Saint Patrick High School Student Handbook

Technology Use - Attendance - Discipline

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Technology

TECHNOLOGY RESPONSIBLE USE POLICY

The primary purpose of technology at Saint Patrick High School is to enhance and support the school's educational programs. Technology should be used in a manner consistent with the educational objectives and mission of the school. The use of technology should support the formation of young men for lives of faith, love, service, and leadership in the Lasallian Catholic tradition. Technology use at school is strictly for academic purposes and must be consistent with the educational objectives and mission of the school. In their use of technology, students are expected to model core Lasallian values and exercise good judgment while complying with this policy and all related administrative rules and guidelines.

Policy Enforcement

The faculty, staff, and administration of Saint Patrick High School will work together to enforce the Technology Responsible Use Policy. Violations of this policy will be enforced through the Dean's Office and should be reported to the Dean and Director of Technology immediately. Legal authorities will be contacted if situations warrant. In the event of violation(s) of this Technology Responsible Use Policy, and consideration of the nature and degree of the violation and the number of previous violations, one or more of the following consequences may apply:

- Personal electronic devices, including those owned by the student, may be confiscated and/or searched.
- Student use of technology may be limited for an extended period.
- Disciplinary actions up to and including possible suspension or expulsion will be implemented and will be consistent with school policies.

Important Notes:

- The school may not request or require a student to provide a password or other related
 account information to gain access to the student's account or profile on a social networking
 website.
- The school may conduct an investigation or require a student to cooperate in an investigation
 if there is sufficient evidence to suggest the student's social networking account violated the
 school's disciplinary policy.
- The school may require the student to share content in the course of such an investigation.
 These policies are subject to change at any time. The most recent version of the policies can be
 found in the Parent-Student handbook, which is accessible on the school website at
 www.stpatrick.org.

Students must act in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner when utilizing technology. Examples of <u>unacceptable</u> use include, but are not limited to the following:

- Academic dishonesty, including but not limited to storing, sending, sharing, or viewing information with electronic devices that could be used for cheating.
- Using technology to obtain, download, view, post, distribute, or gain access to inappropriate material.

- The school reserves the right to determine whether the material is appropriate.
- They are causing damage to or tampering with hardware components and their configuration.
- Tampering or attempting to tamper with account or resource permissions.
 - This includes removing or attempting to remove the management software from student iPads ("jailbreaking").
- Violating copyright laws.
- Wasting of resources, including disk space, Internet connection, and paper.
- Attempting or gaining unauthorized access to resources or entities.
- Using school technology resources for personal business or financial gain (examples include online shopping, gaming, blogging, and browsing social networking sites).
- Using the school's technology resources for illegal activity.
- Inappropriate representation of Saint Patrick High School or member(s) of the Saint Patrick community in any web posting, blog, e-mail, or other electronic communication. This includes anything that may embarrass or offend a student, a member of the faculty and staff, or another member of the Saint Patrick community.
- Cyberbullying, text bullying, or other forms of harassment using technology, including but not limited to students, faculty, or staff either inside or outside of the Saint Patrick community.
- Use/attempted use of another user's technology account.
- Use of anonymous proxies, VPN connections, caching servers, or any other means that can avoid restrictions placed on the school's technology resources.
- Sharing any school-issued technology account credentials with others.
- E-mail spoofing.

Technology on Campus

All Saint Patrick students are issued an iPad and are required to bring it to school with them each day. The primary use of these devices on campus is for academic purposes. Teachers will use the Schoology Learning Management system to host their classroom web pages and the PowerSchool Student Information System (stpatrickhs.powerschool.com/public) to communicate a student's academic progress. Teachers' expectations for technology use will be incorporated into their syllabi and shared at the beginning of the school year (or semester-for-semester courses).

Students are expected to model core Lasallian values and exercise good judgment in their utilization of all forms of technology. As part of this initiative:

- Unauthorized use of the audio or camera recording function is strictly prohibited. This
 includes video recording, photographing, or audio recording anyone without their permission
 and/or sharing unauthorized videos, audio recordings, or photographs. If a teacher permits to
 use of these functions, students should not modify the recording or post it online without
 receiving explicit permission from the teacher.
- Students are reminded that there is no use of personal electronic devices on campus during the school day
- Any non-academic use of the iPads is also subject to disciplinary action.

- Students should keep their iPads in their sight at all times and should never leave them
 unattended. Students should also password-protect their devices, enable the "Find My iPad"
 feature, and clearly label their iPads with their first and last names.
- Students are required to connect their iPads to the school's wireless network for access to network resources including the Internet; use of "hotspots" is prohibited.
- Students should be sure that their iPads are adequately charged before arriving on campus each day.
- When on campus, any audible alerts on iPads should be silenced. The use of technology should not disrupt the learning environment at any time.
- A limited number of iPads will be available for short-term loan if a student's iPad is being
 repaired or replaced. Authorization for a loaner iPad must be approved through the Director
 of Technology.
- Saint Patrick High School reserves the right to confiscate and search devices in the event of any
 policy violation.
- School administration reserves the right to modify the terms of this program at any time.

Network and E-Mail Accounts

Each student receives a Saint Patrick Google G Suite for Education account. This account provides students with a Gmail account for school email, online productivity tools, and storage space in the school's Google Apps for Education portal. Students will use their school email account to sign into the PlusPortal for access to grades and other pertinent information. Parent(s)/ guardian(s) should each have their own PowerSchool accounts to access this information. Student e-mail account information is distributed to new students during the summer orientation program.

- Students should NOT expect that files stored in repositories of the school's domain, including the Saint Patrick Google G-Suite Portal are private.
- Saint Patrick High School reserves the right to monitor, view, edit, and/or remove any materials stored by students that it deems unacceptable.
- Students should memorize their account information.
- Students should never share their passwords with anyone.
- Students are encouraged to change their password regularly.
- Computer activity and network file content is identified by user name. Students are
 responsible for their account and the contents of their storage folders within the school's
 domain.
 - Should a student believe that his account has been compromised, he should change his password and report any problems to the Dean immediately.
- Students are expected to use their school-issued student email accounts for communications
 with all school faculty, coaches, and staff.
- Students are expected to check and respond to their student e-mails daily.
- Student e-mail communications are NOT private. Student e-mail is archived and can be monitored by the administration at any time.
- Appropriate language should be used in all email communications. Profanity, threats, or harassment of any kind is strictly prohibited and against the school's culture and Lasallian

values. Such messages will be brought to the attention of the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.

Account Deactivations

Student accounts will be deactivated upon a student's unenrollment from Saint Patrick High School. Before account deactivation, it is the responsibility of the student to back up or retrieve any important electronic content as well as to make appropriate arrangements for email communications. Accounts for graduating seniors will be deactivated after their graduation.

Internet Use and Parental Involvement

Parent(s)/guardian(s) should understand that Internet access on campus is intended for educational purposes. Internet use is NOT private and Saint Patrick High School reserves the right to monitor student use of the Internet at any time. In conjunction with CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act) guidelines and to manage bandwidth resources, Saint Patrick High School uses a filtering system to block access to many prohibited sites and controversial material. However, some inappropriate websites or content may escape detection by the filtering system. The fact that students may be able to access a particular site does NOT necessarily mean that the site is appropriate for viewing. Parent(s)/guardian(s) should recognize that Saint Patrick High School can't restrict access to all controversial and inappropriate materials. Parent(s)/guardian(s) will hold Saint Patrick High School, its employees, agents, or board members harmless for any harm caused by materials or software obtained via the Internet and/or the school's technology resources. Parent(s)/ guardian(s) understand that they will be legally responsible for their student's actions and accept full responsibility for supervision if and when their student's use of the school's technology resources or the Internet is not in a school setting. Outside of school, parents bear full responsibility for monitoring their student's use of the Internet. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are highly encouraged to communicate with students on the importance of safe, responsible, and ethical use of the Internet from any device in any location.

Attendance & Discipline

ATTENDANCE

Yearly Requirements

Student records, including immunization and health exams, must be current. **Students will be excluded from school on October 15 if required records are not submitted, per ISBE policy.** Parents are regularly reminded by the Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction.

School Day

Saint Patrick High School schedules a 180-day academic calendar totaling over 968 hours of instruction. The school day extends from 8:00 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. The Belmont entrance door opens at 6:30 a.m. and is locked at 4:00 p.m. Visitors will be admitted after 8:10 a.m. Visitors will present their driver's license to the officer who will then scan and print out a visitor's badge. The badge will be placed in a lanyard which will be worn throughout the stay. Upon leaving the building the lanyard (badge) will be returned and the visitor's license will be given back.

To secure the building and supervise students after school, the main and round buildings and atrium will be locked and students will not have access to the LMC, computer labs, classroom, lockers, or main lobby after 4:00 p.m. unless previously approved by the Administration for a school function.

Attendance Policy

Regular and punctual attendance builds and indicates growth in self-discipline, responsibility, and maturity. The Compulsory School Attendance Law in the State of Illinois requires that whoever has custody or control of any child between the ages of 7 and 17 years must send the child to a public or private day school regularly. Therefore, St. Patrick students are expected to be in each of their scheduled class periods every day.

In the event of a necessary absence from school, the following procedures should be followed:

- On each day of absence, the parent or guardian is to call the school (773-282-8844 ext. 240) between 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. to report the absence. Parents are given 24 hours of the absence to call the Attendance Office or their student will be considered truant.
- 2. It is the responsibility of the student to make up any work missed due to absence.
- 3. Parents must call the school by 9:00 a.m. to report late arrival or early dismissal.

School attendance is an academic issue; missed instructional time does affect academic performance. The progressive consequences to poor attendance are designed as interventions to correct the behavior.

Student attendance, on-time arrival, and daily participation are the responsibility of the parent. Parents are encouraged to communicate to the Attendance Officer any special circumstances that may affect regular attendance.

The Dean of Students with the assistance of the Attendance Office is responsible for enacting the Attendance Policy. The Dean will make decisions on cases of excused or unexcused infractions of the policy. Saint Patrick High School will notify parents as students reach attendance limits described in this policy. Attendance reviews take place weekly.

Academic credit is issued by semester; therefore, the processes of reporting and enforcing the actions of the policy are conducted by semester. Please be aware that students whose absences exceed 10% of the total days in a semester from school may be subject to our most aggressive intervention.

Absenteeism

All students are expected to attend school daily, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:50 p.m., during a regular scheduled day.

Any student absent from school on a given day may not participate in or attend any school-related activity that day unless approved by the administration.

Excused and unexcused absences are accumulated and documentation of appointments, hospital illnesses, residential admittance, etc. should be submitted when the student returns. We ask that families review the school calendar in scheduling family vacations.

- The parent of a student who accumulates five absences (excused, unexcused, or truant) will receive an
 email of notification from the Attendance Officer stating the Attendance Policy and will be contacted by the
 counselor.
- After the ninth absence, the parent will receive an email from the Attendance Office. From the tenth
 absence onwards, the student must provide a doctor's note or risk being withdrawn from all classes and
 losing credit. This could lead to the loss of promotion if all credit deficiencies cannot be resolved in summer
 school.

Certain absences do not count toward the student's absence total. These include the following:

- Participation in school-sponsored, approved class field trips and athletic contests- In addition, students may pre-arrange an absence to see a St. Patrick team participate in State Tournament competition.
- Medical and dental appointments- A doctor's note will be required when the student returns to campus.
 Students will be marked with a full-day absence without proper documentation.
- Court appearance- The date will be excused if it has been cleared before the absence.
 Documentation from the court will be required when the student returns to campus.
- College visit Students in their junior and senior years are permitted to have three college visit experiences, but they are required to obtain permission from the Attendance Officer. They need to present documentation from the college or university and meet with Mr. Kusinski to obtain the college visit permission form before their visit. The completed form must then be submitted to the Attendance Office upon return to school.

Early Dismissal Procedure

Medical appointments are expected to be made outside of school hours whenever possible. However, if necessity requires the student to be absent for a reason other than illness, please call the attendance office in advance of the appointment. Other early dismissals (funeral, traffic court, etc.) follow the same procedure.

Parents are permitted three early dismissals per semester. All others must obtain prior approval from the Dean of Students.

Vacations

Parents are to avoid scheduling family trips or vacations that would take their son out of school for one or several days. Doing make-up work for days missed is never the same as actually being in class. These excused absences still accumulate toward the limit of ten when our most aggressive intervention may be enacted.

Parents who plan family trips or vacations during the school year must contact the Attendance Office and the student's counselor in advance of the absence. Students are also encouraged to communicate a planned absence with their teachers to discuss the necessary make-up work.

Extended Absence

Occasionally, students may be absent for an extended period due to prolonged illness, hospitalization, family emergency, etc. Parents are to contact the student's counselor to communicate the reason for an extended absence request. The counselor will notify the Attendance Office and the respective teachers. It is the responsibility of the family to arrange for make-up work with the counselor and teachers for the extended absence period.

Athletic Excused Absences

Student-athletes are allowed five (5) excused absences to attend AAU tournaments, showcases, and similar events during the school year. Both the parent and the athlete's head coach must confirm these absences with the Attendance Office. Any absence exceeding the allowed five (5) will be considered unexcused.

All Day Truancy

Truancy means staying away from school for the entire school day without notifying the school for proper approval. Any student truant from school on a given day may not participate in or attend any school-related activity that day. All-day truancy may result in a one-day out-of-school suspension. Excessive truancies may lead to significant consequences including multiple-day suspension and expulsion.

Single Class Truancy

A student not reporting to a class during the school day (after the first period) will be issued a consequence from the Dean's Office. Students who are more than 10 minutes late to a class without a pass are considered truant and will be issued a consequence from the Dean's Office.

A student missing for more than 10 minutes during a class period on a bathroom pass, will be issued a consequence from the Dean's Office. Students may be excused from class for more than 10 minutes with a pass to see the nurse, counselor, Dean, or other administrator.

Leaving the Campus

Students are not permitted to leave the campus during the school day. Once a student arrives at school, he may not leave the school premises without the expressed permission of the Dean of Students or another administrator.

Extracurricular Daily Eligibility

Students who miss three or more periods in a day (Block schedule) are not eligible for participation in or attendance at any extracurricular activity scheduled for that day unless approved by the Athletic Director.

Senior "Ditch" Day

St. Patrick High School acknowledges the long-standing tradition of celebrating the senior class. The Administration, in collaboration with the Senior Leadership, will determine the date for this one-day celebration to take place during the second semester. The designated date is non-negotiable, and any students participating on another day will be considered truant and referred to the Dean of Students for appropriate action upon their return to school

Mental Health Days

The purpose of mental health days (MHDs) is to allow students time away from academic and extracurricular responsibilities to focus on their social and emotional well-being. Students may utilize up to two (2) mental health days during the school year. If a student wishes to take a mental health day, they should speak with their parent/guardian and counselor and work with them to complete the mental health day form the day/evening before the mental health day. Counselor contact must be made or the absence will be recorded as unexcused. Your counselor will follow up with you upon your return to school.

If a student is experiencing a crisis, they should contact the school counselor directly as soon as possible. Students are not able to participate in extracurricular activities, including clubs and athletics, during a mental health day. If students violate these MHD expectations, their excused absence for the day may be changed to an unexcused absence

Before School Tardiness/Truancies (1st & 5th periods)

- 1st & 5th Periods (Green & Gold days) are the official attendance periods.
- If a student is tardy to school but before 8:20 a.m. (except on late start days), he is to report directly to his
 classroom after stopping at his locker. His 1st/5th period teacher will mark him with a tardy.
- Students arriving late after the 20-minute mark should report directly to the Attendance Office. If more than 20 minutes late to school, the student is considered truant for that period.
- Transportation or weather is not an acceptable excuse for tardiness unless stated by the Administration.
- Parents may excuse their student up to <u>THREE</u> times in a semester for being late to school. When a
 parent calls into the Attendance Office the student should report directly to the Attendance Office for
 an excused pass to class.

# of 1st/5th Per. (Truancies)	Consequence	Student/Parent Notification
1-3	Detention	Dean's Office
4	Saturday Detention	Parent Notification by Attendance / Dean's Office
5	Two Saturday Detentions	Parent Notification by Attendance / Dean's Office
6	Student will lose CREDIT for the class	Principal Letter to Parents

Tardy Policy

Tardies are recorded for each period of the day.

- A student is considered tardy if his two feet are not in the classroom at the time class is scheduled to begin.
- Teachers are asked to be considerate in the case of a student reporting late from another class with appropriate notification from the teacher.
- Students should report directly to their classroom when tardy to a class. Their classroom teacher
 will mark the student's tardiness. AT NO TIME SHOULD A STUDENT REPORT TO THE
 ATTENDANCE OFFICE WHEN TARDY TO A CLASS.

Tardy Consequences:

Tardies are counted for EACH INDIVIDUAL CLASS per semester.

# of Tardies - All Periods (Per.1- 2-3-4-5-6-7-8)	Consequence	Student/Parent Notification
1-2	Warning	Student Notification
3-4	After School Detention	Parent Notification by Teacher
5	Saturday Detention	Student/Parent Notification by Dean
6	Two Saturday Detentions	Student/Parent Notification by Dean
7	Out of School Suspension	Student/Parent Meeting w/ Dean
8	Student will lose CREDIT for the class	Principal letter to Parents

Missing Classwork from an Absence

Students are required to make arrangements to catch up on any missed work due to absences. Teachers are responsible for setting reasonable deadlines for completing missed assignments. Credit for make-up work will only be given for excused absences. If a student will be absent due to a school-sponsored event, they should discuss it with their teacher to determine a reasonable time for making up the work.

Returning to Learn Protocol/Return to Play Protocol (Saint Patrick High School Post-Concussion Return to Learn Protocol)

The purpose of the Return to Learn Protocol is to ensure the student safely assimilates himself back into the normal routine of school with minimal loss of academic exposure and instructional time. Communication among all concerned parties is a priority; we all want the student to fully recover and resume all activities. It is imperative that we follow these guidelines and respect the directives of the health care professionals and not think that this process can be accelerated.

Saint Patrick High School realizes that students require physical and cognitive rest to recover from a concussion. Academic accommodations may aid in minimizing post-concussion symptoms and assist the student in the academic process during the concussion recovery period. Medical recommendations from a State of Illinois non-parent licensed physician will be taken into consideration as the school determines the proper academic plan. The student will not be permitted to participate in any extracurricular or school-sponsored activities until written medical clearance from the same non-parent physician is provided. The student is also expected to complete the school's Return to Learn Protocol and if necessary, the Return to Play Protocol.

The health care professional will determine the level of participation in "extracurricular" activities. That term encompasses both physical and non-physical activities as well as school-sponsored social events. The gradual reintroduction of approved activities assists in the timely and complete recovery of the student.

Once Saint Patrick High School is informed that a student has suffered a concussion and has received documentation from the family, doctor, or trainer: the counselor will communicate with the teachers regarding

approved academic accommodations; the counselor will communicate with the student's extracurricular moderators or the athletic director, who will then communicate with the respective coach(es) regarding the concussion; the counselor will communicate with the student and parents to explain the procedures in the Return to Learning Protocol; the respective athletic trainer or coach(es), if applicable, will communicate to the student and family the Return to Play Protocol.

The process described below is intended to be used as a framework for a return to full academic participation after a concussion. It is meant to be fluid, to return the student to the classroom safely and as quickly as possible so as not to cause added stressors during their recovery. To that end, the protocol may be modified by the responsible healthcare provider acting in the best interest of the student.

Steps in the Return to Learn Protocol

Cognitive Rest - No school, no academic, no extracurricular activity.

Parents should limit activities that trigger symptoms (TV, video games, etc.) or elevate heart rate.

Partial Attendance (half-day, alternate periods, limited time, etc.) Resumption of school with accommodations as needed. The counselor will assist in prioritizing academic tasks and gradually increase academic workload including homework or group projects at home.

Gradual reintroduction to the classroom and academic workload.

Limited screen time

Rest breaks, especially if symptoms resurface or worsen.

Full Attendance with accommodations

The counselor will assist in prioritizing academic tasks and gradually increase academic workload including homework or group projects at home.

Begin routine testing

Gradually work towards removal of accommodations.

Full Attendance without accommodations

Fully integrated back into the classroom and academic workload.

Flexibility in allowing minor accommodations may still be necessary.

Gradual reintroduction of appropriate extracurricular activities.

Full academic workload with full extracurricular involvement.

No accommodations are needed.

The counselor, teacher, and student can design a plan to make up and submit work by an agreed-upon date.

Return to full participation in extracurricular activities not addressed in the Return to Play Protocol.

Concussions resulting in more severe symptoms, in which the schedule of this plan does not adequately address the level of learning, will be revisited with the counselor, student, parents, and physician to determine the next level of action. This may include an extended version of this plan, or in the most severe cases, follow the procedure or our Extended Absence Policy.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

Rule of Conduct

A sense of responsibility within a person requires self-discipline and is achieved only through a realization of one's good and the good of his companions. Saint Patrick High School aims to aid the students in making this goal a reality.

The rules of the school have been designed to structure school life to ensure the common good of all students and yet maintain individual identity. In addition to the general rules of good conduct, based on common sense, a set of rules is provided so that students may act more freely and be secure in the knowledge that they will not be hampered in their efforts to gain the most from what Saint Patrick High School is trying to help them achieve. Saint Patrick adheres to the federal and local laws regarding human rights. Any cases of discrimination or harassment involving race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, and/or disability will be investigated and appropriate action will be taken.

Upon acceptance into Saint Patrick High School, students and their parents agree to uphold all school regulations.

Mutual respect is expected among students, teachers, and parents. Gentlemanly courtesy to all faculty members and visitors is always expected. Faculty members should be addressed as "Brother... Father... Mr.... Mrs... Ms... or Miss." At all times, whether in school, in public, at social events, or especially on public transportation, good manners, and courtesy are expected of all Saint Patrick students.

Dress and Appearance Code

All students are required to be in Saint Patrick High School uniform dress code. The Saint Patrick dress code establishes a respectful attitude, builds self-confidence, and is meant to enhance the learning environment.

Visit DENNIS Uniforms (7055 West Higgins Avenue) for a full inventory of polos, 1/4 zips, etc. You can also reference our school code of GSPHSV at dennisuniform.com. Additionally, a limited amount will be available in our Shamrock Shop.

Students in violation of the dress code may receive a consequence issued by the Dean of Students.

Trousers

Students are to wear khaki or Docker-style pants. Pants must be full-length, a traditional look to the top of the shoe. Jeans, jean look-alikes, chinos, sweatpants, types of denim, casual pants, pajama bottoms, and pants with elastic cuffs are not allowed. Front and back pockets must be at the waist only; cargo pants are not allowed. Wallet chains are never worn. Trousers are to be worn at or above the waistline at all times.

Shorts

Non-cargo khaki shorts with belt loops and a zipper are allowed from the first day of school until September 30th and from May 1st to the end of the school year. No mesh shorts or gym shorts. Full-length pants must be worn for Liturgy Days during this period.

Permitted Outerwear

School-branded and issued quarter zips, crew neck sweatshirts, warm-ups, and jackets are the only approved outerwear. The only acceptable outerwear is that displaying the Saint Patrick brand. Saint Patrick branded hoodies cannot be worn unless it is Spirit Friday or another designated Spirit Day.

Polo shirts MUST be tucked into the pants at all times.

St. Patrick Full Zip Jacket: A St. Patrick Full Zip Jacket is permissible to be worn daily. This must be accompanied by a green, white or gray t-shirt or St. Patrick polo. Jackets with hoods are NOT allowed.

St. Patrick ½ Zip Pullover: A St. Patrick ½ Zip Pullover is permissible to be worn daily. This must be accompanied by a green, white or gray t-shirt or St. Patrick polo. ½ Zip Pullovers with hoods are NOT allowed.

St. Patrick Crewneck Sweatshirt: A St. Patrick Sweatshirt is permissible to be worn daily. This **MUST** be accompanied by a St. Patrick polo shirt underneath - **NO T-SHIRTS ALLOWED.**

Socks and Shoes

Predominantly black, brown, or white dress, and casual, or gym shoes are acceptable. Shoes requiring laces must be tied. All shoes must be worn properly and with socks. **Crocs, boots, sandals, foam runners, slides, or moccasins are not permitted during the day or on Spirit Days.**

Hair

Hair must be clean, and well groomed. Hair must be above the eyes, above the ears (even when combed from above and behind the ears), and must not touch the collar. Hair length on top is limited. Extremes in hairstyles (dyed hair, streaks, designs, or colored highlights) are not acceptable. Students in violation may be suspended from classes, parents notified, and students sent home. The school does not prohibit hairstyles that are historically associated with race, ethnicity, or hair texture, including, but not limited to, protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, dreadlocks, and twists. These hairstyles must not be worn below the eyes or be below the collar. A bun style is permissible, ponytails are not permitted.

Facial Hair

Facial hair of any nature is not permitted. Students are to be clean-shaven at all times (no mustaches or beards). Sideburns must not extend beyond the ear. Students may be asked to shave at school or may be suspended

from classes, parents notified, and students sent home if not in compliance. The Dean of Students may also issue a consequence.

- Doctor's notes will not be accepted as a reason for not shaving. Students with dermatological conditions
 must ensure they are cleanly shaven every day in school or have a plan developed with the Dean of
 Students.
- Shaving lines in eyebrows is prohibited, and students who do so are subject to disciplinary action.

Hats/Outdoor Clothing/Backpacks

Hats that are worn in the building will be confiscated. Outdoor clothing items (jackets, etc.) are not to be brought to or worn in the classroom. Backpacks are never allowed in the classroom and must remain in the student's locker at all times.

Jewelry

Necklaces and chains of moderate size are acceptable. Inappropriate jewelry is not permitted and will be confiscated if worn.

Earrings/Piercings

No earrings, band-aids, coverings, or clear plugs are allowed to be worn during school hours. Any student who decides to have their ears pierced during the school year will face disciplinary action, including suspension.

Finger Nail Polish

Students are not allowed to wear painted nails.

Tattoos

Tattoos are not to be visible on a student's body during school hours.

Sunglasses

Sunglasses are never to be worn in the school building.

Lanyards / ID Cards

Student ID pictures are taken during the first week of school. The school-issued St. Patrick Lanyard with the student's current ID must be worn at all times around the neck. Students are responsible for replacing any lost or stolen ID cards. See Mr. Biancalana for a replacement. A fee of \$5.00 will be assessed for lost or stolen cards.

Spirit Day Fridays

Students are encouraged to show their school pride by wearing their Saint Patrick-appropriate team/activity quarter zip, jersey, polo, or shirt every Friday during the school year. Regular dress code applies to the lower body. Saint Patrick-branded and issued hoodies are also allowed.

Liturgies

On days when Saint Patrick High School celebrates the liturgy, which happens about once a month, students are required to wear a dress shirt (long or short sleeve), tie, and full-length pants for the entire day. Students who do not adhere to this dress code will face consequences. Additionally, students are expected to be reverent, respectful, and attentive during mass.

Lockers/Locks

At the beginning of freshman year, the student receives the locker that he will have for the next four years. The school will not be responsible for any loss or damage to any books or other personal property. Therefore, it is unwise for a student to give his locker combination to anyone.

SCHOOL AUTHORITIES RESERVE THE RIGHT TO OPEN AND EXAMINE THE CONTENTS OF ANY LOCKER AT ANYTIME

Students are allowed to go to their lockers between periods. Teachers will issue locker passes only after the period has started. It is the responsibility of the student to keep his locker in good working order. Students are not allowed to write in or on the lockers. Also, no decals or posters are allowed inside the lockers. Students experiencing any problem with their lockers should report this to the Dean of Students as soon as possible. Replacement locks can be purchased from the Dean of Students for \$5.00.

Cell Phones/Headphones/Wireless Headphones (including AirPods)

Students are not allowed to use cell phones/headphones/wireless headphones during school hours without the permission of the administration. If these items are brought to school it is the students' responsibility to keep them secured in their locker during the school day. No student should have their cell phone on their person during the school day. Upon violating this policy, student cell phones will be turned in to the Dean's office and secured. Further violations will escalate disciplinary action. Saint Patrick High School is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices such as AirPods, iPads, phones, etc.

# of Cell Phone, Electronic Violations	Consequence	Student/Parent Notification
1	Warning	
2-4	Detention	Parent Notification by Dean's Office
5	Saturday Detention & Weekly Phone Jail	Parent Notification by Dean's Office
6	Suspension	Contact by Dean's Office.

Pictures/Videotaping/Recording

At NO time is a student allowed to photograph, video, or in any other way record faculty, staff, students, or visitors without explicit permission from said person. Posting and/or sharing of any of these images is also strictly prohibited. This includes posting and/or sharing such images sent to you by another student/person.

Dismissal from Class

If a student is dismissed from a classroom for disciplinary reasons, he must report to the Dean of Students immediately. If he is out of a class for any other reason, he should have a note or corridor pass from his teacher explaining the reason, or he will be subject to disciplinary action.

Searches

Students and their personal effects are subject to search for the reasons stated in the Illinois State Code (10-22.6): To maintain order and security in the schools, school authorities may inspect and search places and areas such as lockers, desks, cars, parking lots, and other school property and equipment owned or controlled by the school, as well as personal effects left in those places and areas by students, without notice to or consent of the students, and a search warrant. As a matter of public policy, students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in these areas.

Drugs

Students who bring any drug or drug-related products, including devices with THC pods, to school may face expulsion on the first offense.

Mandatory Drug Testing

- Saint Patrick High School has partnered with Psychemedics to screen hair samples of our students.
- Negative results are communicated by mail to the parent.
- Should a student test positive, parents/guardians will be contacted by the Dean of Students / Counselor to
 discuss the results and communicate the procedures of our drug policy.
- Students will be tested twice during the school year.

First positive

- 1. Contact with the Parent by the Dean of Students and a Counselor.
- Formal assessment done by an outside counselor (due to insurance coverage, the parent may select the agency or Saint Patrick refer counselors with whom we regularly work).
- Students will again be tested in 90 days. If negative, the student will resume random testing; if positive, the student enters the second protocol.

Second positive

- 1. Meeting with the Parent, Dean of Students, and a Counselor
- Formal assessment by a certified drug counselor (students cannot return to school until the Dean is notified of the findings and recommendations of that evaluation).

- 3. Required formal treatment from an outside professional (this can take the form of regular office visits or, in the extreme case, residential care.)
- 4. Continued weekly group sessions at school.
- Students will again be tested in 90 days.

Third positive

May result in dismissal from Saint Patrick High School.

Non-Discrimination Statement and Policy

Saint Patrick High School is an equal-opportunity employer. We will not discriminate and will take affirmative action measures to ensure against discrimination in employment, recruitment, advertisements for employment, compensation, termination, upgrading, promotions, and other conditions of employment against any employee or job applicant based on race, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Similarly, we will not discriminate in the recruitment, acceptance, and education of students enrolled in our school. Questions about the policy or to submit a complaint should be directed to the Principal with a copy to the President of Saint Patrick High School.

Bullying/Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Disrespect Policy

Following the mission of Saint Patrick High School, the ideals espoused by the Archdiocese of Chicago, and Article I Section 20 of the Illinois Constitution promoting individual dignity, harassment, and/or disrespectful behavior based on such factors as, but not limited to, ethnic background, race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, and/or disability is contrary to the support of individual dignity and will not be tolerated at Saint Patrick High School. Such behavior should be reported to an Administrator per our Open Door Policy or an anonymous report can be submitted using the Safety Tip email link on our webpage. The school will determine the facts regarding all allegations of harassment in as prompt and confidential a manner as possible, and will then take appropriate action.

Purpose

The Illinois General Assembly has found that a safe and civil school environment is necessary for students to learn and achieve and that bullying causes physical, psychological, and emotional harm to students and interferes with their ability to learn and participate in school activities. Bullying has been linked to other forms of antisocial behavior, such as vandalism, shoplifting, skipping and dropping out of school, fighting, using drugs and alcohol, sexual harassment, and violence. It is the mission of Saint Patrick High School to create and foster a learning environment in all its school communities where students are protected from bullying, so they feel safe and supported in their efforts to succeed academically and develop emotionally into responsible, caring individuals.

Definitions

"Bullying" means any severe or pervasive (repeated over time) physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or electronically, directed toward a student or students, that has or can be reasonably predicted to have one or more of the following effects:

- placing the student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or property;
- causing a substantially detrimental effect on the student's physical or mental health;
- substantially interfering with the student's academic performance; or
- substantially interfering with the student's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, and privileges provided by a school.

Bullying may take various forms, including without limitation, one or more of the following: harassment, threats, intimidation, stalking, physical violence, sexual harassment, sexual violence, theft, public humiliation, destruction of property, or retaliation for asserting or alleging an act of bullying. This list is meant to be illustrative and non-exhaustive.

"Hazing" is defined as initiating or disciplining fellow students utilizing horseplay, practical jokes, or tricks: to harass by banter, ridicule, or criticism; to play abusive and or humiliating tricks.

"Harassment" is behavior that results in an intimidating or hostile environment. Sexual harassment includes unwelcome and inappropriate sexual advances, innuendos, comments, jokes, photos, etc.

"Cyberbullying" means using information and communication technologies to bully. This definition includes cyberbullying by any means of technology when an administrator or teacher receives a report that bullying through this means has occurred.

"Retaliation" means any form of intimidation, reprisal, or harassment directed against a student who reports bullying, provides information during an investigation, or witnesses or has reliable information about bullying.

Intervening to Address Bullying

All employees who witness incidents of bullying or school violence or who possess reliable information that would lead a reasonable person to suspect that a person is a target of bullying, must:

- intervene immediately, when appropriate and in a manner that is aligned to the context and ensures the safety of all involved;
- report the incident of bullying or retaliation to the Principal or Dean as soon as possible
- cooperate fully in any investigation of the incident and in implementing any safety plan established by the Principal or Dean.

Investigation

A Principal or Dean shall investigate and document the incident. The parties involved shall be notified of all appropriate information while still maintaining confidentiality.

Assigning Consequences

Confirmed incidents may lead to expulsion, probation, loss of privileges, or detentions and may include professional interventions specific to the form of bullying. Additionally, incidents may be reported to the Chicago Police where the victim's family may pursue civil action.

School Sponsored Activities

Dances, retreats, concerts, field trips, as well as both on-campus and off-campus athletic events are all examples of school-sponsored activities. Certain school-sponsored activities may have specific additional rules and guidelines, which will be communicated to students before the event.

If a student is found to be under the influence or in possession of alcohol and/or drugs at a school-sponsored activity, their parents will be promptly notified, and the student will be suspended from school until the case is addressed by the Dean of Students.

Restricted areas

If a student is not in the area assigned during a particular period without authorized permission, he is considered "off limits". All locker rooms are "off limits" at any time a class or team is not assigned to use them.

Failure to receive permission from the Principal, Assistant Principal, or Dean of Students to leave the school building before one's classes are finished will be considered "off campus" and is subject to disciplinary action. The parking lots are considered "off campus" during the school day.

Certain locations within the Saint Patrick vicinity, as designated by Saint Patrick High School, will be considered "Off Limits." The "Off Limits" (Restricted Outside Areas) will be always in effect for our students before school and for one hour immediately following the close of school.

Atrium

The Atrium bathroom area is off-limits during the school day to all students.

Elevators

Students are never to use the elevators unless they have explicit permission from the Dean's Office or the Nurse's Office. For safety reasons, students must always follow the posted signage in and around the elevators.

Cafeteria / Breakfast & Lunch Expectations

Food or snacks may only be enjoyed in the cafeteria before school, during lunch periods, and at specific times coordinated by the Administration and our vendor, Quest. Breakfast should be consumed in the cafeteria or at home before coming to school. Students are not allowed to bring food to their first class of the day. Additionally, lunch must be eaten in the cafeteria or on the patio area. No eating is permitted in any classroom.

All students are responsible for keeping their lunch table and its surroundings clean. They are also expected to behave appropriately, which includes no throwing of items, no roaming without permission, and no shouting. Ordering food for delivery during the school day, including lunch hours, is not permitted for students and parents. Students and parents need to maintain a positive balance with their student's Quest Food account. Students with a negative balance will not be able to obtain a lunch with an I.O.U.

Water Bottles

Students are allowed to carry reusable water bottles during the school day. The water bottles must be filled with water only and can be made of hard plastic or stainless steel. Additionally, students are permitted to use large insulated tumblers such as Yeti or Stanley. However, soft plastic, squeezable bottles like Gatorade or Aquafina, as well as single-use cups from places like Dunkin or 7-11, are not allowed.

Smoking / Smokeless Tobacco

Students are not permitted to carry cigarettes, e-cigarettes, matches, lighters, smokeless tobacco, or other nicotine delivery means on their person during the school day. Smoking or the use of smokeless tobacco is forbidden in the school building, including the corners of Belmont and Austin, all local establishments, the school parking lots, the athletic field behind the schools, the alleyways behind the school, and courtyards.

Vaping

An electronic cigarette or e-cigarette is a handheld electronic device that simulates the feeling of tobacco smoking. It works by heating a liquid to generate an aerosol, commonly called a "vapor" that the user inhales. Using e-cigarettes is commonly referred to as vaping. Chemicals and known carcinogens have been identified in the flavored, nicotine, synthetic, and cannabis liquids.

The practice of vaping has become a universal issue in schools and, therefore, has its specific policy. The penalty for the visual possession and act of vaping in school is severe. The device will be confiscated. The liquid will also be tested to determine its nature. Should the test reveal synthetics or cannabis oil, the student may be expelled from Saint Patrick High School.

Consequences for behavior involving vaping may include but are not limited to In-School Suspension, Saturday Detentions, Suspension, Social Probation, or Expulsion.

Off-Campus Conduct

In instances occurring off-campus and unrelated to Saint Patrick's educational and co-curricular programs, the school expects parents and guardians to fulfill their roles as the primary educators and disciplinarians of their children. Instances of student misconduct, even outside of school grounds, may fall under the jurisdiction of the school.

To determine whether a specific off-campus activity violates the principles outlined above and necessitates the school's involvement and response, the Administration will take into account the following criteria:

- the seriousness of the violation according to the school's philosophy, school policy, or federal, state or local ordinance;
- whether or not the incident occurred at or in relation to a school-sponsored event;
- direct connection to or public mention of the "Saint Patrick" name in reference to the incident;
- the proximity of the location of the occurrence to the school's campus;
- conduct or consequences threatening the safety and/or harmony of members of the school community;
- conduct or consequences obstructive to the good order and educational and moral climate of the school;
- police charges, judicial appearances, convictions, and/or any other civil or criminal actions that may take place.
- if the violation, while outside of school, involves multiple students who attend St. Patrick High School. In those off-campus situations where one or more of the seven criteria listed herein apply, the The administration may deem it necessary to act for the good of the school community. The offending students will be subject to any of the "Disciplinary Measures" identified herein.

Students are reminded that their conduct off-campus also includes the Internet. Social Media should

not be used to demean, harass, or threaten any member of the Saint Patrick community or misuse the good name of Saint Patrick.

Gangs

Saint Patrick's stance relative to gang activity and involvement is in full cooperation with city and community antigang programs. Visible symbols of gang affiliation or representation are strictly forbidden, e.g., gang graffiti in textbooks, notebooks, in lockers, or on clothing, which can result in immediate expulsion.

Theft

Students are expected to show respect for the school's, teachers', and classmates' belongings. Theft, which encompasses actions such as stealing, misappropriation, unlawful entry, or possession of stolen property, will result in the student being held accountable to make up for the loss. Consequences may include detention, suspension, disciplinary or social probation, or expulsion. In serious cases, a police report may also be filed. It is important to note that the school cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen items.

Weapons

Students are prohibited from possessing or having any form of weapon (including firearms, knives, brass knuckles, billy clubs, or any object designed to cause bodily harm) or explosives. This includes look-alikes, facsimiles, or accessories of any weapon or explosive. If a weapon or explosive is found, it will be confiscated, the police will be notified, and the student will face immediate disciplinary action.

If a student is found to have brought a weapon or explosive to school, any school-sponsored activity, or any activity related to school, they will be suspended immediately and may face expulsion.

Disciplinary Consequences

Teacher Detention

A teacher has the authority to assign an after-school "classroom" detention as needed. This may involve asking a student to attend their classroom after school in response to a disciplinary issue that the teacher wants to address. If a student fails to attend a "teacher-issued detention," it should be reported to the Dean's Office

Detention Referral

A teacher may issue a referral to the Dean's Office for disciplinary offenses. These referrals can be accessed on PowerSchool. The Dean's Office should promptly inform the teacher of the referral's outcome.

After School Detention

Detention is imposed as a consequence of misconduct or non-compliance with school rules and policies. When assigned detention, students must attend from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the discretion of the Dean. Students are required to serve detention on the agreed-upon day with the Dean of Students and must arrange transportation for themselves. No student is excused from detention without prior approval from the Dean of Students. Failure to attend a scheduled detention will result in two additional detentions.

Please be reminded of the following guidelines: Work, personal obligations, transportation, team practices, other co-curricular meetings or rehearsals are not considered valid reasons for missing detention and will result in an additional two detentions. It is expected that students arrive on time, as any student who arrives late to detention will not be allowed to attend and will receive two additional detentions.

During detention, students are not permitted to bring books, backpacks, phones, iPads, jackets, water bottles, or any other personal items. The expectation is that students sit quietly and abide by the proper dress code. Activities such as sleeping and eating are not allowed. In some cases, students may be asked to perform service work for the school in place of attending detention.

In-School Suspension (ISS)

In-school suspension can be issued for a period, half day (2 periods), full day, or multiple days at the discretion of the Dean of Students. Teachers will assign work for the time spent in ISS. The ISS is a 24-hour suspension. **Students may not participate in after-school activities on the day of their in-school suspension**. If a student is issued an ISS on a Friday, he may not participate in any activity until the next school day (Monday).

Saturday School Detention

A student may be assigned Saturday detention at the discretion of the Dean of Students and/or other school administrators. Saturday detention is generally reserved for students displaying a pattern of disciplinary concerns or for serious disciplinary offenses. The student may be assigned maintenance work around the school building and grounds or the students may be given a written assignment. Saturday detentions could take place up to twice per month starting in September. Students will be at Saint Patrick High School from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Should a student miss a Saturday detention, the student will receive an additional Saturday detention as well as an after-school detention.

Parent Conference

The Dean of Students reserves the right to hold a parent conference whenever it is warranted.

Disciplinary Probation

The Dean of Students will determine when a student is to be placed on disciplinary probation. Generally, students eligible for such probation have exhibited a pattern of misbehavior or have violated a major school rule or policy. This would include but is not limited to, a combination of social probation, athletic probation, co-curricular/activities probation, parking privileges, etc.

Social Probation

The Dean of Students will determine when a student is to be placed on Social Probation. While on Social Probation, a student cannot participate in ANY extracurricular activities unless granted permission by the administration. This includes all activities that involve St. Patrick High School. Dances, retreats, concerts, field trips, and at-home and away athletic events are examples of school-sponsored activities.

Suspension

Suspension is defined as being excluded from the school premises and all school-sponsored activities. Such suspension occurs in cases of severe misconduct and will remain in effect until a conference is held between the parents and the principal or the Dean of Students or until a Discipline Board Meeting is convened.

A suspended student is excluded from all classes and all school-sponsored activities. Students have the right to make up all the work missed during their suspension.

Expulsion

Expulsion or dismissal is the final and irrevocable withdrawal from Saint Patrick High School. It may be necessary to expel a student for a single offense against a major school law or the repetition of any of the offenses for which a student is sent to the school disciplinarians. All cases of expulsion are decided by the principal.

Typical examples of acts that cause expulsion are:

- 1. The use or the attempt to use any type of explosives in or around the school.
- 2. Any student caught tampering with the fire alarm.
- Students are subject to suspension and/or expulsion by possession, use, selling or exchanging drugs and/or alcohol at or around Saint Patrick High School.
- 4. Third positive drug test result.
- 5. Theft.
- 6. Use of obscene, racial, or abusive language, symbols, signs, or innuendo.
- 7. Gang involvement.
- 8. Tagging.
- 9. Possession of a weapon.
- 10. Battery committed against school personnel.
- 11. Bullying or harassment.
- 12. Other acts as deemed by the Principal to cause a safety concern.

The chief school administrator immediately notifies local law enforcement officials of weapon incidents at the school. The administrator also notifies such officials of verified incidents involving drugs in the school. The administrator shall also notify the Illinois State Police of such incidents through the School Incident Reporting System (SIRS). Parents will immediately be notified by the chief administrator or his designee if their child has any weapon, including but not limited to, firearms.

The chief administrator of the school, or his/her designee, reports instances of drug violations to local law enforcement officials as required by the School Reporting of Drug Violations Act {105 ILCS 127}.

Shamrock Restore

St. Patrick High School is dedicated to cultivating a community characterized by conscience, competence, and compassion. When a student's behavior negatively affects the community and its members, we will utilize restorative practices focused on education, reconciliation, and justice.

Shamrock Restore is dedicated to fostering open dialogue and creating more educational and developmental opportunities for addressing incidents that contravene the expectations of any student, particularly those that involve bias and prejudice.

The school will extend an invitation to the concerned parties to take part in our Shamrock Restore initiatives and procedures provided that all parties involved, including the affected individual, the individual responsible, and their parent or legal guardian, mutually agree to participate. This will be carried out in conjunction with the traditional disciplinary actions, under the discretion of the Assistant Principal for Student Services.

Restorative practices may comprise activities such as peace circles, peer mediation, and completion of educational tasks. These restorative measures encompass a range of school-based alternatives to punitive discipline measures, such as Saturday Detentions or suspensions, and may be integrated as a part of the reentry requirements.

The Discipline Board

The Discipline Board consists of the President, Principal, Assistant Principal, Dean and two faculty members. The purpose of the Board is to meet and hear discipline cases beyond the ones considered ordinary. It is convened or called by the Principal.

Vehicle Registration and Reserved Parking

All parking spaces on the school property are reserved. To secure a parking space on school grounds, individuals must register with the Dean of Students. The fee for a reserved parking space is \$225.00 for the entire school year. Parking will be available in the Austin lot exclusively, with seniors given first preference. Students who park in unauthorized areas will face the following consequences:

1st Offense: Warning from the Dean of Students

2nd Offense: Possible disciplinary actions such as Saturday Detention, loss of parking privilege for the semester, towing of the vehicle at the student's expense, and/or any other consequences at the Dean's discretion.

Please take note of the following instructions:

- The parking lot at Austin will be exclusively for student parking, while the parking lot at Belmont is designated for faculty and staff. Students are not permitted to park in the Belmont lot and will face consequences from the Dean's Office if they do so.
- Students are required to park only in their assigned spaces, and parking placards must be visibly displayed on the rearview mirror at all times. If a student finds another vehicle parked in their assigned space, they should promptly inform the Dean of Students.
- The Saint Ferdinand's parking lot is strictly off-limits for parking as it serves as a playground during school days. Similarly, the US Bank parking lot is also off-limits.
- Any student causing disturbances with their vehicles in the school neighborhood will face strict disciplinary action, including the potential loss of driving privileges to the school.

Meetings and Assemblies

In meetings and assemblies, it is appreciated when students cooperate. Instead of whistling, shouting, or stamping their feet, participants should show approval through applause. The audience's conduct plays a crucial role in shaping the school's reputation. Preserving our school's reputation is the responsibility of every individual associated with Saint Patrick. When proceeding to the gymnasium for an assembly or meeting, it's important to maintain a general atmosphere of quiet.

Registration Requirements

Documentation of the following is required for final admission into Saint Patrick High School:

- a certified copy of the student's birth certificate (returned to parent)
- physical exam
- complete immunization record

- vision screening
- dental screening is optional hearing screening is optional

Students are to be excluded from school by October 15 if requirements for health exams and immunizations have not been met.

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