses, such as technology access, security, lab, textbooks, etc. Students are also required to obtain principal permission prior to dropping the course. As always, principals have the authority to waive fees for extenuating circumstances.

Parent/Guardian choice to block Connect ED calls

Recent legislation has made it necessary for parents/guardians to give ISS consent to continue using the Connect-ED system for anything other than emergency calls.

If you **do not** want to receive school and/or District news, extracurricular activity information or any other call from your child's school other than emergency calls, **you must uncheck the "Voice" box in the portal's contact information indicating this.** Please also know that this portal goes directly to the vendor that provides our Connect-ED calling system and *does NOT change any numbers that your school may have on file.* Always call your school and let them know if you have any changes to contact information as well as updating this Connect-ED Portal.

Parents/guardians can access the ISS new Parent Portal by typing the following URL into the web browser on your computer <https://iredellstatesvilleschools.bbcportal.com/Entry>

Once the page is open, click the [Sign Me Up!](#) link to set up your account. In order to create an account you will need:

- An active email address
- Your student's Identification Number
- The phone number or email address that we have on file for your student

Once you have logged in, you can add any additional students you have attending our schools by clicking your name in the upper right corner and selecting Contact Information.

Secondary Technology Discipline Matrix

| Offense | Consequences |
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| Type 1 Offenses | |
| Responds inappropriately to staff member or district technology employee regarding computer activity. Accesses restricted social network sites during the school day on a school computer. Uses inappropriate language, graphics, or references in a school assignment or discussion board. | Conference with student and parent/guardian; May result in restriction of computer use (eg. day user privileges only, flash drive only, restricted user on specific web sites); may result in ISS or OSS for up to 3 days. |
| Plagiarism or copyright law violation from the internet or electronic media. Participates in illegal file sharing. | zero on assignment; |
| Plays games, listens to music (without permission) or uses any other type of media during instructional time that is not directly related to a project or related to the lesson or related to a project assigned by an instructor. | Conference with student and parent/guardian; May result in restriction of computer use (eg. Day user privileges only, flash drive only, restricted user on specific web sites) |
| Type 2 Offenses | |
| Damages, disrupts a computer or school software including any attempt to harm or destroy the operating system, hardware, applications software, or data. | Student will be held liable for repair fees; Conference with student and parent/guardian; May result in restriction of computer use (eg. day user privileges only, flash drive only, |

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| | restricted user on specific web sites); Law enforcement may be notified. |
| Uses computer to disrupt the activities of other users (distribution of unsolicited advertising; propagation of computer viruses) Distribution of large quantities of information that may overwhelm the system (for example: chain letters, network games, or broadcasting); | Loss of computer privileges and/or school computer access; restricted internet access. First Offense: 1-2 Weeks; Second Offense 1-3 Months; Third Offense: Remainder of the Year |
| Accesses or views inappropriate websites or material that is pornographic, obscene, discriminatory, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, blocked, defamatory, or sexually suggestive with language or images. | |
| Publishes information of student work on restricted or inappropriate sites. Publishes false or defamatory information. | |
| Type 3 Offenses | |
| Hacks into the school data management system or any other school data base. | Will result in loss of computer privileges and/or school computer access for time designated by principal or designee; restricted internet access determined by principal. Principal or designee will determine if loss of computer or internet access is a logical consequence. Law enforcement SHALL be notified. May result in OSS for up to 10 days; Special circumstances may result in OSS for the remainder of the school year. |
| Poses as another student or staff member by accessing a personal website or social network page and proceeds to communicate as that person. | Will result in loss of computer privileges and/or school computer access for time designated by principal or designee; restricted internet access determined by principal. Principal or designee will determine if loss of computer or internet access is a logical consequence. Law enforcement may be notified; May result in OSS for up to 10 days. |

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| Uses another users password or trespasses in another user's folder, work or files, participates in illegal file sharing. | Will result in loss of computer privileges and/or school computer access for time designated by principal or designee; Restricted internet access determined by principal. First offense: 1- 3 months restricted/or loss of access. Second offense: 3-6 months restricted/or loss of access. Third offense: Loss of access for the remainder of the year. Law enforcement may be notified. May result in OSS for up to 10 days. |
| Uses the school network for illegal activities or commercial gain (selling drugs/alcohol; posts information about school employee or documents authored by a school employee without the permission of the employee; produces, stores, posts/sends, or displays inappropriate websites or material that is lewd, profane,vulgar, rude, blocked, defamatory, or sexually suggestive with language or image. | Will result in loss of computer privileges for the remainder of the school year. Law enforcement will be contacted. Potential ISS/OSS |
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Faculty Members By Department

(** Denotes Dept. Chair)

English

Eric Cook
April Viney

Katelyn Eames
Amy Ross

Bill Cutler**
Lynne Rainwater

Maggie Hughes

Math

Stephanie Viera

Eric Ellis

Ryne Cooper

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| Brittney McNeil** | Becky Shive | Talon LaClair | |
| <u>Science</u> | | | |
| Tiffany Rowe Alana Dysart | Patric Patterson | Craig Fox | Shannon Sigmon |
| <u>Social Studies</u> | | | |
| Ben Conklin Brian Goodwin | Tom Bonin George Saffos | Joseph Fredo** Wesley Whitaker | Seth Pierce |
| <u>World Language</u> | | | |
| Spanish Brittany Austin | Rosario Garcia** | | |
| <u>Physical Education</u> | | | |
| Caleb Henderson Mickey Jordan | Matt Wilson Scott Norris | | |
| <u>Business Education</u> | | | |
| Wendy Layne | Kevin Moore | | |
| <u>Agricultural Education</u> | | | |
| Paige Miller | Heath Brittain | Robert Howard | |
| <u>Family and Consumer Science</u> | | | |
| Bradley Moose | Karen Shea | Paige Woodside | |
| <u>Health Occupations Education</u> | | | |
| Christa Roseberry | | | |
| <u>Automotive Technology</u> | | <u>Drafting & Architecture</u> | |
| Gray Ramey | | | |
| <u>Fine Arts</u> | | | |
| Band Adv. Acting & Drama Chorus Art _____ | Chad Evans Maggie Hughes Tara Pass** Christine Szafranski | | |
| <u>Exceptional Children</u> | | | |
| Charity Hicks David Parsons | Kimberly Burns Heather Bauduin-Carr | Joy Blalock | |
| Teacher Assistant Teacher Assistant | Pam Manners Ronald Graham | Lisa McNeely Reggae Samuel | Taurus Bellamy |
| <u>Student Assistance Program (SAP)</u> | | | |
| Amye Llamas | | | |
| <u>Career Development Coordinator</u> | | | |
| Alan Williams | | | |

Leadership

Cathy Moore

JROTC

1SG Reggie Hooker

English as Second Language

Terry Tucker

DLA Coordinator

Tyesha Joseph

ALC

Mataus Escamilla-Diaz

Media/Technology Coordinator

Tracy Weatherford

School Psychologist

Francesca Tozzi Price

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