PALMETTO HIGH SCHOOL

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STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Mission Statement
Palmetto High School will educate and develop all students today for their success tomorrow.

Equity Statement
The School Board of Manatee County does not tolerate discrimination or harassment based on race, sex, sexual orientation, color, religion, age, national origin, or disability. The District Section 504 Coordinator for the School District of Manatee County is the Supervisor of Student Services. Contact Joanne Townsend for further information on the Americans with Disabilities Act, Age Discrimination Act, and Title IX.

School Contact Information
Palmetto High School
1200 17th Street West, Palmetto, FL 34221
Main ....................................... 941-723-4848
Fax ........................................... 941-723-4952

Where to Go for Help
Absences/Tardies................................................................................................................Attendance Office
Academic Advice ........................................................................................................School Counselor and Teachers
Academic Records .................................................................................................Registrar’s Office
Activities Calendar .................................................................................................Activities Director
Admission .............................................................................................................Registrar’s Office
Advanced Notice of Absence .................................................................Attendance Office
Assemblies ................................................................................................................Activities Director, Assistant Principals
Bus Information ..............................................................................................................Call Transportation at 782-1287
Career Information .................................................................................................School Counselor
Checking In/Out of School ........................................................................................Student Services
Class Absences ..........................................................................................................School Counselor
Class Activities ........................................................................................................Class Sponsor, Assistant Principals
Clubs .........................................................................................................................Club President, Sponsor, Activities Director
College Information .....................................................................................................School Counselor
Course Content .....................................................................................................Teacher, Department Chair, Curriculum Coordinator
Discipline Problems .................................................................................................Teacher, School Counselor, Dean
Discipline Referrals ....................................................................................................Teacher, Dean
Excessive Absences/Tardies ..................................................................................Attendance Office, School Counselor
Grade Point Average ..................................................................................................School Counselor
Grades .......................................................................................................................Teacher, Department Chair, Assistant Principals, School Counselor
Occupational Advice .................................................................................................School Counselor
Organizations ..............................................................................................................Head of Organization, Sponsor
Rank in Class ...............................................................................................................School Counselor
Report Card Correction ...........................................................................................Teacher, Registrar
Schedule Problems ..................................................................................................School Counselor
Sports .......................................................................................................................Coach, Athletic Director, Assistant Principals, Principal
Student/Teacher Conflict .........................................................................................Teacher, Department Chair, Dean, Assistant Principals, Principal
Student/Student Conflict ............................................................................................Teachers, Sch. Counselor, Dean, Asst. Principals, Principal
Test Results/Interpretation ........................................................................................School Counselor
Theft ...........................................................................................................................Teacher (in-class occurrence), Resource Officer, Dean
School Records

Student’s school records are kept by the office. Federal law prohibits revealing this information to anyone without the parent’s permission. However, recommendations are frequently requested from teachers and administrators who are aware of the content of the student’s record. A copy of your school records will be sent upon your request. Transcripts may be sent electronically at no cost. Any transcript printed has a processing fee. Graduating seniors’ final transcript (1) will be sent free through June 30th by notifying the Registrar.

Transcripts

In all cases where students have transferred to Palmetto from another school, the office accepts only the transcript that is mailed directly from the school previously attended. A student graduating or withdrawing will be furnished a final transcript without cost. Please allow 5 days to process transcript requests. Additional transcripts are available at a cost of $4.00 each (price is subject to change).

Withdrawal Procedures

If a student needs to withdraw from school, the parent/guardian must come to school and sign a withdrawal form and the student must complete an exit interview. We request that the parent/guardian provide us with a name and contact information for the school the student is transferring to. Withdrawals from school cannot be done by telephone or by sending the form home. Please bring all books, uniforms, or other items needed to be returned to school.

Change of Address

Any student who moves during the school year must record the change of address by providing proof of residence to the Registrar. A current electric bill, water bill, or lease agreement in the parent/guardian’s name will be needed. Any change of telephone number must be corrected with the Registrar.

Tardy Policy

Tardies to class result in lost instructional time for the tardy student and an interruption of the teaching and learning activities for others. The warning bell signals that students should be moving toward class. When the tardy bell rings, students must be inside their assigned area.

Tardy Procedure:

- When the tardy bell rings, teachers will close the door and not admit students to class.
- Tardy students must immediately proceed to the courtyards or student services for a Tardy Pass from an Administrator. Students will be allowed one (1) tardy each quarter, without disciplinary consequence. Admittance to class will require the appropriate pass from an Administrator or Student Services. After this excused tardy, disciplinary consequences will be assigned.
- Administration will schedule the detention to be served by the student. This is the students’ official notification of the detention and failure to serve will automatically result in additional discipline consequences. It is the student’s responsibility to inform their parent/guardian that a detention has been assigned. No additional notification will be issued regarding detention. Parent/guardian may reschedule (1) detention per quarter by noon on the day of the scheduled detention.
- Students return to class with a Tardy Pass.
- Students who do not follow the procedure will be considered skipping and will receive an additional consequence.

Unexcused Tardies (cumulative per quarter, not per class)

- 1st Tardy……………Warning
- 2nd Tardy……………Phone Call Home
- 3rd Tardy……………Lunch Detention
- 4th Tardy……………After School Detention
Attendance Policy

Attendance is a critical component for students’ success in the classroom. Florida Law requires parents of a child less than 16 years of age to be responsible for their children’s school attendance. Palmetto High School will notify parents if their children are absent from school each day via an automated school telephone call. Continued absences could result in consequences involving the Department of Motor Vehicles and the child being brought before the Juvenile Court to explain his/her absences.

Notifying the School of an Absence

When a student is going to be absent from school, Palmetto High School asks the parents or guardians to call the school and follow the prompt for reporting an absence. Absences may be reported at any time. When calling, please give all of the information requested.

Parents are asked to make arrangements if they know their children will be absent for any length of time. Parents or students may pick up a form from the attendance secretary or on the school website. It must be signed by all teachers and returned to the attendance secretary one week before the absence occurs.

State law requires all absences to be unexcused unless they fall into the following documented reasons:

- An absence for religious instruction or for a religious holiday;
- An absence due to sickness, injury or order insurmountable condition;
- An absence due to participation in an academic class or program;
- A subpoena or forced absence by any government agency;
- An appointment with a doctor or dentist; or
- A School Board approved activity.

Assignments from Absences

- Make-up work is the responsibility of the student.
- Work assigned prior to the absence is due the day the student returns.
- Major assignments are due on the original due date.
- Work assigned during the student’s absence is due no later than the length of time (number of days) of the student’s absence.
- Suspended Students: Refer to the “Suspended Students” section for makeup work instructions.
- If a student has prior knowledge of an absence, class work and homework must be turned in prior to the absence, unless prior arrangements have been made with the teacher to do so upon return. It is the student’s responsibility to make these arrangements with his/her teachers.
- Skipping class constitutes prior knowledge. A student will receive zeroes for all class work, tests, quizzes, or assignments missed. Appropriate consequences will result.
- Major assignments or projects are due on the assigned due date unless there is a documented excused absence for that date.
- Makeup work should be submitted within two weeks of the prior semester’s end for the class rank to be accurate.
Attendance Required for Participation in School Activities
No student will be permitted to participate in school activities on any day that he/she has been absent from school for more than one-half of the school day.

Sign-In/Sign-Out Procedures
- If a student arrives at school after 7:30 am with or without a valid excuse, he/she should go to the front desk and sign-in. With the proper state-mandated documentation or with parent sign-in (limited to two per quarter), the student will be given an excused pass and sent to class. If a student is late more than twice a quarter, appropriate documentation is required.
- Students who show up on campus and do not sign in will be considered skipping and receive the appropriate discipline.
- Students needing to leave campus for appointments during the day must bring a note to the attendance secretary prior to 7:20 a.m. that morning to receive a release. The note must contain student name, grade, parent/guardian’s name and signature, home phone, work phone, brief explanation of reason, date and time to be released, and parent/guardian signature. It can be difficult to locate students (during lunch or when classes are working in other areas) when parents show up without advance notice. Only the note before school guarantees a timely release of student. Phone calls to the attendance secretary, or personal cell phone calls to parents from students asking to leave prior to dismissal will not be accepted to grant students’ release from school; only appropriate documentation presented to the attendance secretary will guarantee students’ release.

Tardy to School
Students will have three parent excused passes per quarter to use. This will allow students to sign-in without consequence. If a student arrives to school late, and without a parent pass, the following consequences will take place.

1st Tardy ........ Warning
2nd Tardy ........ Phone Call Home
3rd Tardy ........ Lunch Detention
4th Tardy ........ After School Detention
5th Tardy ........ Extra School
6th Tardy ........ ISS- Behavior Contract

Leaving Campus with Parental Permission
Sign-out with parent permission may only be done through the attendance office, clinic, or student services. Once a student leaves campus, he/she may not return that day unless accompanied by a parent or with appropriate documentation. Students may not leave prior to parent permission. If a student leaves campus without permission and the parent calls after the fact, the appropriate consequence will be assigned.

Leaving Campus without Parental Permission
Leaving campus without permission will result in disciplinary consequences, including suspension/revocation of parking privileges.

End-of-Day Policy
Students will not be removed from class for sign-out the last 15 minutes before the dismissal bell. Students needing to be released during this time must make prior arrangements in student services.

Suspended Students
Students suspended from school are not allowed to be on campus or attend off campus school related activities during the time of their suspension. Additional days of suspension may result or trespass charges may be filed. It is the responsibility of the student to contact teachers to receive work during the time of the suspension and to arrange for someone to pick up work from school. Students should check their teacher’s website for work. If the website is not up to date, email the teacher using the staff directory found on the PHS website. The student can
also call the school at 723-4848 and dial the information directory to find a teacher’s extension. All makeup work is due the day a student returns from suspension. The student must arrange to take all missed tests/quizzes or a zero will be posted for those assignments.

Any major assignment or project is due on the original due date. Students must arrange with teachers by the due date on major assignments. Students who participate in extracurricular activities and are suspended for a total of 10 days (cumulative or single incident) in a school year may not be eligible to participate in any extracurricular activities for 180 school days.

A student may appeal the 180-day suspension after 90 school days. The appeal must be in writing to the principal. The appeal process will take into consideration the student’s attendance, grades, discipline, teacher comments, any other pertinent information, and student interview during a parent conference. The suspension from extracurricular activities will not be less than 90 school days. Should the suspension from extracurricular activities be changed to a period less than 180 school days, the student will be on probation until the conclusion of the 180 school day period.

**Hall Passes**

Students in the halls during classes must be carrying the appropriate pass and appropriately wearing their PHS student ID. Students sent anywhere outside of a teacher’s classroom must have a pass from the teacher of that class period. If a student is in the hallway without an appropriate pass he or she may be subject to the appropriate discipline. Leaving class without teacher permission is also grounds for disciplinary action.

**Clinic**

The clinic is located the main office building. Students must have a pass to the clinic.

**Medication Philosophy:**

Medications for acute (active disease) or contagious illness should not be given in schools. Children should be at home under those conditions. Whenever possible, medication schedules should be arranged so all medication is given at home. **Students may not transport medication to school or be in possession of any medications while on school property** (i.e. Aspirin, Tylenol, etc.).

**Medication Guidelines:**

- Only prescription medication will be administered at school. Over-the-counter or sample medications must be accompanied by a doctor’s prescription. Medication must be delivered by a parent or guardian to school in the container in which it was purchased (dispensed). A parent authorization form must be signed before medication can be administered. Special authorization forms are needed for injectable medications and for medications to be given on field trips. If medication is taken at home and at school, a separate supply must be kept at school. Medication will not be transported between home and school on a daily or weekly basis. Please ask your pharmacist for a second container with a prescription label.
- The label must indicate the student’s name, name of medication, physician’s name, dosage amount and time or frequency.
- If the medication requires equipment for administration (i.e. spoon, cup, dropper, etc.) the parent is responsible for supplying the articles labeled with the student’s name.
- New parental authorization forms will be requested yearly or with any change in medication.
- When medication is discontinued or at the end of the school year, medication not taken home by the parent will be destroyed.
• Self-medication: Students who have a history of severe allergic reactions and asthma attacks may self-medicate if they have a written prescription from their physician stating they may self-medicate and carry medication on their person. For the protection of the student, the parent must complete a self-medication form.
• If medications routinely given at home are missed, parents must provide a written request for the health staff to give the missed dose and adjust the time interval for the next dose to be given at school.
• Periodic backpack checks will be conducted throughout the school year.
• These guidelines were developed to meet Florida Statute: 232.46 and School Board Policy 508.01.

* Delivery of Items to School

Palmetto High School does not accept delivery of any items delivered to the school during regular school hours. These items include, but are not limited to, floral deliveries, books, money, food or drink, clothing, athletic equipment, or uniforms. It is the responsibility of the students to bring everything needed for the school day. As a reminder, students may not use school telephones during school hours unless authorized by an administrator. If permitted, students may only use the phone in the administrative office. Baked goods and balloons are prohibited in classrooms, cafeteria, or any other part of the campus.

* Exams/Assessments

Exams:
Each semester, all students will take a comprehensive examination covering the work of that semester. Grades received for the first quarter, the second quarter, and the semester examination will determine the semester average. According to county policy, no early examinations may be given.

Assessments:
ALGEBRA I EOC
The Algebra I EOC is a graduation requirement given in the spring. There are also opportunities in the summer, fall, and winter to pass the Algebra I EOC.

ACT and SAT
The SAT and ACT are college entrance exams required for admission into a four-year college, university, and for Bright Futures. Tests are given on various Saturdays throughout the school year. Students may register online at SAT- [www.sat.collegeboard.com](http://www.sat.collegeboard.com) and ACT- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). It is recommended that students take one or both for the first time by early spring of the junior year.
**PSAT**
Freshman, sophomores, and juniors may take the PSAT in October for a minimal fee. Juniors may qualify for the National Merit program.

**FSA ASSESSMENT - Reading**
The FSA Assessment Reading is administered to all freshman and sophomores. Student achievement in reading is assessed. For the class of 2017 and thereafter, students must pass the FSA Assessment Reading, or achieve a state approved concordant score, by the spring of their senior year to graduate with a Standard Diploma.

**FSA ASSESSMENT - Writing**
The 1990 Florida Legislature enacted a law requiring the assessment of student writing proficiency in the 10th grade. Students are required to read, plan, and respond to a topic within a 90-minute time frame. FSA Assessment Writing is assessed within the FSA Reading Assessment.

**Grade Point Average - GPA**
Grade point average is calculated by assigning points to the letter grades earned each quarter and semester. The cumulative grade point average is calculated on semester grades only. The weighted grade point average assigns an extra point in Honors, AP, and DE courses.

**High Honor Roll** recognizes students with a minimum un-weighted 3.6 or weighted 4.0 quarter GPA. A student who has been on the high honor roll for the first three quarters of the same school year shall be eligible for an academic award.

**Grades and Grade Points**
PHS uses Focus, an online grade book. Parents/Guardians may access Focus by filling out paperwork that is available online and in Student Services. Grades are based on a five (5) letter system: A, B, C, D, F. Progress reports are issued midway through each quarter. Report cards are issued every nine (9) weeks. Letter grades indicate the following numerical ranges.

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A &= 90 - 100 \\
B &= 80 - 89 \\
C &= 70 - 79 \\
D &= 60 - 69 \\
F &= 0 - 59
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**Citizenship**
The quarterly progress report will carry a citizenship mark from each teacher. These indicate the behavior and cooperation of the student as follows:

1 - Excellent  
2 - Satisfactory  
3 – Needs to Improve  
4 – Unsatisfactory

**Graduation Requirements**
Graduation requirements are based on the year a student enters high school. Contact your school counselor or visit the Florida Department of Education website: [http://www.fldoe.org/BII/StudentPro/grad-require.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/BII/StudentPro/grad-require.asp) for further information.

Participation in graduation ceremonies is a privilege and an honor. It is not a right. The principal reserves the right to deny to any student the privilege of participation in the commencement exercises if that student has not met the graduation standards. These standards include, but not limited to, fulfilling any unpaid senior debts, successfully completing Senior Project, attending all mandatory senior events, and not engaging in inappropriate behavior.

Seniors must attain the required number of credits, maintain a minimum unweighted cumulative grade point average of 2.0, and pass the state mandated assessments to receive a high school diploma. All graduation requirements must be met prior to graduation ceremonies.
**Diploma and Certifications of Completion**

A **Standard Diploma** is awarded to students who have successfully completed the minimum number of academic credits, including Algebra I and other requirements, as prescribed by the Manatee County School Board and Florida State Legislature.

A **Certificate of Completion** is awarded to students who have completed the minimum number of credits and all other requirements prescribed by the Manatee County School Board but failed to pass the state mandated assessments.

A **Special Certificate of Completion** is awarded to students who have been properly classified in any of the special education categories, met all applicable requirements prescribed by the Manatee County School Board, but failed to demonstrate mastery of the appropriate state-adopted minimum student performance standards. For more information about a Special Diploma and other graduation options for students with disabilities, contact your child's school counselor or ESE Department Chair, or visit [http://www.fldoe.org/ese/](http://www.fldoe.org/ese/)

**School Counseling**

The school counseling department is in the main office. If you have questions or concerns regarding scheduling, setting up parent conferences, graduation requirements, etc., please contact Student Services at 723-4848, ext. 2216 and ask to be directed to the appropriate counselor.

**Scholarships**

Scholarships, another form of financial aid, can be categorized into four types:

1. **The State of Florida’s Bright Futures Scholarship Program**, which includes the Florida Academic Scholars Award, the Florida Medallion Scholars Award, the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award, and the Gold Seal CAPE Vocational Scholarship.
2. **Scholarships given by local and national organizations** are posted and announced during the school year (most have specific requirements in the areas of GPA, community service, area of study, family heritage, or monetary need). The scholarship list is available on the PHS website. There are scholarships for students in every grade level.
3. **Scholarships given by organizations nationwide** that can be accessed by the student through either scholarship resource books, web sites, or search engines.
4. **Scholarships available directly from the post-secondary institution** that you will be attending. You should inquire into the availability of these scholarships with the Financial Aid Director or Admissions Counselor. You may also be automatically awarded a school-based scholarship based on your need and/or merit. Students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for additional financial aid opportunities at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) in October of the student's senior year in high school.

**Community Service**

Community service hours that count towards the Bright Futures Scholarship program may be earned starting in the summer before 9th grade. All projects must be preapproved before the project begins. Once approved, students track their hours and submit an evaluation of their project. For an explanation of what counts as community service and the necessary forms, please visit the Parents and Students section of our website and click the community service link. If you have additional questions, please contact the community service coordinator.
Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
(Also known as Florida Academic Scholars, Florida Medallion Scholars, Gold Seal Vocational Scholars, and Gold Seal CAPE Vocational). Please visit the Bright Futures website for details: http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf
- Lottery-funded scholarship to reward high academic achievement
- Any Florida high school graduate who meets eligibility criteria is eligible
- Can be used at any eligible Florida post-secondary educational institution
- Students have up to 2 years from high school graduation to begin using the scholarship.
- Students may begin to apply by October 1 of their senior year. They have until the last day of their senior year to complete the application and until August to meet Bright Futures requirements.

General Eligibility Requirements
- Be a Florida resident
- Earn standard high school diploma
- Enroll in eligible Florida public or private post-secondary educational institution
- Be enrolled for at least 6 semester hours
- Not be guilty of a felony charge
- It is recommended that students annually complete and submit the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- These are subject to change with each Legislative Session

Florida Academic Scholars Requirements
- 3.5 weighted G.P.A. in 16 credits of college prep academic courses
- 1290 SAT (not including Writing) or 29 ACT (not including Writing)
- 100 hours of community service *as documented with high school
- see website for details regarding tuition awards

Florida Medallion Scholars Award
- 3.0 weighted G.P.A. in 16 credits of college prep academic courses
- 1170 SAT (not including Writing) or 26 on ACT (not including Writing)
- 75 hours of community service *as documented with high school.
- see website for details regarding tuition awards

Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award
- 3.5 unweighted G.P.A. in three credits in one vocational program
- 3.0 weighted G.P.A. in the 16 core credits required for high school graduation
- Earn 440 Verbal and 440 Math on the SAT or a 17 in English, 19 in Reading, and a 19 in Math on the ACT, or a 106 in Reading, 103 in Writing, and 114 in Math on the PERT. These are subject to change with each Legislative Session
- 30 Hours of Community Service; see website for details regarding tuition awards

Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Award
- Meet the general requirements for Bright Futures
- Earn a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through CAPE industry certification which articulate for college credit
- Complete 30 service hours
NCAA Clearinghouse for Athletes
If you are planning to participate in collegiate athletics at a NCAA Division I or II school, you will need to complete a NCAA Clearinghouse form at the end of your sophomore year. For more information regarding NCAA Clearinghouse information, please refer to the following website: http://eligibilitycenter.org

ATTENTION:
Any student who is receiving educational services outside of Palmetto High School (Hospital Homebound, State College of Florida, On-the-Job-Training, Manatee Technical Institute, etc.): school activities and announcements happen on a regular basis. It is your responsibility to check the school website or contact school personnel for details.

Schedule Change Policy
The registration process and the development of student schedules takes place in the spring at which time faculty and staff counsel with students. The process includes input from students, parents, teachers, school counselors and administrators. The master schedule is then built around the registration requests. Students are expected to honor their commitments and to attend and complete the courses for which they register during the registration period. Requests for schedule changes will be considered for only the following reasons:
• If a student has already earned credit in the course.
• If a student has failed to meet the prerequisite for the course.
• If a student is scheduled for too many or not enough classes.
• If there was a clerical error.

✨ Academic Integrity
Together with the School District of Manatee County, Palmetto High School is committed to fostering a culture of academic integrity. Students, teachers, administration, and parents understand that hard work produces great results.

As a student at Palmetto High School, I understand that…
• I learn best when I complete my own work.
• I am responsible for protecting my own work.
• Asking for help when I do not understand how to complete my work is a positive practice.
• It is important to give credit to sources and their authors.
• There are academic and disciplinary consequences for cheating.
• CHEATING includes all the following, but is not limited to:
  - copying work of others or claiming someone else’s work to be mine
  - allowing others, including family, friends, or classmates to complete my work
  - completing work for someone else
  - using archived work from previous terms
  - sharing answers, questions, or work, unless specifically instructed to do so by my classroom teacher
  - participating in inappropriate testing behavior
  - using electronic devices, the Internet, or social media to achieve any of the above
  - plagiarizing, whether it is done intentionally or accidentally
• PLAGIARISM includes all the following, but is not limited to:
  - copying from sources without directly quoting and properly citing those sources
paraphrasing from sources without citing those sources taking ideas from sources without citing those sources

**Freedom of Expression**

The free expression of student opinion is an important part of education in a democratic society. Student’s verbal and written expression of private opinion on school premises is to be encouraged as long as it does not disrupt the educational process or interfere with the rights of others.

Distribution of written material, oral expression, or any other expressive activity (including the wearing of symbols, clothing, hairstyle or other personal effects) may be restricted where a disruption of the educational process is likely to result or does result from such activity. Disruption includes:

- inability to conduct classes or school activities, or inability to move students to/from class or other activities
- breakdown of student order
- widespread shouting or boisterous conduct
- physical violence, fighting, or harassment of any kind among students
- intimidation, harassment, or other verbal conduct (including swearing, disrespectful or insulting speech to students, teachers, administrators, or school personnel) creating a hostile educational environment
- defamation or untrue statements
- statements that attack ethnic, religious, gender, or racial groups, or that tend to provoke a physical response, including gang symbols or apparel, insults, or other fighting words that could reasonably be anticipated to provoke a physical or otherwise disruptive response will result in suspension.
- student participation in a school boycott, sit-in, stand-in, walk-out or similar activity
- Speech likely to result in disobedience of school rules or health and safety standards (such as apparel advertising alcohol, drugs, tobacco, etc.)
- Official school publications (such as newspaper or yearbook) and student expression that occurs under circumstances where it is sponsored or endorsed by the school (such as speech at student assemblies or dramatic productions) are not private speech of students. Rather, they are public communicative activities of the school, over which the school retains control to the extent permitted by the First Amendment and state statute. Such speech shall be subject to regulation not only under the standards set forth in the paragraph above, but also for any other legitimate educational reasons as determined by the school. Students who violate the standards for verbal and written expression shall be subject to corrective action or disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or expulsion.

**Harassment**

No one should be subjected to harassment or bullying at school for any reason. It is expected that all students will treat others in ways that convey respect and consideration for individuals, regardless of race, marital status, national origin, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, or disability. Both bullying and harassment are prohibited at school, during school-related activities (whether on or off campus), on the school bus, at school bus stops, and through the use of computers or other electronic devices, which is known as cyberbullying. Cyberbullying and harassment are also prohibited through the use of off-campus internet posting, phone calls, or text messaging, if such behavior disrupts the orderly environment of any district school or activity or interferes with the educational opportunities of others.

Such conduct referencing or directed at an individual or group that demeans the person/group based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, creed, age, disability or other extraneous factors is prohibited and shall be grounds for disciplinary action. Disciplinary action for students guilty of bullying or harassment will be dependent upon, but not limited to, the student’s attitudes, intent, the effect on other students and/or staff, mitigating circumstances, and the student’s disciplinary history. Consequences and appropriate remedial action
for students who engage in bullying or harassment may range from positive behavioral interventions up to and including suspension, reassignment to an alternative program, and expulsion.

Racial harassment in the form of name-calling, taunting, gestures, intimidation, conduct, jokes, pictures and slurs is prohibited. Such conduct referencing or directed at an individual or group that demeans that person/group based on race or ethnicity is prohibited and shall be grounds for disciplinary action, including suspension and/or expulsion.

Sexual harassment and “sexting” - includes all unwanted, uninvited and non-reciprocal sexual attention as well as the creation of an intimidating, hostile, or offensive school or work environment. This can include:

- sexually suggestive looks or gestures
- sexual jokes, pictures or teasing
- pressure for dates or sex
- sexually demeaning comments in person or online or in social media
- deliberate touching, cornering, or pinching
- attempts to kiss or fondle
- threats, demands, or suggestions that favors will be granted in exchange for sex or tolerance of sexual advances

If while under the jurisdiction of the school district you post, send or forward to anyone else a nude or sexually revealing photo of a person through the internet or text message, or if you show such photos to other people, you will be suspended from school and you may be recommended for reassignment or expulsion. You may also be subject to arrest for violation of child pornography laws if the student in the photo is a minor. If you are found to have sent any such images or messages to other members of the school regardless of time or location, you still may be subject to school-based consequences under Florida cyberbullying and harassment laws.

Disciplinary action for students guilty of sexual harassment will be dependent upon, but not limited to, the student’s attitudes, intent, the effect on other students and/or staff, mitigating circumstances, and the student’s disciplinary history. Based on these factors, discipline may be imposed, up to and including suspension or expulsion. Law enforcement may be contacted. Please refer to the Manatee County Student Code of Conduct for further information.

**Hazing**

Students shall not participate or conspire for others to participate in harassing acts that may injure, degrade, disgrace, or put others at risk in any way. Hazing may result in suspension or expulsion.

**Student Clubs / Activities**

Students may form new organizations by having three or more student’s petition for organization, completing a request for a new club form, finding a staff sponsor, and completing a charter. Student participation is encouraged. Involvement in clubs/activities is governed by the Athletic policies.
**Student Athletics Policies**

The following sports will be offered for the 2019-2020 school year:

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**A. General Guidelines**- Participation in interscholastic Athletics is a Privilege, not a right.

1. A student on a team should attend every scheduled practice unless an emergency prevents this. The coach should be made aware of the reason for an absence so he/she will not be depending on that athlete that day. Failure to notify the coach may result in loss of playing time. Continued unexcused absences from practice may result in dismissal from the team.

2. A student must be in attendance a minimum of a ½ day of school unless documented (doctor’s note, field trip, subpoena, etc.), to practice or participate in a contest on that day unless approved by the athletic director or principal.

3. All athletes should present a neat appearance at all school and athletic functions, in accordance with Manatee County School dress code.

4. Parents are responsible for the transportation of students to and from school practice sessions for school related events, including athletics unless principal determines transportation will be provided by the school. School personnel will not assist parents in arranging transportation when the school does not provide it.

5. The principal will develop a plan for administrative coverage of home games and key away games.

**B. Athletic Eligibility**

1. High school interscholastic contests are governed by the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA). All Manatee County secondary schools maintain a membership in this organization and comply with the rules and regulations set forth in the constitution and by-laws. The Manatee County School Board may adopt higher standards.

2. The FHSAA eligibility rules are followed in all cases. These rules will be explained to all athletes prior to the season.

   - No athlete will begin practice unless they have obtained a Pre-participation physical by a licensed physician, osteopathic physician, licensed chiropractic physician, licensed physician assistant or certified advanced nurse practitioner. This is for the protection of the athletes as well as for the protection of the athletic trainer and Manatee County School Board.
   - No athlete will begin practice unless they have turned in a completed medical history form signed by a parent or guardian.
• No athlete will begin practice unless he/she has paid for the minimum insurance policy as offered through the School Board. This will insure that each athlete has at least minimum insurance coverage. This policy is a Secondary insurance coverage. Additional School Board coverage is required for football.
• No athlete will begin practice unless he/she has turned in these three forms:
  A. A residency affidavit that gives consent for medical treatment
  B. Consent and Release from Liability Certificate
  C. Liability Certificate for Concussion and Heart Related Illness
3. If a female athlete becomes pregnant, she is to be placed on the disabled list until a physician determines her level of activity. A written recommendation will be returned to the school and kept in the athlete’s file. The purpose of this policy is to protect the mother as well as the fetus. It is not the intention of this policy to remove the athlete from her team because of pregnancy.
4. Any high school student not currently attending a public school in the district is eligible to participate in FHSAA activities at their zoned school if all FHSAA eligibility requirements are met.

C. Addressing Questions/Concerns
If students and/or parents have questions or concerns regarding a specific team, they may do the following:
1. First, meet with the coach to discuss the questions or concerns.
2. Second, meet with the athletic director if you still have questions or concerns.
3. Third, meet with the principal or designee if you still have questions or concerns.

D. Reporting Injuries
Athletic Injuries and Care. The coach is responsible for reporting all injuries of team members. The following must be adhered to:

Athlete Responsibilities
1. Any school-connected injury shall be reported to the coach and trainer. The Accident Report Form must be filed with the athletic trainer.
2. If an individual has any special medical problem, the athletic director must be informed.
3. Should an injury be discovered after the athlete has returned home, the athlete should go to his/her physician and report to coach and trainer prior to their next participation.

School Responsibilities
In case of injury, school personnel should:
1. Administer minor first aid
2. If hospital care is necessary, call an ambulance
3. Notify parents or guardian
4. If unable to contact parents, notify family doctor
5. Accompany injured player to hospital if parent is not available
6. Coaches must follow medical staff recommendation concerning student injuries.

E. Athlete Conduct
1. Tobacco use is forbidden. In addition to school consequences, the following athletic consequences apply. For the 1st offense, a one game suspension will occur. The 2nd offense will result in dismissal from the team.
2. An athlete knowingly possessing, using, transferring, or being under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind, or any facsimile regardless of content, on or off campus, will be suspended from athletic participation for 180 school days. See section G.3 for specific details.
3. Any action by an athlete that causes embarrassment to the team, athletic department or school may result in up to a 180-school day athletic suspension. See section G.3 for details.

F. Cut from a Squad
1. A student who is not selected for a team is eligible to try out for another sport.
2. Students are selected for teams at the discretion of the head coach.
G. Suspension
1. Any athlete or manager who is suspended from a team or has quit a team is not permitted to try out for another sport while the original sport is still in season. The season is officially over when the team plays its last game of the year, including play-offs.
2. A student suspended from the team may not use any of the department’s facilities or equipment until his suspension is officially terminated.
3. Students who are suspended for a total of 10 or more days (cumulative or single incident) in a school year will have an administrative review to determine eligibility to participate in any extracurricular activities. The administrative review will encompass the incident/infraction, discipline, academic, and attendance history, and conference with the student and others involved. Based on the results of the review, the student may be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activities for a period not to exceed 180 school days from the incident. If, after the review process, the student is determined to be ineligible, he/she may not participate in any event or activity as a representative of PHS. These events or activities include, but are not limited to: Athletics, marching band, concert band, orchestra, choir, drama, JROTC competition teams, or, clubs or organizations sponsored by a PHS faculty or staff member. If there is an event or activity the student wishes to participate in and is unsure as to whether or not the student may participate, the student may appeal to the principal for clarification. If an event or activity is part of a grade for a class, an alternative assignment will be given to the student. A student may appeal the 180-day suspension after 90 school days. The appeal must be in writing to the principal. The appeal process will take into consideration the student’s attendance, grades, discipline, teacher comments, any other pertinent information, and student interview during a parent conference. The suspension from extracurricular activities will not be less than 90 school days. Should the suspension from extracurricular activities be changed to a period of time less than 180 school days, the student will be on probation until the conclusion of the 180-school day period.

H. Quitting a Squad
If a player quits a team, he/she shall not be permitted to try out for the next season’s sport at the same school until the season ends including play-offs in the initial sport from which the athlete quits. For example, quitting football to try out for basketball.

I. Criminal Offenses
1. Criminal Offense: After a hearing with the principal, a student charged with a criminal offense may be suspended from extracurricular or co-curricular activities by the school principal until the charge is adjudicated.
2. Adjudication Withheld: A student who has been suspended from extracurricular activities because of a criminal charge may be reinstated at the principal’s discretion if adjudication is withheld.
3. Felony: A student’s conviction in “adult” court or judgment of “delinquency” in a juvenile court for any act that would have been felonious in “adult” court will mandate loss of eligibility to participate in any student activity for the duration of the years enrolled in a Manatee County public high school from the time of conviction. After one calendar year following conviction, the student may request a review of his/her eligibility by the principal. Students are expected to self-report any felony arrest to their Principal and Athletic Director within 48 hours of the arrest.
4. Misdemeanors: A student’s conviction in “adult” court or judgment of “delinquency” in a juvenile court for the following misdemeanors (assault or battery, possession of concealed weapons, lewdness or indecent exposure, theft, drug possession/sale) will mandate loss of eligibility to participate in any student activity for six months from the time of conviction. After three calendar months following conviction, the student may request a review of his/her eligibility by the principal.
5. Felony charges may result in your immediate removal from all athletic activities or extracurricular activities.
6. There shall be no team penalty for students charged with crimes, whether a misdemeanor or felony. Sanctions as described herein will be attached only to the individual student.
J. The FHSAA handbook states in 11.11.3 “in matters pertaining to personal conduct in which interscholastic competition is not involved, the member school which the student(s) attend shall be the judge as to whether the student(s) may play on its team.”

K. Requirements for Student Athletic Awards - Student Athletic Awards may be earned at the Varsity, Jr. Varsity or 9th Grade level. For specific details please contact the Athletic Director.

* Supervision of Students While on Campus
The district’s supervisory responsibility of students on school grounds begins 30 minutes before school or before a school related activity begins and ends 30 minutes after school or after a school related activity end. Parents should not rely on additional supervision beyond these times.

* Cafeteria Rules
For safety and security purposes, parents/guests are not permitted to eat lunch in the school cafeteria with students.
The area to the right of the lunch lines is the senior dining area. Only seniors can eat in this designated area.
Students can eat their lunch from home in the courtyard. No school food is allowed in the courtyard. Students must stay in the designated areas during lunch.
Failure to comply with proper behavior may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to cafeteria clean up, work detail, extra school, ISS, or OSS.
• No food or drinks may be taken outside of the cafeteria at any time.
• No cutting in line or saving a place in line allowed.
• Students must be in line or be seated, not standing and talking.
• Students may pick up only the food/drinks they are purchasing for themselves.
• No passing of food/drinks in the lunch line.
• No throwing of food/drink items.
• Noise must be kept at a conversational level.
• All trays and trash must be removed from tables.
• Any food or drink spilled by a student must be cleaned up by the student.
• Students in ISS will have a choice of menu items and will eat in the ISS room. Their accounts will be charged for meals.

* Care of School
A school building is not a school until students occupy it. When a building becomes a school, it takes on character and meaning and expresses itself to the student body and visitors. The respect that students offer to a campus is reflected in its appearance. It is a matter of personal and school pride that each student makes a commitment to help maintain the appearance of our school and grounds. This commitment includes using common sense. Trash belongs in trash cans; food is to be eaten only in designated areas; please use the sidewalks; graffiti has no place on campus; and gum belongs in the trash, not on desks, floors or sidewalks. The furniture and other property at our school is for your use, please do not abuse it. Help save taxpayer’s money, including that of your parents, by helping to take care of our school. Take pride in keeping our halls and grounds clean.

* Media Center
1. Students wanting to use the media center should be prepared to read or study.
2. Books may be checked out for a 21-day period. Up to three books may be checked out at a time.
3. You must show a valid PHS ID card to check out a book. Lost cards can be replaced for a fee.
4. A fine of 10 cents per school day per book will be charged for overdue books.
5. Students will be charged for lost or damaged books.
6. No food or drink is allowed in the media center.
7. Students MUST have a student ID to access computers in the media center.
8. The computers in the media center are for research, assignments, and general browsing for enrichment.

   Students may save files to their server folder or a flash drive. Files saved on the hard drive or the desktop will be deleted. Any misuse of computers is considered inappropriate use of school equipment and will be subject to disciplinary action.

**Student Debt Collection**

Students are financially responsible for all class, club, or team materials issued to them. They are expected to reimburse the school immediately when they owe money. Teachers will notify students and parents that additional books and equipment will not be issued until the debt is paid. Textbooks are issued to students at the beginning of each course. Periodically, a check on the condition of the books is made. The student must pay for any book that is lost, mutilated, or damaged. Students do not receive diplomas until all textbooks assigned to them have been returned or paid for. If books show abuse, a reasonable charge is assessed. Any book assigned to a student MUST be paid for if lost or stolen. Any student who owes money may not participate in extracurricular activities until the debt is paid. These activities include, but are not limited to: Clubs, sports, band, JROTC, field trips, grad night, prom, graduation ceremonies, etc.

**Student ID**

Each student is required to have his/her student ID, worn on a lanyard around the student’s neck, at all times, while on campus. Any student who forgets or loses his/her ID must report to student services to receive a temporary sticker and disciplinary consequence. New ID’s and lanyards may be purchased before or after school in the media center. Carrying the ID in a pocket or backpack, possessing/wearing/using another student’s ID, defacing an ID photo, and displaying an ID from another school are prohibited actions and are subject to disciplinary action. Each student must and use his/her own student ID to purchase lunch in the school cafeteria and to check out materials from the school media center. Failure to produce a student ID when requested will result in disciplinary action.

**Technology Policy**

Computers are to be used for instructional purposes. We ask that the following policies be adhered to so that the integrity of the school, the school’s network, and the equipment will be maintained.

- Installation of unauthorized software is prohibited. Copyright laws will be strictly enforced and observed.
- Altering, deleting, or installing unauthorized software will result in student suspension.
- Students shall log into the network using their student ID and password, unless it is for testing or a teacher led program. In those cases, they will log in utilizing the appropriate log in provided by the school staff.
- Students shall not save any work, documents, programs, videos, music, or assignments on school owned computers/tablets. Students shall save their material to their OneDrive folder or thumb drive.
- Moving, reconfiguring, or tampering with hardware will result in student suspension/ expulsion. Tampering includes but is not limited to the following: changing, altering, or deleting any setting, adding or deleting any programs or settings, adding passwords or other lockout devices, maliciously damaging any equipment such as removing keys, defacing hardware or disassembling a mouse, hacking into systems.
- To avoid viruses, any disks or files brought from home and/or off campus may be subjected to a virus check prior to being viewed on the school’s equipment.
• Manatee County’s Internet Policies will be strictly enforced when accessing the Internet. Violations of the policies may result in notification of parent/guardian, denial of Internet use at school, and other discipline consequences.

Manatee County Network Information Services Guidelines
The school district is providing access for staff and students to electronic information services such as the Internet. These services provide access to: Electronic mail (e-mail) with the ability to communicate with people all over the world; information and news from many sources; public domain and shareware software of all types; discussion groups on a wide variety of topics; access to many college and university libraries, and the Library of Congress. The benefits for staff and students to such information access are obvious, but there are potential problems. There is the possibility of users finding material that may not be considered to have educational value. District staff will continue to direct learners to appropriate material. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials. The district believes that the valuable information available on this worldwide network far outweighs the potential problems, but parents need to be aware of the situation.

The following guidelines have been established for Manatee County schools. If any user violates any of these provisions, his or her access to electronic information services may be terminated and all future access could possibly be denied. Some violations may lead to disciplinary action. Criminal offenses are referred to law enforcement for prosecution under state or federal laws.

I. Acceptable uses of wide area computer networks are activities which support learning and teaching in Manatee County.

II. Unacceptable student uses of wide area computer networks include:
• Using network access to alter or destroy information belonging to others
• Using profanity, obscenity, or other language which may be offensive to another user
• Copying personal communications to others without the original author’s permission
• Copying software or other copyright protected material in violation of copyright law
• Using the network for private business purposes
• Using the network for any illegal activity
• Spreading computer “viruses” deliberately, or by importing files from unknown sources

III. The person who has a network account is responsible for its proper use.

IV. The network management accepts no responsibility for harm caused directly or indirectly by its use.

Never consider electronic communications to be completely private. The school district does have the right to review the contents of all e-mail created and stored on school district equipment using e-mail systems operated by school district staff. If you have any questions about these guidelines, please contact your school.

Code of Responsible Computing

Respect for Privacy - I will respect other’s rights to privacy. I will only access, look in, or use another individual, organization, or company’s information on a computer or through telecommunications if I have the permission of the individual, organization or company who owns the information.

Respect for Property - I will respect other’s property. I will only make changes to, or delete computer programs, files or information that belong to others if I have been given permission to do so by the person, organization or company who owns the program, file, or information.

Respect for Ownership - I will respect other’s rights to ownership and to earning a living for their work. I will only use computer software, files or information which I own or which I have been given permission to borrow or use. I will only use software programs that have been paid for or are in the public domain. I will only make a backup copy of computer programs I have purchased or written and will only use it if my original program is damaged. I will only make copies of computer files and information that I own, have created or have permission to use. I will only sell computer programs or information, which I have created or have been authorized to sell by the author. I will pay the developer or publisher for any shareware programs I decide to use.
Respect for Others and the Law - I will only use computers, software and related technologies for purposes that are beneficial to others, that are not harmful (physically, emotionally, psychologically, financially, or otherwise) to others or others’ property, and that are within the law. Computer Learning Foundation™, permission to reprint granted 3/17/00: www.computerlearning.org

Communication/Electronic Devices

Telephones
Students who bring an electronic device to school do so at their own risk. Palmetto High School and the school district are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged devices. Students may use their own electronic devices before school, during the students’ assigned lunch, between classes, and after school. Students may not have both ear pieces of headphones or earbuds in use simultaneously. Classroom teachers may allow use of electronic devices at their own discretion and using their own classroom policy. Once a student steps out of that classroom, the device is not to be used except during the aforementioned times. Students are prohibited from electronically recording teachers or classes without the written permission of an administrator or designee. Any violation of the policy regarding electronic items gives school officials reasonable suspicion to conduct a search of the contents of the electronic item. During testing administration, if a student is found with an electronic device that reproduces, transmits, calculates, or records (for example, a cell phone, smartwatch, camera, or tablet) in a pocket, at his/her desk, or within reach during testing, that student’s test will be invalidated. In addition, the device will be confiscated, and the student will be disciplined.

Theft/Loss /Damage/Troubleshoot/Inspection:
1. The school/District will not be held financially responsible for lost or stolen devices, nor are school administrators responsible for conducting searches for lost/stolen devices.
2. The school/District will not be held responsible for any physical damage or data loss, including damage/data loss resulting from connecting devices to the school’s wireless network or power outlets.
3. School/District staff, including Technology staff, will not configure troubleshoot, or repair student devices.
4. School officials may read, examine, or inspect the contents of any personal device upon reasonable suspicion that the contents or recent utilization of the device contains evidence of a violation of these or other rules and policies, as well as any local, state, or federal laws.

Student Drop-Off
For safety reasons, students may only be dropped off in the parent loop at the front of school. This area starts just after the curve in front of the gym and extends to the curve by the auditorium. Parent vehicles are not permitted in the staff parking lot unless the driver has business inside the school building. Dropping off students in any area other than the designated area will result in a disciplinary consequence.

Bus Transportation
All questions regarding bus scheduling, bus stops/routes, and late busses, should be directed to the transportation department at 782-1287. The School Board believes you and your fellow students, as well as the bus driver, should be able to ride safely on school buses. You may be disciplined for any action on the bus or at the bus stop when the bus is present, if you are subject to discipline for the same offense if it had happened at school. You should assume that you are being recorded any time you are riding a school bus. Palmetto High School supports all bus drivers in their attempt to maintain a safe environment on the school bus. Any referral from a school bus driver will be processed according to the Manatee County School District code of Student Conduct.
Bus Discipline Protocol

First Offense: Operator/student conference and parent contacted by Courtesy Notice prepared by Operator. Student re-assigned to front of bus for one week and closely monitored.

Second Offense: Referral submitted 1-day bus suspension. Upon return to bus, student reassigned to front of the bus for two weeks and closely monitored.

Third Offense: Referral submitted 3-day bus suspension. Upon return to bus, student reassigned to front of the bus for two weeks and closely monitored.

Fourth Offense: Referral submitted 5-day bus suspension. Conference with parent, student, school administrator and Transportation Staff. Upon return to bus, student reassigned to front of the bus for two weeks and closely monitored.

Fifth Offense: Referral submitted, up to 10-day bus suspension. Letter from school to parent stating next referral will result in removal from the bus for remainder of the year.

Parking Lot Policy

The Manatee County School Board provides transportation for all students outside a two-mile radius from the school. Therefore, driving and parking on campus is a privilege. The following is a list of rules and regulations for Palmetto High School student drivers.

1. Parking permits are required to park on campus. Permits can be purchased at the beginning of each school year. $30.00 for Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors, & OJT. $50.00 for Seniors.
2. Obey all traffic rules and regulations on campus. Follow the directions of parking assistants. Reckless driving is unacceptable.
3. Once you park, go into the gates of the school. The school parking lot is not a "hang out." Students not leaving the parking lot immediately will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.
4. Students who have been issued an administrative warning will lose parking privileges for a specified amount of time.
5. No one is allowed in the school parking lot during the day without a pass from an administrator. If you sign out, a pass will be given to you.
6. Your car is not storage for school-related belongings. Passes will not be given to students to retrieve items from their car.
7. At the end of the day, when you go to your car, you are to leave campus immediately. Again, the school parking lot is not a "hang out." Students not leaving the parking lot will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.
8. Any problems in the student parking lot should be reported to the discipline office.
9. The school is not responsible for any damage and/or theft that occur in the parking lot.

Driving - Discipline Consequences

Driving to school is a privilege, not a right. Students are expected to adhere to all safety and driving rules. Students permitted to drive onto school grounds will do so in a responsible and mature manner. Students will have their driving privileges suspended or revoked permanently for the following offenses:

- Excessive Tardies – Any student driver, who receives five (5) first period tardies, in a nine (9) week period, will have his/her driving privileges suspended for forty-five (45) consecutive school days. Buses arrive on time, and those students who cannot must find alternative transportation.
- Skipping - Any student driver who skips class by driving off campus without permission three (3) or more times in a nine week period will have his/her driving privileges suspended for forty-five (45) consecutive school days.
- Leaving campus with unauthorized students - Any student driver who takes a student who is unauthorized to leave will have his/her driving privileges suspended for forty-five (45) consecutive school days.
• Reckless driving – Any student driver who fails to obey school rules, state laws, or who creates unsafe driving conditions on campus, will have their driving privileges suspended for (45) consecutive school days.
• Hang Tag - A student’s parking permit (mirror hangtag) will be returned to that student after suspension from school has been served. A lost permit can be obtained at its original price.

**Dress Code**

You are expected to dress appropriately for school and for the business of learning with proper attention given to personal cleanliness, grooming, and neatness. If your personal attire or grooming disrupts educational activities and processes of the school, or is a potential safety hazard, you will be required to make the necessary alterations to such attire or grooming before entering the classroom or you may be assigned to In-School Suspension (ISS). If you fail to meet the minimum acceptable standards of cleanliness, neatness, proper fit, safety and decency as determined by the principal or designee and as specified in the District Code of Student Conduct, you will be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures. As per F.S. 1006.07(2)(d)(1), you are additionally prohibited “from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment.” Apparel that violates this dress code will result in your removal from the regular school environment until acceptable apparel may be secured. Students who violate the district’s dress code policy will be subject to the following consequences in addition to other appropriate administrative action:
The school principal or designee will be the final judge about whether your clothing is appropriate for school, creates a climate that is disruptive to learning, or is a potential safety hazard. Principals, faculty, and staff members will enforce the dress code. Individual schools may have additional requirements if supported by a majority of School Advisory Council (SAC) members, and if parents are notified in writing of the changes.

**The following clothing MAY be worn:**

a. Pants/Jeans without exposed skin above the tips of the fingers, with arms and hands extended straight down.
b. Dresses that cover the entire back, are not cut low in front, and are reasonable and appropriate in length (defined as no shorter than above the tips of the fingers, with arms and hands extended straight down).
c. Shorts and skirts that are a reasonable, appropriate length (defined as no shorter than above the tips of the fingers, with arms and hands extended straight down), and fastened at the waist.
d. Tank tops, muscle shirts are allowed only with an over shirt or an undershirt with sleeves. Blouses and tops must cover the entire front and back (cannot be low-cut) and be long enough to tuck inside the waistband. All undergarments must be covered. No sheer (see-through) shirts are to be worn unless tank tops with at least two inch straps are worn underneath.
e. Safe and appropriate footwear must be worn. Inappropriate footwear includes, but is not limited to, roller skates, skate shoes, and bedroom slippers.
f. Warm-ups that fit properly and are in good condition.
g. Form-fitting or excessively tight-fitting skirts, shorts, and pants (to include leggings, jeggings, or clothing made from materials such as spandex or Lycra), must have an over garment, which extends down to your fingertips as your hands are extended to your side.
h. Shirts. (Shirttail length should not be longer than the tip of your fingertips as your hands are extended at your side.)
i. Tunics worn over slacks are permissible.
All Students – The following apparel or items are NOT allowed at school:

a. Sunglasses
b. Hats, visors, bandanas or other head apparel

c. Visible pierced body jewelry other than that worn on the ear
d. Gang-related tattoos or inappropriate tattoos, as determined by the principal
e. Cutoff pants, shorts, or skirts
f. Clothing that exposes the midriff
g. Spaghetti straps or strapless dresses or tops
h. Unbuckled belts
i. Ill-fitting sweat pants or warm-ups
j. Suspenders hanging down – including overalls
k. Clothing that advertises alcoholic beverages, tobacco, drugs, or has questionable language or art work
l. Known gang-related symbols
m. Spandex-type dresses
n. Beachwear

o. Pajamas or other sleepwear
p. Any clothing, accessories, jewelry, or hairstyles that may incorporate obscene or drug-related phrases or be considered disruptive to the learning environment.
q. Any clothing, accessories, or items that portray symbols or images that may be considered disruptive to the learning environment
r. Clothing with frays, holes, cuts, or slits above the knee.
s. Gym shorts or soccer shorts that are NOT proper length
t. Glass containers of any kind
u. Skateboards
v. Hover boards
w. Any clothing or jewelry that can be used as a weapon
x. Aerosol sprays of any kind

*May be worn during outdoor classes (such as physical education, construction, and agriculture), field trips, and during elementary recess. Sunglasses must be put away and kept out of sight during the rest of the school day. The school is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items.

Physical Education (P.E.): Student must wear a Palmetto High School PE uniform during PE classes.

NOTE: Individual schools, with approval of the School Advisory Council, may develop additional dress code requirements that will be communicated to you and your parents in a variety of ways. Individual schools may establish a mandatory uniform policy if all conditions under the school uniform rule are met. An individual school may be granted an exemption by the Superintendent from any provision of the dress code if requested by the Principal and approved by a majority of the School Advisory Council members. Parents will be notified in writing of any approved exemption.

* Discipline Code

All students must comply with the Manatee County Student Code of Conduct, issued by the School Board. Palmetto High School expects all students to come to school and learn in a safe school environment. The staff will make every effort to work with students to accomplish this goal. Student discipline will be fair and consistent given the breach of conduct. Parent contact will be made at every opportunity to assist with any problems that may occur.
Misconduct That Requires Specific Consequences
Acts that require specific consequences include the following:
• Bullying or Harassment
• Possession or Use of Tobacco Products
• Possession or Use of Illegal Drugs or Alcoholic Beverages
• Bombs and Bomb Threats
• Chemical or Biological Attacks or Threats
• Dating Violence and Abuse
• Possession of Guns, Weapons, or Dangerous Objects
• Violent Acts Resulting in Serious Injury
• Sexting
• Making False Accusations or Reports
• Felony Charges and Convictions
• Felony Arrests

Investigations at School
1. Administrative
If you are suspected of violating the District Code of Student Conduct, school officials can question you without first contacting your parent. You do not have the right to have your parent present or the right to an attorney during questioning.

2. Criminal
If you are a suspect in a criminal police investigation that may result in your being arrested and/or charged with a crime, an administrator will try to contact your parent before police begin questioning you. If a parent cannot be located, the police may proceed with questioning. If your parent is contacted, the police may allow your parent to be present during your questioning.

3. Victim or Witness
If you are a victim or a witness, the police or administrative investigators are allowed to question you without first contacting your parent. If the investigation involves child abuse, the official conducting the investigation will decide who can be present during your interview.

4. Removal of Student from School Property
If you are a witness, the police cannot remove you from school property without a subpoena or first obtaining the consent of your parent. If you are subject to arrest, with or without an arrest warrant, the officer can remove you without your parents’ consent or the consent of school officials. The administrator will try to notify your parent before you are removed or as soon after your removal as possible.

5. Searches and Seizures
Your locker, vehicle, purse, backpack, and other personal possessions can be searched if there is a reasonable suspicion any of them contain drugs, weapons, contraband or other items not permitted on campus. Trained sniff-screening dogs are allowed in the schools to prevent drugs and weapons at school. Routine checks by the dogs are not considered a search by law. They are safety precautions to help provide you a safe school in which to learn.

 Discipline Consequences
Consequences for disciplinary infractions will be assigned in accordance with the Manatee School District Student Code of Conduct and the PHS Discipline Matrix. Consequences are defined as follows:

• Administrative Warning - The student is not to be excused during any class period and should obey all rules and regulations. Further infractions will lead to suspension. The student is ineligible for field trips and
driving/parking privileges may be suspended for the duration of any administrative warning. While on administrative warning, a student may lose their eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

- **Counsel & Warn (C&W)** – A discussion with the student explaining the infraction and what the consequence will be if the infraction occurs again.

- **Parent Pick Up (P/U)** – Applies to electronic devices and prohibited dress items such as hats. Parents may pick up unauthorized materials in student services after 2:05 on or after the day of confiscation. Early pickups are not allowed.

- **Lunch Detention (LUN DET)** – The student eats lunch at a separate table in the cafeteria and is not allowed to talk or interact with other students.

- **After School Detention (PM DET)** – After school detentions are served on Tuesday and Thursday for 45 minutes in the school cafeteria. Students are expected to bring schoolwork. The school uses a two-part notification procedure when detentions are assigned. First, students receive a white card listing the date, time, and reason for the detention. Second, a courtesy phone call is made to the primary contact number listed in Focus the night before the detention to remind parents of the upcoming detention. It is the parent’s responsibility to ensure changes in contact information are updated in Focus. Detentions may be rescheduled with a parent note submitted before 12:00 on the day of the detention.

- **Extra School (EX SCH)** – Extra school is served on Wednesday afternoon for 2 hours in the school cafeteria. Students are expected to bring school work. Refer to after school detention (above) for information regarding notification. Extra school may be rescheduled with a parent note submitted before 12:00 on the day of the extra school.

- **Work Detail (WD)** – Student is assigned to a custodian, either during or after school hours, and is expected to help in campus beautification efforts.

- **In School Suspension (ISS)** – Students report to ISS where they complete their schoolwork without following their regular bell schedule. Students are responsible for checking teacher websites and emailing teachers for any work missed while in ISS. Students are required to submit any work missed while in ISS.

- **Out of School Suspension (OSS)** – Students who are suspended out of school are not allowed on any Manatee County campus for any reason during their suspension. Students are responsible for checking teacher websites and emailing teachers for any work they miss while on OSS. Students are required to turn in any work missed while on OSS.

- **Restitution Required ($)** – The student is required to monetarily or materially compensate the district, school, or individual for any damaged, stolen, or vandalized property.

- **Reassignment / Expulsion (EXP)** – Students who commit a severe breach of conduct or are guilty of continuing misconduct, may be suspended for up to 10 days and recommend to the Superintendent or designee for reassignment to another school or program. A student may be expelled by the School Board for the remainder of a school term or one school year and one additional year of attendance.
## PHS BELL SCHEDULE 2019-2020

### Regular Schedule

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