

DISTRICT & WHS Student Handbook 19-20 Summary of Changes

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Change #	Page#	Description	Rationale
1	9	Updated language on a delayed opening for Weycare	Weycare requested the change as information in the handbook was not correct
2	11- 12	Coordinator Information	We removed specific information for coordinators for the following programs: Title VI civil rights, Title IX Education Amendments, Section 504, ADA, Equal Education Opportunities Act, Chapter 75, S5
3	19	<u>Independent Work Station (IWS)</u> New Text: In School Suspension (ISS)	Name change so it is more evident what it is. All IWS is changed to ISS throughout the Handbook
4	32	Reporting Bullying	Removed name of Assistant Superintendent and just replaced with title
5	39 - 40	Field Trips	Removed old language and updated with School Committee Field Trip Policy language
6	43	Aspen X2	Changed URL for support and updated language

WHS

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1	3	<u>New Text</u> <u>ROAR</u>	PBIS will be coming to the HS Consistent with all school
2	59	<u>Mid-Year/Final Exam Regulations:</u> New Text: Attendance during Mid-Year and Final Exams does not count towards your quarterly attendance. If a student is absent unexcused for a Mid-Year or Final Exam they will receive a 0 for the exam.	There was not specific wording about attendance during mid-year and final exams. If a student has an excused absence during a mid-year or final, they receive a consequence of a 0. Also counting it towards their quarterly attendance, would be a second consequence.

3	60	<u>Attendance Requirements</u> Examples of classes that meet every other day New text: (Capstone, PE, Health, etc)	There have been questions about which classes this attendance requirement applies to
4	61	<u>Calling in an Absence</u> <u>Under excused absence:</u> Old Text A college interview or visitation pre-approved by the student's guidance counselor (limited to three per student, junior and senior year only) New Text A post-secondary interview or visitation pre-approved by the student's Dean.	Post-secondary would include military visits, union interviews, etc. Students would be not be limited to Junior and Senior year. Often younger siblings accompany older siblings on visits Eliminating days allowed, encourages students to continuously explore their post-secondary options. All attendance issues go through the Dean and documentation is required.
5	62-64	<u>Code of Conduct</u> New Text Pg. 63 Propping a door open or opening a door to let someone in the building Pg. 64 If a school official has reasonable suspicion a school rule is being violated and/or there may be a crime, school officials may search the person's, their belongings and electronic communication.	Enforces and Supports school safety Added updated language to keep handbooks consistent
6	75	<u>Athletics and Extracurricular Activities</u> New Text: Competitive club/organization Old Text: Athletes	Holding all students to the same standard of eligibility if participating in Athletics and/or competitive clubs/organization Robotics, Theater, Music, etc.