

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Wolcott Public Schools is to develop in each student the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to become a productive member of the community and a contributing member to society.

DISTRICT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

- Superintendent (203)879-8183
- Assistant Superintendent (203)879-8183
- Director of Athletics (203)879-8173
- Director of Buildings/Grounds. (203)879-8150
- Director of Business (203)879-8180
- Director of Student Services ... (203)879-8178
- Director of Technology (203)879-8055
- Worhunsky Transportation (203)879-1334
- Wolcott High School (203)879-8164
- Tyrrell Middle School (203)879-8151**
- Alcott Elementary School (203)879-8160
- Frisbie Elementary School (203)879-8146
- Wakelee Elementary School ... (203)879-8154

TYRRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

The education of each Tyrrell Middle School student is the shared responsibility of students, parents, family, administrators, faculty, and staff. Students differ in their interests and abilities and therefore the school offers a comprehensive program consisting of a variety of learning experiences. The school seeks to improve the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical capabilities of all students. The school also promotes character development and encourages a spirit of respect for self, others, and property.

VISITING TYRRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tyrrell Middle School welcomes members of the community and other interested persons to visit. Arrangements for classroom visits should be made with an administrator and classroom teacher in advance of the visit. Visits must not interfere with the educational process nor breach confidentiality issues. All visitors must register in the Main Office, wear a visitor badge, and communicate any questions regarding the visit to an administrator within the building (1250).

TELEPHONE EXTENSION DIRECTORY

- Main Officeext. 0
- Attendance ext. 1
- Personnel Directoryext. 7
- Principalext. 605
- Assistant Principalext. 604
- Health Servicesext. 666
- Custodial Servicesext.420
- Food Servicesext.409
- Psychologistext. 611
- Counselor A-Kext.613
- Counselor L-Zext. 614
- Media Specialistext. 621
- Technology Specialistext. 623

A complete list of Tyrrell Middle School faculty and staff, their telephone extensions, and email addresses accompanies this student handbook.

MOTTO

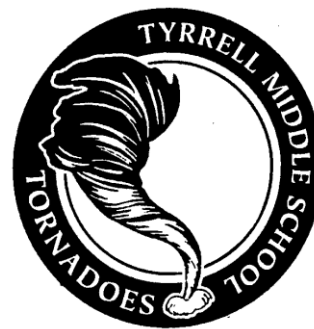
"A Legacy of Learning and Love"

COLORS

Navy & Gray

LOGO

Tornado



TEAMS:

There are two teams at each grade level.

- Grade 6: **Diamond** **Platinum**
- Grade 7: **Granite** **Marble**
- Grade 8: **Onyx** **Pearl**

REGULAR SCHEDULE

AM Homeroom	8:00-8:05 AM
Period 1	8:06-8:52 AM
Period 2	8:53-9:39 AM
Period 3	9:40-10:26 AM
Period 4	10:27-11:14 AM
Period 5	11:15-12:01 AM
Period 6	12:03-12:49 PM
Period 7	12:51-1:37 PM
Period 8	1:38-2:24 PM
PM Homeroom	2:25-2:45 PM

EARLY DISMISSAL

AM Homeroom	8:00-8:05 AM
Period 1	8:06-8:38 AM
Period 2	8:39-9:11 AM
Period 3	9:12-9:44 AM
Period 4	9:45-10:17 AM
Period 5	10:18-10:50 AM
Period 6	10:51-11:23 AM
Period 7	11:24-11:56 AM
Period 8	11:57-12:29 PM
PM Homeroom	12:30-12:45 PM

DELAYED OPENING

AM Homeroom	9:15-9:36 AM
Period 1	9:37-10:12 AM
Period 2	10:13-10:48 AM
Period 3	10:49-11:24 AM
Period 4	11:25-12:00 AM
Period 5	12:01-12:36 PM
Period 6	12:37-1:12 PM
Period 7	1:13-1:48 PM
Period 8	1:49-2:24 PM
PM Homeroom	2:25-2:45 PM

WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY READ

AM Homeroom	8:00-8:05 AM
Read.....	8:06-8:38AM
Period 1	8:39-9:21 AM
Period 2	9:22-10:06 AM
Period 3	10:07-10:49 AM
Period 4	10:50-11:32 AM
Period 5	11:33-12:15 AM
Period 6	12:16-12:58 PM
Period 7	12:59-1:41 PM
Period 8	1:42-2:24 PM
PM Homeroom	2:25-2:45 PM

WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

ACADEMICS

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

·FERPA – Federal Law also known as Buckley Amendment

Protects the privacy of a student's educational records and provides guidelines for the correction of inaccurate and misleading data through informal and formal hearings. A cumulative record is maintained for each student from the time the student enters the district until the student withdraws or graduates. This record moves with the student from school to school. With few exceptions, an institution that receives funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education, may not disclose information about a student without a student's written consent.

Certain information about district students is considered directory information and will be released to anyone who follows procedures for requesting it, unless the parent objects to the release of any or all directory information about the child. This objection must be made in writing to the principal within ten school days after the issuance of this handbook. Directory information includes a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, grade levels, photograph, e-mail address, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, awards received in school, and most recent previous school attended.

Parents and eligible students have the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the Requirements of FERPA.

Complaints may be addressed to: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 5400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20202-4605.

For more information on this regulation see Buckley Amendment on line or see (34CFR s 99.31) of state regulations or section 4155 of the ESEA Act of 1965.

The District's FERPA Privacy Officer is Mrs. Robin Marino

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Wolcott Public Schools supports equal educational opportunity for all students. It is the policy that no

person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against under any program because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, and mental retardation, past/present history of mental disorder, learning disability, or physical disability. The following are the district's compliance officers: Title VI (race, color, national origin) and Age Discrimination – Assistant Superintendent Dr. Gail Gilmore, 879-8183; Title IX (sex equity) Alcott Elementary School Principal Ms. Holly Wrenn, 879-8160; Section 504 (handicap) -Frisbie Elementary School Principal Mr. Richard Dorval 879-8146, and Director of Student Services Mrs. Robin Marino, 879-8178. The Equal Education Opportunity grievance Form 0521 is available in the main office. It must be completed and returned to the appropriate grievance coordinator within 40 calendar days of the alleged complaint.

GRADING

Numerical grades will be used for students. Report cards will be issued four (4) times per school year. Interim reports will be issued four (4) times per school year. Report cards and interim reports must be returned signed by a parent. A grade of 65 or better is considered passing for all courses (6146.1 a).

HOMEWORK

Homework is an integral part of a student's educational process and is recognized as a valuable tool for reinforcing and enhancing classroom learning. Parental involvement is essential for ensuring its successful home completion. Time guidelines usually will not exceed the following: 60 minutes per night for Grade 6 students; 90 minutes per night for Grade 7 students, and 105 minutes per night for Grade 8 students (6154b).

HONOR ROLL

To qualify for the Honor Roll, a student must maintain an overall grade point average of 85 or better and must not earn a grade lower than 80 in any course. Highest Honors is 100-95; Honors is 94-90, and Second Honors is 89-85.

PROMOTION

A student may fail no more than one (1) major subject (English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, world language) per academic year. Furthermore, a student may fail no more than one (1) enrichment subject (art, band, chorus, family & consumer science, music, physical education, technology education, etc.). An 8th-grade student must pass English language arts and mathematics to be promoted to high school (5123a). The final

decision for promotion will rest with the principal who will make his/her decision (5123).

RESTORATION OF CREDIT

A student may attend summer school following academic failure if the following conditions are satisfied:

1. A passing grade in at least two (2) marking periods.
2. A final average of at least 50.
3. Completion of the course.
4. Permission of the teacher or administrator.

The student must obtain a grade of at least a "B" during the summer school session in order for credit to be restored.

WORK GUIDELINES

Regardless of the grade, team, or class, the following communication guidelines will apply to assignments completed. Class work and homework written assignments must include a full heading (the student's first and last name, teacher's name, class, period, assignment due date, and title) in the upper, left-hand corner of the page; be completed in blue or black ink; be completed on white, lined, loose-leaf, smooth-edged paper if handwritten and in standard point, font, and type style, double spaced, on white smooth-edged paper, with one-inch margins on all sides if word processed; be completed after the student has carefully read the directions; be original; be reflective of the assignment's purpose; include a topic sentence; be carefully proofread and spell checked, and reflect the student's best effort.

ACTIVITIES/CLUBS

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Students are offered several clubs and organizations they can join and activities in which they can participate before and after school. These change annually and are announced in the fall of each school year. Students are encouraged to get involved.

ACTIVITY RESTRICTION

Participation in co-curricular and extracurricular activities is a privilege and not an entitlement. Any student who accumulates either 6 detentions, 2 suspensions or a combination of 6 infractions and/or are in violation of academic or attendance policies will be excluded from all co-curricular & extracurricular activities. Therefore, the Administration reserves the right to restrict students from attending field trips. This means a student may not participate in any school-sponsored or school-

related activities outside of his/her regularly scheduled classes.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ATHLETICS, CLUB AND ACTIVITY RESTRICTIONS

Academic Eligibility:

Any student that earns a grade lower than a 70 in one core academic subject or two unified arts subjects will be deemed academically ineligible until the next mid-term progress report or quarterly report card indicates the grade point average of 70 or above has been attained. **(The only exception to this policy is Homework Club)**

Discipline Restriction:

Any student that receives six detentions, two suspensions, or a combination of six discipline reports will be ineligible to participate in enrichment activities. Any student on activity restriction can have after school activities reinstated provided they have thirty (30) consecutive school days without any disciplinary infractions. The opportunity for reinstatement is limited to one thirty (30) day period per year. If the student receives an infraction after reinstatement he/she will not be afforded another opportunity for reinstatement that academic year. Students on activity restriction will not be reinstated for overnight school functions. **(The only exception to this policy is Homework Club)**

Attendance Violation:

Any student that is in violation of the Board approved attendance policy; more than fifteen days of absence, will be ineligible to participate in enrichment activities. **(The only exception to this policy is Homework Club)**

CHESS CLUB

This club is open to all students that express an interest in the game of chess. The club will meet one time per week to practice skills. A tournament will be the clubs culminating activity.

CONSTRUCTION/ENGINEERING CLUB

This club will meet one time per week. It is open to all students that express an interest in construction related activities.

MEDIA PRODUCTION CLUB

The Media Production Club provides hands-on training both in front of and behind the camera. Students learn how to properly handle video cameras, tripods, microphones, and other related equipment. Members will participate in the filming of a variety of school events including sports, plays, talent shows, graduations, and so much

more. Much of what the club records is shown on the local cable channel. Club members will have opportunities throughout the school year to conduct interviews and report about all the great things happening at Tyrrell Middle School.

HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE

An after-school tutorial/homework program that will operate Monday through Thursday for approximately one hour after school. This program will be staffed by a certified teacher each day. This program will serve only students that voluntarily stay for assistance.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

The Tyrrell Middle School Sharon Christa Mc McAuliffe Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, into which a student must be inducted at the conclusion of seventh grade, is for a student who reflects excellence in scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship, and service. The inductees must have already exhibited these accomplishments in both sixth and seventh grade and agree to continue in eighth grade. The NJHS National Council governs the rules of the local chapter. The school administration approves all activities and decisions of the local chapter and receives all appeals in cases of non-selection of candidates, disciplining of students, and dismissing of students. The administration also appoints a five-voting member and a sixth non-voting member Faculty Council, which oversees all of the details of the local chapter, including selection for membership.

To be considered for membership, the student must be in attendance at TMS at least one semester; be entering his or her eighth-grade year; have earned a cumulative grade point average of at least 90 in both sixth and seventh grade; have earned no more than 3 infractions and 0 suspensions in either sixth grade or seventh grade; have demonstrated excellence in service, leadership, citizenship, and character in both sixth grade and seventh grade, and agree to maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 90 in eighth grade; not receive any infractions nor suspensions in eighth grade; continue to demonstrate excellence in service, leadership, citizenship, and character in eighth grade; regularly participate in chapter service projects in eighth grade, and choose, have approved, and participate in a significant service project in eighth grade that reflects the student's particular talents and interests.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Students are elected from homerooms to serve as Student Council representatives. Community service is viewed as an integral part of the middle school

program. Student Council often sponsors projects and fund-raisers to foster the spirit of giving and community involvement.

WRITING CLUB

This is a club that aims to enhance student writing skills. An advisor will meet with students one afternoon per week to provide support and instruction to aspiring writers.

ATTENDANCE

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Connecticut law requires public schools to provide at least 180 days for students. During the **2010-2011** year, Wolcott Public Schools policy provides 184 days for students. Connecticut law requires parents to cause their children to attend school regularly during the terms the public school is in session (5113a).

ABSENCES

Regular attendance is expected from all students. An "excused" absence is an absence due to an illness, injury, or other medical reasons, court appearances, family tragedies, death in the immediate family, religious obligation, an emergency, other exceptional circumstances, and serious family business. The school may also excuse absences for school approved educational experiences. A student's parent must verify an absence, either by telephoning the school's 24 hour automated attendance system at (203)879-8151, ext. 1, emailing the school's 24-hour address at TMS_Attendance@wolcottps.org, or writing a note and submitting it to the Main Office during school hours. Absence verification must be completed within two (2) days of the student's return to school. Any absence not verified within two days will be considered "unexcused". A student who is absent from school may not participate in any school-sponsored activities that day or night. A student exceeding fifteen (15) days of absences will be considered for retention (5113a). The total of excused and unexcused absences is to be used in applying the Board of Education Attendance Policy.

All absences from school must be verified by said child's parent/guardian within two days of the student's return to school. Any absence not verified will be considered as an instance of an unexcused absence. The total of excused and unexcused absences shall not exceed fifteen (15) classes or days per school year. Only absences due to Board of Education approved school activities or homebound instruction policy will be considered as exceptions to this rule. Under no circumstances will truancy or

cutting of classes be sanctioned. If assigned make-up work is not turned in, after it is assigned for an excused absence, a grade of zero shall be assigned the expected time. The expected time is one day absent one day to do make-up. If you are out two days, you get two days to turn in make-up work. Make-up work for truancy or class cutting is due within one day of its assignment. Any child enrolled in school shall attend school regularly and punctually. Any student who is frequently tardy to school, shall be warned and reported to the parent/guardian. Penalties for tardiness shall be imposed via discipline referrals and grade reduction for frequent offenders. Exceptions to this policy shall include certain out-of-school activities approved by the school administration and Board of Education and prolonged absences which fall under the stipulations of homebound instruction policy. Official notice of such approved out-of-school activities shall be appropriately communicated to parents/guardians. In order to receive academic credit for a course or grade advancement, a student shall have earned a passing grade and shall be absent from class no more than fifteen (15) days from a full-year course or seven (7) days from a semester course. Absences will be prorated for courses meeting other than five periods per week. Absence from class for more than the required number of days will result in loss of credit for that class.

Students who exceed the allowable number of absences per this policy and who are passing the course may complete a full session of summer school in the particular subject area, at the students own expense if he/she wishes to attain credit and the course is available in the summer. The number of unexcused absences may not be greater than the number of summer school days. Students must complete the full session and pass the summer course in order to attain credit.

CANCELLATIONS/DELAYS

If school is closed or delayed due to inclement weather or an emergency, students and parents should tune to their local television or radio stations. Do not telephone Wolcott Public Schools' Central Office, Tyrrell Middle School, Worhunskey, or any municipal agencies, as the influx of calls delays other important operations. In the event of a closing, the schedule will resume with the day missed. If a test, quiz, or homework assignment is planned for a day in which there is no school, a student should anticipate taking the test or quiz or submitting the homework assignment on the day she returns to school.

MISSED WORK DUE TO ABSENCES

Attendance in school will be taken into account when grading a student. Therefore, it is necessary for the student to makeup missed work for an excusable absence. Makeup work for an "excused" absence must be submitted within one (1) school day for each day of absence, or a grade of zero (0) will be assigned. Makeup work for a class cutting or truancy is due within one (1) school day for 50 percent earned credit, or a grade of zero (0) will be assigned (5113c).

RELEASE TIME

A student will only be permitted to leave if written permission has been granted by the student's parent and by the principal or his/her designee. A student will only be permitted to leave in the care of a parent or known authorized person who enters the building (5113.12).

TARDINESS TO CLASS

A student is tardy to class after the start of the period, but before the halfway mark. A student habitually tardy to class will be subject to disciplinary action. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd tardy will result in a warning, and the 4th tardy and everyone thereafter will result in a one-hour after-school detention served with the classroom teacher. In addition, with the tardy and everyone thereafter, one (1) point will be deducted from the student's marking period average and every three (3) tardies equals a class absence. After the 1st tardy, the classroom teacher will notify a student's parent about every tardy (5113.11).

TARDINESS TO SCHOOL

A student is tardy to school after 8:00AM. A student tardy to school must sign in at the Main Office and receive a pass to homeroom. A student habitually tardy to school will be subject to disciplinary action. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd tardy will result in a warning; the 4th, 5th, and 6th tardy will result in an administrative after-school detention, and the 7th tardy and everyone thereafter will result in in-school suspension. The school will notify parents (5113.11).

TRUANCY

The school will consider a student "truant" if s/he has four (4) or more unexcused absences in one (1) month or ten (10) or more unexcused absences in one (1) school year. The school will file a written complaint with Superior Court if a student's parent/guardian fails to cooperate with the school in solving a truancy issue (5113.2a).

CAFETERIA

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All rules and consequences outlined apply to the cafeteria. Students are expected to assist in maintaining a pleasant, clean, safe, and orderly cafeteria.

Students must walk, get in line in single-file and not cut other students, eat food with manners, not throw food, not sell food to other students, dispose of their own trash, recyclable, and trays, clean the tops and undersides of their tables, remain seated after getting food, and remain in the cafeteria until dismissed.

If a student refuses to follow the cafeteria procedures, the student may be removed from the cafeteria for a period of time. It then would be the obligation of the student to bring a lunch from home.

BEVERAGE, FOOD, & GUM

Beverages and food are to be consumed only in the cafeteria or Family and Consumer Science classroom. Gum should not be consumed anywhere in the school building.

LUNCH

Each student will be assigned to a lunch period in the cafeteria. Hot and cold meals are served or meals may be brought from home. Menus and prices are distributed each month. Free and reduced lunch information will be available. Lunch tickets may be purchased before school begins each morning.

CODE OF CONDUCT

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It is the goal of the Wolcott Board of Education and Tyrrell Middle School to ensure the safety and welfare of all students in attendance and to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning. In keeping with this goal, students are expected to comply with Board policy and school rules and regulations.

The rules and regulations will apply equally for every student and refer to conduct in the school building, on school grounds, on the school bus, at the bus stop, and at any school-related/school-sponsored activity away from school facilities that endangers persons or property, is seriously disruptive to the educational process, or violates a publicized policy. All students

are expected to respect themselves, others, and the school property.

The administrators, faculty, and staff use several behavior modification strategies that include warnings, written assignments, detentions, suspensions, and expulsions. Consequences are typically progressive. The issuer of a consequence will notify, either verbally or in writing, the student's parent. Administrators reserve the right to modify at any time the consequences in the Code of Conduct should it be deemed necessary.

ALCOHOL/DRUGS

No student shall use, possess, be under the influence of, dispense, sell, or aid in the procurement of alcohol, a controlled substance/ drugs, inhalants, over the counter medications, or drug paraphernalia. Possession includes on one's person, in one's cubby, or in one's book bag, backpack, or purse. An employee may seize alcohol, a controlled substance/drugs, or drug paraphernalia. The seized item must immediately be turned over to an administrator with the name of the persons involved, witnesses, location, and circumstances of the seizure. If a student or employee knows or has reason to suspect a student is in possession of alcohol, a controlled substance/drugs, or drug paraphernalia, and the item has not been seized, the student or employee must immediately report it to an administrator. The using, possessing, being under the influence of, dispensing, selling, or aiding in the procurement of alcohol, a controlled substance/drugs, inhalants, over the counter medications, or drug paraphernalia will result in a 10-day home suspension, referral to police, referral to the superintendent of schools, and a recommendation for the student's expulsion from Wolcott Public Schools.

ARSON

No student shall set fire to any part of the school building or school grounds. Setting fire to any part of the school building or school grounds will result in a 10-day home suspension, referral to police, referral to the superintendent of schools, and a recommendation for the student's expulsion from Wolcott Public Schools.

ASSAULT

No student shall assault/physically attack/make contact with the intent to harm or cause bodily injury to a student or employee. Assaulting a student or employee will result in a 10-day home suspension, referral to police, referral to the superintendent of

schools, and a recommendation for the student's expulsion from Wolcott Public Schools.

BULLYING

Bullying behavior by any student in the Wolcott Public Schools is strictly prohibited, and such conduct may result in disciplinary action, including suspension and/or expulsion from school "Bullying" means any overt acts by a student or a group of students directed against another student with the intent to ridicule, harass, humiliate or intimidate the other student while on school grounds, at a school-sponsored activity, or on a school bus, which acts are committed more than once against any student during the school year. Bullying outside of the school setting may also be addressed by the school administration if it has a direct and negative impact on a student's academic performance or safety in school. Students and/or parents may file verbal or written complaints concerning suspected bullying behavior, and students shall be permitted to anonymously report acts of bullying to teachers and school administrators. Any report of suspected bullying behavior will be promptly reviewed. If acts of bullying are verified, prompt disciplinary action may be taken against the perpetrator, consistent with his/her rights of due process. Board policy and regulation #5131.911 set forth this prohibition and the related procedures in detail, and are available upon request.

CHEATING/ PLAGIARISM

No student shall cheat (i.e. giving or receiving answers on any assignment, or using crib notes) or plagiarize (copying work and presenting it as one's own). The student may receive a zero on the assignment and disciplinary consequences.

CHRONIC DEFIANCE

No student shall chronically defy the rules established by the Wolcott Board of Education or Tyrrell Middle School. In addition to the consequence, a student who is chronically defiant of school rules will be referred to the Juvenile Matters Division of Superior Court.

COMPUTER USE- IMPROPER

No student shall abuse the use of computers, meaning engaging in any unauthorized activity on the computer that violates the Student User Agreement.

CUTTING CLASS

No student shall be in school and absent from a class without permission.

CUTTING DETENTION

No student shall refuse to satisfy the requirements for a detention.

DETENTION

Detentions may be issued to students by administrators, faculty, and staff. Detentions range from thirty-minute in-school detentions to two-hour after-school detentions. After-school detentions will begin promptly at 2:30 PM. Students who receive one-hour detentions may take the late bus, while students who receive two-hour detentions must get a ride from his/her parent. Failure to serve a detention will result in a doubling of the detention time. The issuer of a detention will usually provide a school day's notice, verbally or in writing, to the student's parent.

DISCRIMINATION

No student shall discriminate, whether verbally or in writing, against another student or employee with respect to race, religion, age, marital status, national origin, gender, or physical disability. It is the policy of Wolcott Public Schools that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against under any program because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, mental retardation, past/present history of mental disorder, learning disability, or physical disability. The Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Dept. of Education located in Boston and serving New England has moved to a new building. The new address is: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 33 Arch Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02110-1491. (617) 289-0111.

DRESS CODE

The dress code is adopted due to safety concerns and the need to preserve an environment conducive to learning. Therefore, specific items are prohibited because of their propensity for causing or contributing to injury or causing disturbances or distractions among students, thereby interfering with the classroom atmosphere and educational process.

The following attire is specifically prohibited from wear during the academic school day:

Tops: tank, fishnet, or halter tops; athletic style undershirts; undergarments as outer-garments; half shirts; tops that expose cleavage, the abdomen, back, chest, or underarm; see-through tops; bathing suits; coats, jackets, or attire normally worn as outerwear;
Bottoms: shorts or skirts that reveal the upper thigh; bathing suits; pajama bottoms; Spandex bottoms; undergarments as outer-garments; see-through bottoms, or bathing suits;

Footwear: sandals; flip-flops; slippery-soled shoes; excessively high heels; backless shoes; clogs; untied sneakers, or footwear that marks and/or damages floors;

Accessories: sunglasses; gloves; jewelry that poses a distraction or safety concern; head coverings of any kind, such as but not limited to scarves, bandanas, masks, kerchiefs, athletic headbands, hats, caps, or hoods; spikes or studded bracelets; oversized or multi-finger rings, belts, or chains;

General: attire that is sexually explicit, vulgar, lewd, indecent, or profane; attire that is frayed or torn; attire that depicts, advertises, or encourages the use of drugs, tobacco products, or alcoholic beverages; attire that relates to gang membership or gang activities; clothing, hair arrangements, or other personal adornments or embellishments that disrupt, distract, or interfere with regular school operations.

If a student violates the dress code, the student will be issued a verbal warning and immediately be required to make the change necessary. If the problem remains uncorrected or is repeated, the student will face disciplinary action (5132c).

DRESS CODE VIOLATION

No student shall violate the dress code established by the Wolcott Board of Education.

ELECTRONIC/ LASER DEVICES

No student shall possess or use remotely activated paging devices (e.g. pagers, beepers), portable telephones, CD players, DVD players, tape players, or laser-emitting devices (e.g. pens, pointers). Devices will be confiscated.

EXPULSION

An expulsion will be recommended to the superintendent of schools by school administrators and issued by the Board of Education to a student who has committed a serious incident of misconduct. A formal hearing will be given to a student prior to an expulsion, which can extend for a period of 180 consecutive school days and into the next school year. A student who is expelled from school may not participate in any school-sponsored or school-related activities during the day(s) of expulsion. An expulsion is recorded in a student's permanent school record and with the State.

FALSE ALARM

No student shall set off a fire alarm without probable cause. A first offense will result in an automatic suspension and referral to police.

FAILURE TO RETURN DOCUMENTS

No student shall fail to return school documents, such as, but not limited to, report cards, progress reports, reports of misconduct, and failed tests.

FELONY ARREST

No student shall exhibit conduct leading to a Class A felony arrest, even if off school grounds or outside of school activities, if that conduct is determined to pose a danger to the student himself/herself, other students, employees, or school property. Being arrested for a Class A felony will result in a 10-day home suspension, referral to police, referral to the superintendent of schools, and a recommendation for the student's expulsion from Wolcott Public Schools.

FIGHTING

No students shall fight or engage in aggressive physical contact with each other. Fighting will result in the following consequences: police are called when a student is injured; the first offense will result in three (3) days out of school suspension and subsequent offenses will result in five (5) days out of school suspension. Depending upon the severity of the altercation, additional days of suspension may result.

FORGERY

No student shall falsify passes, sign parental signatures, and alter school documents.

GAMBLING

No student shall play a game of skill or chance for money or anything of value.

GUM

No student shall chew gum. Work detail will be required during detention.

HAZING

No student shall engage in an activity that intentionally endangers the mental or physical health of a student for the purposes of initiation or admission into any organization. Hazing will result in a suspension and referral to police.

INCITING A DISTURBANCE

No student shall encourage other students to participate in unacceptable behavior either through verbal comments or actions that could lead to violence on school property.

INHALANTS

No student shall use, contrary to the directions for use, substances to include, but which are not limited to, whiteout, markers, glue, or paint.

INSUBORDINATION

No student shall be insubordinate, refuse to follow the direction of a school employee.

LEAVING WITHOUT PERMISSION

No student shall walk out of a class, the cafeteria, or the building without permission.

LOITERING

Loitering is not permitted in a school building or on school grounds under the control of the Board of Education. A person is guilty of loitering when s/he remains in or about a school building or on school grounds without permission from school authorities. Any person found loitering on the school premises will be asked to leave by school authorities and referred to civil authorities if deemed necessary.

A student is guilty of loitering on school grounds when s/he loiters or remains in or about a school building or grounds without permission from school authorities. Any student found on the school premises will be subject to penalty determined by school authorities in conjunction with civil authorities if deemed necessary.

MATCHES/LIGHTERS

No student shall possess matches or lighters. Items will be confiscated.

PASS USE-IMPROPER

No student shall abuse a pass, meaning exceeding a reasonable time or failure to report to the designated location after receiving permission.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DRESS

Students are required to wear appropriate physical education clothing and sneakers when participating in physical education classes. Showers and locker facilities are available to students.

PHYSICAL FORCE

Reasonable physical force may be used to the extent that a teacher or other persons entrusted with the care and supervision of a minor for school purposes believes it necessary to: protect himself/ herself or others from immediate physical injury; obtain possession of a dangerous instrument or controlled substance upon or within the control of the student; protect property from physical damage, or restrain a student or remove a student to maintain order (5144.2).

PORNOGRAPHY

No student shall access via computer or be in possession of pornographic materials.

PROFANITY

No student shall use verbal or nonverbal language or gestures that convey an offensive or obscene message toward another student or employee.

PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION

No student shall exhibit public displays of affection, such as but not limited to kissing and groping.

REMOVAL FROM CLASS

All teachers are authorized to remove a student from class when a student causes a serious disruption to the educational processes within the classroom. The teacher must send the student to a designated area and immediately inform a building administrator as to the name of the student and the reason for removal. No student shall be removed from class more than two (2) times in a week or six (6) times in a year (5114b).

ROUGHHOUSING

No student shall push, shove, trip, kick, or slap another student, even in a mutually teasing manner.

SEARCH & SEIZURE

Student's cubbies and lockers are the property of the school and may be subject to search. Likewise, students' personal effects may be subject to search without a warrant and without student consent. A search may take place if school authorities reasonably believe, from the start of the search, that a violation of school rules or state laws has taken place. The scope of the search must be reasonable and related to the search objectives (5145.12).

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

No student shall sexually harass another student or employee.

SKATEBOARDING

No student shall skateboard, rollerblade, roller skate, bicycle, nor sled ride due to liability issues

SMOKING/TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Smoking is not permitted in a school building or on school grounds under the control of the Board of Education. Any person found smoking on the school premises will be asked to stop by school authorities and referred to civil authorities if deemed necessary (1331).

No student shall smoke or be in possession of tobacco products. Smoking or being in possession of tobacco products will result in a suspension.

STUDENT CONCERNS

Students have both the right and responsibility to express school related concerns and grievances. A student or group of students should follow the student grievance procedure and set up a meeting with an administrator (5145.6).

STUDENT I.D. CARDS

Each student shall receive a new TMS I.D. card each year. Student IDs must be worn so that they are visible at all times during the school day. TMS will issue each student a lanyard to display the I.D. card. ID cards are necessary to access lavs and the library media center.

When lost or stolen, or destroyed, a new ID must be purchased in the main office for \$5.00.

Failure to follow this rule can result in consequences up to and including suspension.

The administration reserves the right to modify this rule at any time during the year.

SUSPENSION

Suspensions may be issued by administrators to students. Suspensions may be at school or out of school. A suspension can extend for a period of 10 consecutive school days. Up to 10 suspensions and/or a total of 50 days can be issued to a student in a school year. A student who is suspended from school will receive an informal hearing prior to the suspension, unless the administrator determines an emergency exists. A student who is suspended will be provided the opportunity to complete any work, including examinations, which were missed due to the suspension. A student who is suspended from school may not participate in any school-sponsored or school-related activities during the day(s) of suspension. A suspension is recorded in a student's permanent school record and with the State.

TARDINESS TO SCHOOL/CLASS

No student shall be repeatedly tardy to class or school.

THEFT

No student shall steal any item owned by another student, employee, or school system. Restitution will be required.

THREATS

No student shall communicate, in any form, a terrorist threat or commit, in any form, a terrorist act directed at a student, school employee, Board of

Education member, community member, or the school building or property. A terrorist threat shall mean a threat to commit violence communicated with the intent to terrorize another, to cause evacuation of a building, or to cause serious public inconvenience, in reckless disregard of the risk causing such terror or inconvenience. Threatening will result in a suspension.

THROWING ITEMS

No student shall throw objects, such as snowballs, ice balls, school supplies, and food.

TRUANCY

No student shall be illegally absent from school.

UNAUTHORIZED AREAS

No student shall be in areas such as, but not limited to, the elevator, employee lavatories, employee lounge, employee mailroom, custodial closets, auditorium, and locker rooms without permission.

VANDALISM

No student shall mar, break, or destroy school property. Restitution will be required.

WARNINGS

Verbal and written warnings may be issued to students by administrators, faculty, and staff.

WEAPONS/DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS

In order to ensure the safety and welfare of all students and school personnel in school and at school sponsored activities, the Board of Education prohibits student possession and/or use of a weapon, a reasonable facsimile of a weapon, or other dangerous instruments in any school building, on school grounds, in any school vehicle, or at any school sponsored activity. Violation of this policy may be a violation of criminal law and may be reported to the local law enforcement agency. Students who violate this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action including but not limited to a recommendation for expulsion.

Weapons/dangerous instruments will be defined as any article or substance which is capable of causing death or serious bodily injury.

No student shall possess, use, manufacture, a firearm, weapon, dangerous instrument, explosive, or firework of any kind or facsimile of any of the aforementioned. Possession includes on one's person, in one's cubby, or in one's book bag, backpack, or purse. These aforementioned items include, but are

not limited to a shotgun, sawed-off shotgun, machine gun, rifle, pistol, revolver, other weapon whether loaded or unloaded from which a shot may be discharged, switchblade knife, gravity knife, club, blackjack, metal knuckles, pocketknife, box cutter, dart, or Leatherman-like device, anything that has the potential to cause bodily harm, a health hazard, or cause physical damage.

An employee may seize a firearm, weapon, dangerous instrument, explosive, or firework of any kind or facsimile of any of the aforementioned. The seized item must immediately be turned over to administration with the name of the persons involved, witnesses, location, and circumstances of the seizure. If a student or employee knows or has reason to suspect a student is in possession of a firearm, weapon, dangerous instrument, explosive, or firework of any kind or facsimile of any of the aforementioned, and the item has not been seized, the student or employee must immediately report it to administration. This offense will be cause for a 10-day home suspension, referral to police, referral to the superintendent of schools, and recommendation for the student's expulsion from Wolcott Public Schools.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

Written assignments may be issued to students by administrators, faculty, and staff.

HEALTHCARE

AIDS

A free and public education extends to children afflicted with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. A student afflicted with AIDS may attend school provided the student's physician, after consultation with the school physician, certified the student's condition is non-communicable (5141.24).

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

When it can be medically established a student suffers from a serious infectious disease and there is significant risk of transmission of the disease to others due to the nature of the disease or personal characteristics of the student carrier, it may be appropriate to exclude the student from the regular classroom. If it is determined the interests of the student and school are better served when a student with a communicable or infection disease is

excluded, procedural safeguards will establish such by extensive medical evidence (5141.22a).

HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

A health record for each student will be maintained in Health Services. For the purposes of confidentiality, records will be treated in the same manner as student cumulative records. Health assessments, required for students in sixth and seventh grade, must include a physical examination with hematocrit or hemoglobin tests, height, weight, and blood pressure; updating immunizations; tuberculin test, vision, hearing, postural, and gross dental screening, and any other information as the physician believes to be necessary and appropriate. Before entering seventh grade, a student must show proof of having received two (2) doses of measles-containing vaccine or serologic evidence of infection with Hepatitis B, and before entering eighth grade, a student must show proof of having received three (3) doses of measles-containing vaccine or serologic evidence of infection with Hepatitis B. A student will not be allowed to begin or continue in school unless health assessments are performed as required (5141).

INSURANCE

School insurance is available. Brochures are distributed to students at the beginning the school year. While the program is not mandatory, it is suggested parents take advantage of the opportunity to provide adequate protection for their children while at school.

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

Any student participating in an interscholastic sports program must have a health assessment within one (1) year prior to the first training session for the sport. After the initial examination, repeat examinations are required every year. Each participant in a sport program must complete a health questionnaire before participating in each sport (5141 e). Participation in all extra-curricular activities is contingent upon satisfactory academic achievement and teacher recommendation. No student on activity restriction will be permitted to participate in extra-curricular activities.

MEDICATION

School personnel in compliance with written requests from a student's personal physician or dentist, as well as from a parent, may administer medication to a student. Medication to be administered to a student be it prescribed from a doctor/dentist, aspirin, or aspirin substitutes, must have a written statement from the student's doctor

and signed by both the doctor and parent. Medication forms are available in Health Services and will be sent home with the student on the first day of school. A parent must deliver all medications directly to the school nurse. A student is not to transport any medication to school and a student is not to possess prescribed or over the counter medications; a student in violation will face disciplinary action (5141.21).

SCREENINGS

Sixth-grade students will be screened by the school nurse or school nurse aide for vision impairments, eighth-grade students will be screened by the school nurse or school nurse aide for hearing impairments and sixth- through eighth-grade students will be screened by the school nurse or school nurse aide for scoliosis or other postural problems (5141).

RESIDENCY

NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS

Unless informed otherwise, there are no restrictions regarding the non-custodial parent's right to be kept informed of the student's progress and activities. If restrictions are made relative to these rights, the custodial parent will be required to submit a certified copy of the court order, which curtails these specific rights, to the superintendent of schools. While both parents can visit the student at school, only the custodial parent has the right to remove the student from school property, unless a verified note from the custodial parent provides for an exception to this provision. The custodial parent is the parent with whom the student resides, unless a legal document indicates otherwise (5142.1 a).

RESIDENCY

All Wolcott resident students are entitled to free school privileges. Children living in Wolcott with persons other than parents or a legal guardian, who are nonresidents of Wolcott, are entitled to free school privileges only if three conditions are met:

1. Such residence must be permanent – this means seven days a week, 365 days per year.
2. Such residence is without pay – the person with whom the child lives cannot receive monetary or other forms of remuneration/compensation for accommodating a child.
3. Such residence cannot be for the exclusive purpose of schooling – there should be a sufficiently compelling reason for the children to reside with the Wolcott persons apart from school attendance.

Affidavits for Purposes of Residency Forms must be completed when nonresident parents enroll a child. Such documents are sworn to be true and accurate

statements. A student will be admitted, upon application, as a tuition-paying student, if the superintendent of schools determines that such admission is educationally sound. Administrators are required to investigate, or have investigated by professional services, complaints about violations of the residency policy. Persons who knowingly violate the residency policy may be subject to prosecution under law for theft of services. The Board of Education would seek to recover tuition due at the current rate per year, per student, in addition to the criminal charges. Any change in the residency status of a child at any time during the school year must be reported to school officials (5118).

STUDENT SERVICES

EARLY INTERVENTION TEAM

Students whose academic progress, behavior, or attendance is considered unsatisfactory are referred to an Early Intervention Team in addressing these issues. The team works cooperatively with the classroom teachers, student, and parent to develop and document strategies to assist the student within the regular education program. If the student's difficulties persist, a referral is made to the special education Planning and Placement Team or to the non-special education Section 504 Team. The Wolcott Board of Education fully complies with the regulations delineated in the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504.

GUIDANCE

School counselors are available for all students at Tyrrell Middle School. Counselors meet with students individually and in small and large groups. Areas discussed in the developmental guidance program are self-respect, decision making, transition, academic success, divorce, death, anger management, bullying, friendships, cultural diversity, and career choices. To meet with a counselor, a student must fill out a request form available in homeroom; once received, the counselor will schedule an appointment during study or lunch. Parents may also contact counselors to make appointments. The counselors work closely with the administrators, faculty, staff, parents, community agencies, and private therapists to ease students through their middle school years. To contact a guidance counselor call 203-879-8151 ext. 613 or 614.

HOME VISITS

The Board of Education, cognizant that good parent-school relationship and communication is

vital to the educational development of each student, encourages home visits by school administrators, special services personnel, and nurses when deemed necessary. (6164.13).

RECORDS

Educational records will be kept on file for each student reflecting the physical, emotional, social, and academic aspects of student development. Connecticut law provides that parents/legal guardians of students are entitled to knowledge of and access to all of their children's cumulative records, unless otherwise ordered by the courts. Parents/legal guardians will be allowed, within forty-five (45) days -- ten (10) days for special education files; three (3) days if files are to prepare for a special education meeting or due process hearing -from the date of a written request, to review the requested records relating to his/her child. The school administrator, counselor, or psychologist will be present during the review of the school record. The school record will not be allowed to leave the school building. Parents/legal guardians have the right to one copy of any information contained within the school record (5125).

REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE

School districts must report suspected abuse, known abuse, or the danger of abuse of children to the Connecticut Department of Children and Families within twelve (12) hours of learning of the abuse. A Report of Suspected Child Abuse/ Neglect 136) must follow within twenty-four (24) hours. Under Connecticut General Statute, Section 17a-101, the following are considered mandated reporters: a school teacher, school principal, school guidance counselor, school paraprofessional, social worker, psychologist, physician, intern, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical examiner, dentist, dental hygienist, police officer, clergy, pharmacist, physical therapist, osteopath, chiropractor, podiatrist, mental health professional, physician assistant, certified substance abuser counselor, marital and family therapist, sexual assault counselor, domestic violence counselors, and persons paid for caring for children in any public or private facility, day care center or family day care home. The penalty for any mandated reporter who fails to report is a fine between \$500 and \$2,500. DCF offers a hotline 24 hours per day, 7 days per week at (800) 842-2288, as well as an internet site at www.state.ct.us/dcf (5141.4).

SECTION 504

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a Civil Rights statute that prohibits discrimination

against students with disabilities in any program receiving federal financial assistance. This act protects any student who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, such as walking, learning, breathing, seeing, hearing, etc. The parent of a student requiring Section 504 accommodations or for additional information about Section 504 accommodation, contact our school psychologist at 203-879-8151 ext. 611.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Wolcott Public School system is committed to a positive and productive working and learning environment free of discrimination. The district prohibits sexual harassment and intimidation of its employees or students, regardless of gender. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcomed sexual advances, request for favors, and other explicit or implicit verbal (comments, jokes, etc.), physical (touch, gestures, etc.), or visual (pictures, posters, etc.) contact of a sexual nature. All students have a responsibility to maintain a positive learning environment by reporting all incidents of sexual harassment to the school nurse or guidance counselor. The person reporting the incident of sexual harassment must complete a "Sexual Harassment Report Form."

Step 1: Conference with involved students and parent notification for all involved students.

Step 2: Conference with involved students, parent notification for all involved students via letter, and after-school detention for the offender.

Step 3: Conference with the students, parent notification for all involved students via conference, and one (1) day in-school suspension.

Step 4: Conference with the students, parent notification for all involved students via conference, and three (3) days out-of-school suspension.

Step 5: Conference with involved students, parent notification for all involved students via conference, five (5) days out-of-school-school suspension, and referral for expulsion (5145.5a).

SPECIAL EDUCATION

When a student has been referred by a parent or school personnel to a special education Planning and Placement Team (PPT), a meeting to discuss the referral to special education and consider/plan an evaluation takes place. A PPT collects data about students with special education needs, determine a child's eligibility for special education services, prescribe programs **for special education** students, develop Individual Education Plans, monitor such programs, and evaluate progress. Special education programs are provided for identified students. The PPT meetings take place a minimum of one (1) time

per year to review the diagnostic-evaluative data for each child who has been identified (6171 a).

SUICIDE PREVENTION

It is mandated that youth suicide prevention programs incorporate three essential and distinct components: educational, intervention, and evaluation. If a student knows of another student who is suicidal, immediately tell an adult, who in turn must immediately refer the student to a guidance counselor.

ALL OTHER TOPICS

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies, which will be offered throughout the school year, provide an opportunity for students to learn formal audience behavior. Students shall be respectful and appreciative during all assemblies.

BACKPACKS/BOOK BAGS

Students are only to use backpacks or book bags when entering to and exiting from homeroom. Students do not carry backpacks or book bags during the school day.

BOOK/EQUIPMENT/MATERIALS

Textbooks, library books, equipment, and materials are the property of the Wolcott Board of Education and are on loan to each student. Loaned materials and equipment are each student's responsibility and must be monetarily replaced if not returned or if returned damaged.

COMPUTER LABS

All rules and consequences outlined apply to the computer labs. Students are expected to assist in maintaining a pleasant, clean, safe, and orderly computer lab. The computer labs are open to students who have a signed pass from a faculty/ staff member with whom they are doing an assignment that must be completed on the computer. Students must present their passes and sign in when they arrive. Before students use any computers within the school, whether it is as a class or independently, students and parents/guardians must sign the Student Technology User Agreement.

If a student refuses to follow the computer lab procedures, the student may be removed from the computer labs for a period of time. If a student has computer privileges revoked due to a violation of the Student User Agreement, that student's computer usage may be revoked for a period of time. It then

would be the obligation of the student to make arrangements to use a computer outside of the school district to complete assignments.

EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION

The administration recognized that circumstances may arise in which exemption from class attendance is requested by a student or student's parent. The policy is to grant reasonable parental requests for exemptions under the following: family life education, AIDS education, dissection of animals, medical reasons, and religious reasons. All requests from parents for an exemption from instruction must be made through and approved by the building principal (6144.1).

FIELD TRIPS

The Board of Education, cognizant of the inherent benefits to students participating in such a learning experience, endorses the principle of the well-planned educational field trip, and embraces such activity as an integral part of the school program. Each Tyrrell Middle School team will participate in at least one field trip during a school year. All policies and regulations in effect in the school relative to behavior and decorum will also prevail on field trips (6153.1). Students must have satisfactory attendance, behavior and academic standing to be eligible for field trips. The Administration reserves the right to restrict students from attending field trips based on this criteria.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH/EXPRESSION

A student may exercise her/his constitutionally protected rights of free speech and assembly so long as such exercise does not interfere with the operations of the regular school program (5145.2).

FUND-RAISING

All fund-raisers must be approved by an administrator and Board of Education prior to being sold in school.

GIFTS

Tyrrell Middle School recognizes that parents and students often wish to express appreciation to staff for their work. However, the Board does not encourage the giving of gifts. Simple tokens such as a picture, poem or card from a student are entirely appropriate. Teachers do not expect gifts. Rather, they feel rewarded when students work up to their potential (1313).

LATE BUS

A late bus is offered to students who remain after school for the purpose of makeup work, extra help, extracurricular activities, interscholastic sports, and discipline responsibilities. All students must be in the company of a school employee after school hours. The late bus arrives at 3:45 PM and drops students off within one mile of their home.

LOST & FOUND

Lost and found items are located in the pupil services office and locker rooms. If a student has lost a valuable object, immediately report it to school personnel. Students are asked to write their names in their purses/wallets and scratch their names into calculators/electronic equipment. The school does everything it can to safeguard private property, but the school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. At the end of the year, lost and found items not claimed will be donated to charity.

MEDIA

Members of the news media will often photograph, film, and record students. If one does not want his/her child photographed, filmed, or recorded by the media for the purposes of print or broadcast, one must notify a building administrator in writing.

MEDIA CENTER

All rules and consequences outlined apply to the media center. Students are expected to assist in maintaining a pleasant, clean, safe, and orderly media center.

The media center is open from 7:45 AM - 2:15 PM to students who have a signed pass from a faculty/staff member with whom they are doing an assignment that must be completed in the media center. Students must present their passes and sign in when they arrive. Each student is personally responsible for any library materials they use. At the conclusion of the school year, report cards, yearbooks, and awards will be withheld from any students who have either not returned overdue materials or paid overdue book fines.

If a student refuses to follow the media center procedures, the student may be removed from the media center for a period of time. It then would be the obligation of the student to make arrangements to use a media center outside of the school district to complete assignments.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

If a person has a concern or complaint about a school employee, policy, or event, s/he should first go to the

person directly involved. Then, if s/he is not satisfied with the outcome, s/he should go to the next level. School employees are professionals and appointments are required to meet with them.

RELIGION

The United States Constitution separates church and state. In Connecticut, students shall not be forced to pray at any time during the school day. Moments of Silence are mandatory.

RESEARCH

All requests for the services of student volunteers in research projects, special studies, and surveys not part of the regular education program must have parent, superintendent of schools, and Board of Education approval.

SCHOOL BUS

All rules and consequences outlined apply to the school bus. Students are expected to assist in maintaining a pleasant, clean, safe, and orderly school bus. Connecticut law provides that each local or regional board of education shall furnish, by transportation or otherwise, school accommodations to resident children. Students must obey the driver, remain in their seats while the bus is in motion, keep body parts inside the bus, not eat or drink, and not tamper with equipment. If a student refuses to follow the school bus procedures, the student may be removed from the school bus for a period of time. School districts have the right to suspend students from transportation services for up to ten 10 consecutive days if their conduct while awaiting or receiving transportation to or from school endangers persons or property or violates a publicized policy of the Board of Education. It then would be the obligation of the student to make arrangements to use another mode of transportation to come to and from school.

TELEPHONES

The school telephones are for school business and are available to students only in the event of an emergency. Likewise, telephone messages from parents/guardians to students will only be delivered in the event of an emergency. No students will be called out of class to receive a call.