



BATH MIDDLE STUDENT HANDBOOK 2024-2025

INTRODUCTION

This handbook contains all the rules and regulations governing the Bath Middle School student. Therefore, all students regardless of age, are responsible for and must adhere to all rules and regulations contained within this handbook.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is a basic and integral part of your education. If a student is absent, the parent should call the school by 8:25 to report an absence. Should the school not receive a call from the parent, the school will call your parent at home or at their place of employment. If the parent does not contact the school to explain the reason for the absence, that absence will be considered unexcused.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Students are permitted to miss 10 days for the year without medical notes. In order for these absences/ "call ins" to be excused a parent or guardian must speak to the office explaining the absence within 24 hours of the absence. Excused absences entitle a student to make up any schoolwork missed. These absences are based on one or more of the following conditions: (1) personal illness (2) death or illness in the family (3) observance of a religious holiday (4) other circumstances which may constitute an excused absence will require **prior approval** from the assistant principal or principal. Students with excused absences are solely responsible for making up any schoolwork missed.

MEDICALLY EXCUSED ABSENCES

Student/parents must present the office with a note written by a licensed physician/doctor. The note must specify which days of school the student was unable to attend. The note must be presented to the office within two weeks of the medical appointment for these days to be excused. A medical excuse is defined as "_____ has been under my care from _____ to _____ and may return to school on _____".

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Students with unexcused absences will be given the opportunity to earn partial credit (70%) for any schoolwork missed and then made-up upon their return to school. Unexcused absences usually consist of, but are not limited to, one or more of the following conditions: (1) truancy-no note (2) needed at home (3) gainful employment (4) oversleeping and /or missing the bus (5) car trouble of any kind (6) non-emergency errands of any kind (7) personal reasons will be unexcused unless the reasons are specifically identified and prior approval is given by the principal or assistant principal. To best inform parents of their child's attendance, letters regarding any concerning attendance or tardy issues are sent home. In addition to the letters being sent home, phone calls home and meetings will be set up with the parents and the school attendance intervention team if the excessive absences continue.

STUDENT VACATIONS

We would hope that parents would make every effort to take their vacations during the summer. However, if a vacation is planned during the school year, parents are to let school officials know when they will be leaving on vacation and how long they will be gone so the assignments and make-up work can be arranged. These vacation days will count towards the student's 10 absences per year as defined in the school attendance policy.

PROLONGED ABSENCES

If a student is unable to attend class or school for a lengthy period of time, but is able to study at home, a telephone call should be made to the office and arrangements made for assignments to be accessed through Schoology.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Students who must be out of school to secure medical service must bring a note from their parent, a telephone call from parent and /or appointment form from the doctor. The excuse should be brought in one day prior to the appointment. If a student misses school because of a medical appointment, the absence must be treated as any other absence, i.e. the time missed must be marked on attendance records. Students must check into the office upon leaving or reentering the building.

ADMINISTERING MEDICINES TO STUDENTS

It is the policy of the Bath Local School District that all children's medication must be administered by a parent at home. Under exceptional circumstances, medication may be administered by school personnel under the appropriate regulations.

TARDINESS: Students who arrive at school after 8:25 a.m. must report to the office for an appropriate tardy notice. Consistent tardiness to school may necessitate a parent conference and /or disciplinary action being taken by the school. After students reach their 5th tardy, they will be required to serve a lunch detention on each subsequent day they come into school tardy. Continual or habitual tardiness may result in further disciplinary action including additional lunch detentions, Saturday School assignment, or placement in In School Suspension. Students participating in extracurricular events must be in school by the start of third period (10:00 AM) to participate in an extracurricular that day. Students sent home due to illness during the school day are also ineligible from participating in an extracurricular event after school. The school does recognize that there may be special situations (dental appointments, funerals, etc.) in which the principal/assistant principal will handle on an individual basis regarding after school extracurricular participation.

DISCIPLINE

CODE OF MISCONDUCT: Violations of school rules may result in disciplinary action. Discipline may be issued for, but not limited to, the violations stated below on a case-by-case basis. Disciplinary action may include morning detention, lunch detention, assignment of Saturday School, emergency removal from school, out of school suspension, In School Suspension, Alternative School placement, and expulsion. Administration may issue discipline for additional misconduct if necessary.

- A. **ASSAULT:** A student shall not knowingly or willingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to another; or knowingly cause another to believe that the offender will cause physical harm to that person.
- B. **BULLYING/HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION:** A student shall not bully, harass, and/or intimidate another student. This is defined as an intentional written, verbal, electronic, or physical act that a student has exhibited towards another student more than once. The behavior caused mental or physical harm to the other student and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for the other student. This behavior is prohibited on school property, on a school bus, or at school-sponsored events.
- C. **CELL PHONE VIOLATIONS:** Students are not permitted to be in possession of their cell phone during the course of the school day. Students who are in possession of their cell phone or using their cell phone during school day will be assigned a Saturday School.
- D. **ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** The use of other electronic devices for sending or receiving calls and/or text messages is prohibited during school hours. These devices include, but are not limited to, Apple Watches, Fitbits, Smartwatches, etc.
- E. **CHEATING/PLAGIARISM:** Teachers and administrators will handle situations on a case-by-base basis.
- F. **COMPUTER USAGE:** Improper use of computers, software, or the related equipment and materials as defined by the rules of the computer labs and classrooms.
- G. **DAMAGE TO PROPERTY:** A student shall not knowingly mar, deface, destroy or otherwise tamper with any property not owned by the student.
- H. **DANGEROUS WEAPONS AND INSTRUMENTS:** A student shall not possess, handle, or transmit weapons and/or any other dangerous instruments or ordinance capable of inflicting bodily harm while on the school grounds, before, during or after school hours, or while attending school functions, activities or events, or while in school vehicles. This includes, but is not limited to guns, knives, fireworks and "Look-A-Like" weapons.

- I. **DISRUPTION OF SCHOOL:** A student shall not cause disruption or obstruction of the educational process by: 1) engaging in fighting or other violent behavior; 2) making un-realistic noise, using grossly abusive language or offensive language; 3) challenging or taunting another likely to evoke a violent response; 4) creating a physically offensive condition; 5) creating a risk of physical harm to person or property; 6) theft; 7) forgery; 8) insubordination; 9) disrespectful to any school employee, 10) disrupting after school detention or Saturday school 11) disruptive behavior in the cafeteria, classrooms or hallway.
- J. **DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS**
- K. **FOOD OR DRINK IN CLASSROOM**
- L. **FIGHTING**
- M. **HAZING:** See Anti-Hazing policy
- N. **INSUBORDINATION-**Students shall not engage or exhibit behavior that is disrespectful to any school employee that is disruptive to the educational process.
- O. **LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS WITHOUT PERMISSION:**
- P. **LOITERING/TRESPASSING:** No student shall be in an unauthorized area without expressed permission by a staff member.
- Q. **“LOOK-A-LIKE” AND “COUNTERFEIT SUBSTANCES”:** No student shall possess, use, transport, purchase, have under his/her control, offer for sale, or administer to another, any look-a-like or counterfeit substance which represents a controlled substance or may be construed as a controlled substance.
- R. **PORNOGRAPHIC PUBLICATIONS:** No student shall possess, edit, or read any pornographic materials on school property. This includes use of student cell phones and school technological devices.
- S. **PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION**
- T. **SEXUAL ASSAULT:** No student shall engage in any nonconsensual sexual activity.
- U. **SEXUAL HARASSMENT:** A student shall not engage in unwanted sexual advances, or unwanted visual, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature toward another student. The term sexual harassment is intended to mean sexual harassment in the broadest meaning of that term in current popular as well as legal usage.
- V. **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT:** No student shall engage in any consensual sexual activity on school grounds.
- W. **SKIPPING CLASS OR STUDY HALL**
- X. **HALLWAY WITHOUT PERMISSION**
- Y. **TARDIES:** Will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- Z. **THEFT:** No student shall attempt to or steal items from the school or its property, the employees, or other students at any time.
- AA. **THREATS:** No student shall make threats, including, but not limited to, threatening harm to the health or safety of another and/or threatening harm to district property.
- BB. **TOBACCO, NARCOTICS, VAPES, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, AND DRUGS:** No student shall possess, use, transport, purchase, have under his/her control, offer for sale, be under the influence of, or administer to another any intoxicant, hallucinogen, narcotic drug, vape, or other dangerous drug on school property/bus/or at school activities. No student shall have or possess any equipment or paraphernalia for the purpose of any items mentioned above.
- CC. **TRUANCY:** Parents/Guardians are responsible for the attendance of a minor child (under 18 years old). Truancy charges may be filed against parents and further discipline may be issued to students who are considered truant. Per Ohio Revised Code, a student is considered **EXCESSIVELY ABSENT** (with or without excuse) if the student misses 38 or more hours of school in a month or 65 or more hours of school in a year. A student is considered **HABITUALLY TRUANT** (absence without excuse) if the student misses 30 or more consecutive hours, 42 or more hours in a month, or 72 or more hours in a year.
- DD. **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:** Students who meet excessive absence thresholds may be assigned school discipline including serving lunch detentions, Saturday Schools, or placement in ISS.
- EE. **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY**
- FF. **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHICLES:** Students operating vehicles on school grounds should adhere to school policy and legal statute. Students should not create a risk of physical harm to person or property.
- GG. **VIOLATION OF ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

TEAM RULES

Teaching teams and individual teachers will establish classroom conduct codes for their respective classes. These codes will govern the individual classes and supplement the school discipline code of conduct.

SATURDAY SCHOOL GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

Saturday School is held in Room 101 of the high school from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Students are required to bring schoolwork, their Chromebook and expected to study during their time in Saturday School. ***Students***

who are late will not be admitted and will be counted as absent. If a student reports late, entry is denied and that is considered failure to attend. Failure to attend Saturday School will result in further disciplinary action including additional Saturday Schools, placement in In School Suspension, or Out of School Suspension. Sleeping, causing a disruption or in any way failing to follow the directions of the Saturday School supervisor will result in a minimum three (3) day suspension from school. The Bath Middle School uses Saturday School as an alternative to suspensions and to provide an opportunity for supervised study.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

The Alternative School is located at the Allen County Educational Service Center.

Students assigned to the Alternative School are to: provide their own transportation, report between 8:15 and 8:30, bring all books, bring lunch, leave at 2:30 p.m. and follow Bath's schedule unless otherwise noted.

Students who are absent, regardless of reason, from the Alternative School, must make up the days. If the student is over their allotted 15 days, a medical excuse will be required. Assignments are provided for the days assigned and are due upon the students return. Students assigned to the short-term alternative program may attend or participate in all after school activities.

SUSPENSIONS

1. The superintendent or principal/assistant principal may suspend. No suspensions are to exceed ten (10) school days in session.
2. The superintendent or principal/assistant principal must give written notice of intention to suspend and the reasons why to the pupil.
3. The pupil must have an opportunity to appear at an informal hearing before the principal, assistant principal, superintendent, or his designee, and has the right to challenge the reasons for the intended suspension or otherwise explain his/her actions. The hearing may take place immediately.
4. Within 24 hours of suspension the principal will notify in writing the parent, guardian or custodian of the pupil and clerk of the board of education or its designee, the right to be represented at the appeal and to request the hearing or appeal be held in executive session.

EMERGENCY REMOVALS

An emergency removal from the premises, curricular or extra-curricular activities, may occur if a pupil's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property, or an engaging threat of disrupting the established process. A due process hearing must be held within 24 hours after removal is ordered.

EXPULSION

The superintendent shall give the student and parent(s) written notice of the intended expulsion, including reasons for the intended expulsion. The student and parent(s) or representative, has the opportunity to appear, on request before the superintendent/designee to challenge the action or to otherwise explain the student's actions. This notice shall state the time and place to appear, which must not be fewer than three days nor more than five days after the notice is given.

Within 24 hours of the expulsion, the superintendent shall notify the parent(s) of the student and CFO/treasurer of the board of education.

The notice shall include the reasons for the expulsion, the right of the student or parent(s) to appeal to the Board or its designee, the right to be represented at the appeal and the right to request that the hearing be held in executive session.

The superintendent will initiate expulsion proceedings against a student who has committed an act that warrants expulsion even if the student withdraws from school before the superintendent has held the hearings or made the decision to expel the student.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

Any student that is suspended from school is also prohibited from any and all extra-curricular activities and is not to be found on the school premises during the duration of the suspension/expulsion. The days absent as a result of a suspension or expulsion are counted as unexcused absences. A parent conference may be requested before the suspended student may return to school.

MISCELLANEOUS

CAFETERIA

Students are permitted to “brown bag” it any time they so desire. However, glass bottles or soft drinks (pop) are not permitted. Also, meals delivered by parents, restaurants, or any type of catering service will not be allowed. Students may not use the cafeteria facilities for storing food. Misbehavior in the cafeteria may result in disciplinary action.

HOMEWORK

Home study is a necessary part of each pupil’s educational program. Each student is expected to spend some time, in addition to scheduled class instruction, to achieve satisfactory work. Some assignments are long range in nature and require planned study time for their completion. Planned study eliminates the necessity of spending too much time in completing an assignment the day before it is due. Habitual failure to complete homework may require disciplinary action by administration including the potential use of lunch detentions, Saturday School assignments, or placement in In School Suspension as disciplinary consequences.

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT AUDIT POLICY

Auditing a Course – Students auditing the course will attend classes, complete all required work to the best of their ability, and receive a grade to appear on their middle school report card only. No high school credit will be given, and the grade will not appear on the permanent high school record.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

All students are assumed to be honest. Attempting to deceive, defraud, or use dishonesty for one’s own gain cannot be tolerated in any form. Cheating on any assignment, quiz, test or during any class activity is unethical and compromises the integrity of the educational process. Discipline for cheating or assisting anyone with cheating will be determined on an individual basis by the teacher and the assistant Principal. Cheating may result in a grade of a zero and the assigning of a Saturday School.

ANTI-HAZING

It is the policy of the Bath Local Board of Education that hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and shall be prohibited at all times. No administrator, faculty member, or other employee of the school district shall encourage, permit, condone, or tolerate any hazing activities. No student, including leaders of student organizations, shall plan, encourage, or engage in any hazing.

Hazing is defined as doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation to any student or organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. Permission, consent, assumption or risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy.

Administrators, faculty members, and all other employees of the school district shall be particularly alert to possible situations, circumstances or events, which might include hazing. If hazing or planned hazing is discovered, involved students shall be informed by the discovering school employee of the prohibition contained in this policy and shall be required to end all hazing activities immediately. All hazing incidents shall be reported immediately to the superintendent.

Administrators, faculty members, students, and all other employees who fail to abide by this policy may be subject

to disciplinary actions, and may be liable for civil and criminal penalties in accordance with Ohio law.

DISTRIBUTING AND POSTING MATERIALS

All materials to be distributed and posted must be approved by the office.

VISITORS

Visitors to the school will be permitted on a limited basis. All visitors must report to the main office before visiting a student, teacher, the cafeteria, or a classroom. Those persons who fail to abide by these policies will be asked to leave the building and/or charged with trespassing. Visitors whose purpose is that of a social call will not be permitted in the building.

STUDENT SEARCH

The principal or his designee has the right to inspect student lockers. No other person, other than a proper law enforcement officer who has in his possession a valid search warrant directed to a student in the presence of the building principal, shall be permitted to, in any fashion, search or seize any property of a student from his/her locker or automobile without prior consent.

DRESS CODE

Parents and students are equally responsible for the appearance of the student. To facilitate a proper, safe school atmosphere and learning environment which is void of disruption of any nature, all students shall dress and groom in a manner that displays neatness, cleanliness, decency, modesty, and respect for others. It is not the school's goal to infringe on student rights and self-expression, however, in the best interest of the educational program, extreme or unusual styles are not acceptable. Very often, clothes that may be acceptable for wear away from school are not appropriate for school. The final decision on the appropriateness of attire shall rest with the school administration. Students deemed in violation of the dress code will not be permitted to return to class until the situation is rectified. Any classes missed during this time will be considered unexcused. Students refusing to adjust will be considered insubordinate and subjected to further disciplinary action. If a change of clothing is required a parent or guardian will be called to bring a proper change of clothes.

GENERAL DRESS CODE GUIDELINES:

1. Clothing with figures or lettering that is vulgar, suggestive, obscene, or distasteful or that includes sexual innuendo is not to be worn. Clothing, patches, etc. that encourage, promote, advertise, glorify, or refer to alcohol, tobacco, drugs, profane or lewd symbols or slogans, gangs, anti-social groups, harassing, violence, death, suicide, gore, or blood shall not be worn or displayed. Clothing that is considered discriminatory, prejudicial, or disrespectful towards others will not be permitted.
2. Clothing with depictions of weapons (guns, knives, etc.) are prohibited. (Cartoon characterizations included).
3. Clothing that elicits a "double meaning" that is in violation of good taste and appropriateness will not be permitted.
4. Tops and bottoms should always overlap with no bare midriff. No sagging pants.
5. Undergarments are not to be exposed.
6. Spiked jewelry of any kind, chains, chain wallets, dog collars, and leashes are not permitted. Spikes and other articles judged to be potentially harmful to students and staff are not permitted.
7. Sleepwear, loungewear, costumes, or beachwear worn as outer garments are prohibited. This includes pajama pants and tops, swim trunks, and house slippers.

8. Lower garments with excessive tears/holes will not be permitted. No form fitting shorts of any length are permitted, examples include spandex, bicycle shorts, and lycra-type shorts. Shorts deemed excessively short will not be permitted.
9. All hats, visors, bandanas, sunglasses, hoods, or other head gear is prohibited unless authorized by a school administrator.
10. Coats are permitted to be worn into the school building but should be placed in lockers and not worn during regular classroom instruction.
11. Upper garments should be respectable and non-revealing. Tank tops are not permitted. Sleeveless tops for young ladies and young men must cover at least 3 inches of the shoulder.
12. Any type of removable writing/drawing with ink, marker, etc. on one's skin will be prohibited and viewed as a distraction and disruption of school and constitute as a dress code violation.
13. Dresses and skirts must meet all requirements previously stated for upper and lower garments.
14. Headphones, earphones, earbuds are not permitted to be worn during the school day unless specifically requested by a teacher for classroom use. Such devices are not to be worn in the hallways and/or during lunch.
15. Items attached or fastened to outer garments that are not typical, such as capes and flags are prohibited.

A major component of the educational program at Bath Local Schools is to prepare students to become responsible citizens by learning how to conduct themselves properly and in accordance with established standards. School officials reserve the right to require the student to change clothes, pin hair back, or remove the item when his/her dress or grooming is unacceptable, creates disturbances, attracts undue attention, interferes with the educational process, or when the health and safety of the student or others is involved. Repeated violations of school dress code may result in school discipline.

LOCKER

Students are responsible for lockers assigned to them. Lockers should be locked at all times and should not be set or fixed so that anyone can open them. If a locker is set or fixed, persons assigned to the locker are responsible for articles taken from the locker. Students are not to put any kind of pictures or stickers in or on the lockers. Students are responsible for any damage to the locker assigned to them.

HARASSMENT OF EMPLOYEES/EMPLOYEE'S FAMILY

Students will be subject to school discipline for any harassment, vandalism, physical abuse, or other inappropriate behavior toward school personnel, their family, or their property during non-school time.

USE OF TELEPHONES

The use of any phone during school is strictly prohibited unless permission is specifically granted. Students will not be called from class to answer the phone except in emergency situations.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

If it becomes necessary for a student to withdraw from school during the school term, parents must sign a release for transcripts. The student is responsible for checking all assigned books and materials into the proper school personnel and all obligations paid before any grade transcript will be sent.

RECORD DISCLOSURE POLICY

Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Bath Local School District is providing this notification of the rights of parents of students and eligible students to:

1. Inspect and review the student's educational records
2. Correct parts of the student's educational record which are believed to be inaccurate, misleading or in violation of student rights (this includes the right to a hearing to present evidence that the record should be changed if the parents' or eligible student's request is denied)
3. Require written consent before personally identifiable data are included to anyone other than authorized officials except as provided in state or federal law or used for any purpose other than making educational decisions
4. File complaint with the U.S. Department of Education if the Bath Local District fails to comply with requirements of FERPA
5. Receive a copy of Bath Local's Student Education Record Disclosure Policy

Title IX Coordinators

- Brian Jesko - Bath High School Principal, 2850 Bible Road, Lima OH 45801, Phone 419-221-0366, jeskob@bathwildcats.org
- Cam Staley – Bath Middle School Principal, 2700 Bible Road, Lima OH 45801, Phone 419-221-1839, staleyc@bathwildcats.org
- Chris Renner – Bath Elementary School Principal, 2450 Bible Road, Lima OH 45801, Phone 419-221-1837, rennerc@bathwildcats.org

REVOCATION OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES

Whenever a student is suspended or expelled from school in accordance with O.R.C. 3313.66 for the possession of alcohol or drugs, the superintendent may notify the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and the juvenile judge of the county of the student's residence. After receiving such notification, the Registrar of Motor Vehicles is required to suspend the temporary instruction permit or driver's license of the student who is the subject of the notice. If a temporary permit or license has not been issued for that student, the registrar is prohibited from issuing a temporary permit or license. Driving privileges may be restored once the superintendent notifies the registrar that the student has satisfied any conditions established by the superintendent.

Notification to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles and the county judge must comply with O.R.C. 3319.321 and the U.S. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and accompanying regulations. In accordance with Ohio law, a student whose driving privileges have been denied can file a petition with the juvenile court in which he resides for reinstatement.

The Bath Local Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to establish a hearing and notification procedure for the purpose of denying a student's driving privileges if that student, of compulsory school age, has been absent without legitimate excuse for more than ten (10) consecutive days, or a total of at least fifteen (15) days during a semester.

BAND / CHOIR

Band and choir are electives that individual students choose to add to their schedules. Any student who is removed from either program will receive a failing grade for the year in that program. A student who chooses to drop band or choir after the second week of school will also receive a failing grade. The exception to this would be a student, who for academic reasons, requests a withdrawal. This withdrawal will only take place with approval of parents and the principal.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Students are required to **pass a minimum of four courses of all subjects taken** in the preceding grading period.

A student enrolled in the first grading period after advancement from the eighth grade must have passed a minimum of four of all subjects carried the preceding grading period in which the student was enrolled.

A student enrolling in the seventh grade for the first time will be eligible for the first grading period regardless of the previous academic achievement. Thereafter, in order to be eligible, a student in grade seven or eight must be currently enrolled in school the immediately preceding grading period and received passing grades during that grading period in a minimum of four of those subjects in which the student received grades.

Age Limitations

If a student is fifteen (15) years of age prior to August 1, that student is ineligible for that year in grades seven and eight. If you are fifteen (15) years of age prior to August 1, you are eligible to participate in athletics in grades 9-12. Consult the assistant principal for procedures to follow.

Physical Exams Forms

Students must have a physical examination before practicing a school sport. Physical examinations are valid for thirteen months. Students wanting to participate in a school sport must also complete a registration process available on the Bath Athletics website. Students should check with the Assistant Principal for procedures to follow.

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

As a prospective student-athlete, you are expected to accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of representing your school and community while participating in interscholastic athletics. School and athletic department personnel expect you to treat opponents with respect; respect the judgment of contest officials; abide by contest rules; display no behavior that could incite fans or other participants in the contest or which is intended to embarrass, ridicule or demean others under any circumstances including on the basis of race, religion, gender or national origin; cooperate with officials, your coaches and other participants to ensure a fair contest, and live up to the high standard of sporting conduct that has been established by your school. Students participating in athletics are subject to the provisions laid out in the Bath Athletic Code of Conduct.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION CONDUCT PENALTY

Any student ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct or a flagrant foul shall be ineligible for contest for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection (one contest in football). If the ejection occurs in the last contest of the season, the student shall be ineligible for the same period of time as stated above in the next sport in which the student participates. A student under suspension may not sit on the team bench, enter the locker room or be affiliated with the team in any way traveling to, during or traveling after the contest.

A student who is ejected a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season in that sport. A student who has been ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct for the second time in the season during the last contest shall be ineligible for a period of time/number of contests subject to the discretion of the commissioner. The period of ineligibility shall commence during the next sport in which the student participates.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Students may purchase their breakfast and/or lunch at school or bring their lunch with them. We request no takeout/fast food be brought into the cafeteria.

A debit system is available for payments or students may pay each day. Money can be deposited into the account no matter the student's meal status. Money will only be deducted when the student uses the account. Money can be deposited by cash, check, or via the internet. Make checks payable to Bath Local Schools. Please

put your child's name and ID number on the check. Please put cash in a sealed envelope with your child's name and ID number on the front of the envelope.

A la carte (go backs) items are available for purchase to all students. The items and corresponding prices vary. The list of these items is posted on the food service page of the Bath Schools website.

Free or Reduced Meal Application

Priced meals are available to students who are determined eligible through direct certification or by filling out an application. The free and reduced meals application is available at www.payschoolscentral.com. You will need your child's ID number to create your account. The application is available beginning July 1st through the end of the school year. Students who were on free or reduced-priced meals the year before at Bath Schools, will begin the next school year at their free or reduced-priced rate for 30 days or until a new application is received by the food service supervisor, whichever comes first.

Meal Charges

Students may charge meals at school. As a courtesy, parents will receive a text, call, and email anytime their student's account balance goes into the negative. At a negative balance of \$50 or more, the food service supervisor will call or email parents regarding the negative balance. At a negative balance of \$70, the students will receive a peanut butter sandwich, fruit, veggie, and milk at breakfast and lunch until the charges are paid. The food service supervisor will call and email parents that this alternate meal is being given. No meal charges will be allowed the last 5 days of school.

Failure to pay off meal charges by the end of the school year, will result in the negative balance being added to school fees. This fee will not be able to be waived for any reason and will stay on the student's fees until paid.

TECHNOLOGY

Acceptable Use Policy for Internet/Network/Electronic Communications and Electronic Device usage by Students

Access to Internet/Network/Electronic Communications/Computers, both local and global, is a privilege, not a right at Bath Local Schools and is provided to students who act in a considerate and responsible manner and may be denied to those students who do not. Our goal in providing these services to students is to promote educational excellence at Bath Local Schools by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication in a global society. Bath Local Schools in coordination with Northwest Ohio Area Computer Services Cooperative (NOACSC) utilizes content filtering technology (8e6 R3000 Enterprise Filter) that meets the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act of 2000.

Students while using Internet/Network/Electronic Communications/Computers will not:

- Send/use or display offensive/illegal messages or pictures
- Use obscene language
- Harass, insult, bully or attack others
- Damage computers, computer systems, or computer networks, including the uploading or creation of computer viruses, install or use 'hacking/keylogger' tools
- Violate copyright laws and/or licensed software laws
- Use someone else's password and/or account
- Trespass or use others' accounts, files, directories, or work, and/or harm or destroy data of another user.
- Intentionally waste resources and bandwidth (such as but not limited to: non-academic activities, gaming and social networking tools)
- Use electronic services for commercial and/or illegal purposes

- Post/use personal information of yourself or other students
- Participate in activities deemed to be a security risk to the network

Any infraction of the above rules may/will result in a loss of use of electronic services and possible further disciplinary and/or legal action.

Bath Local Schools Technology Agreement

This agreement is for students at Bath Local Schools and pertains to all electronic devices provided by the school district. In grades 6-8 students will be issued a Chromebook or similar device to use during school and take home at night to help students with homework and assignments. These devices will be distributed and treated just like textbooks and other supplies provided by the school.

- The devices are the property of Bath Local School District
- Students (grades 6-8) must pay the \$25.00 technology protection fee (nonrefundable), which is included in school fees.
- Students may not bring in their own personal devices from home to be used in the classroom instead of a school provided device.
- Students will adhere to the policies of Bath Local Schools and comply with all local, state, and federal laws when using my Chromebook at home, school, or elsewhere.
- Students will charge the Chromebook when needed, handle the device with care, and not apply stickers or other items to the Chromebook.
- Normal wear of the Chromebook will be handled by the technology department free of charge. Issues beyond the scope of normal wear will require the following fee schedule to occur. Such issues include but are not limited to cracked or broken screens, broken hinges, missing keys, stickers or writing on the device, etc.
 - 1st occurrence will be the one accidental replacement under the technology protection fee
 - Any occurrence after the first will require a total replacement cost to be charged up to \$200 for the cost of a depreciated Chromebook/computer value (if the value of the replacement parts are less than the total replacement value, then the lesser amount will be charged).
 - Lost chargers will result in a \$20.00 replacement charge.
 - You are not permitted to bring in a replacement Chromebook or device instead of payment to the school.
 - Payments can be made using cash or check made payable to Bath Local Schools

It is the student's responsibility to care for the equipment and ensure that it is retained in a safe environment and returned in a timely working manner. This equipment is the property of Bath Schools and is herewith lent to the student for educational purposes only for the academic school year.

- The student may not deface or destroy this property in any way. Inappropriate use of the machine may result in the student losing their right to use the Chromebook.
- The equipment will be returned when requested by Bath Schools, or sooner, if the student withdraws from Bath Local Schools prior to the end of the school year.
- The \$25.00 insurance payment is nonrefundable.
- The district property may be used by the student only for noncommercial purposes, in accordance with district's policies and rules, the district acceptable use policy, as well as local, state, and federal statutes.
- Students may not install or use any software other than software owned or approved by the district and made available to the student in accordance with this receipt and agreement.
- One user with specific privileges and capabilities is on the tablet for the exclusive use of the student to which it has been assigned.
- The student agrees to make no attempts to change or allow others to change the privileges and capabilities of this user account.

- The student may not make any attempt to add, delete access, or modify other users accounts on the Tablet or on any school owned computer.
- The Bath Local Schools network is provided for the academic use of all students and staff. The student agrees to take no action that would interfere with the efficient, academic use of the network.
- The computer is programmed to use the school's internet filter even when it is 'offsite'.
- Identification labels have been placed on the device. These labels are not to be removed or modified. If they become damaged or missing contact tech support for replacements.
- Additional stickers, labels, tags, or markings of any kind are not to be added to the device.
- An email account will be available for each student to use for appropriate academic communication with other students and staff members.
- Student agrees to use best efforts to assure that the district property is not damaged or rendered inoperable by any electronic virus/malware/spyware while in student's possession.
- The student acknowledges and agrees that the student's use of the district property is a privilege and that by the student's agreement to the terms hereof, the student acknowledges the responsibility to protect and safeguard the district property and to return the same in good condition upon request by Bath School.

Parent Responsibilities

Your son/daughter has been issued a computer to improve and personalize his/her education this year. It is essential that the following guidelines be followed to ensure the safe, efficient, and ethical operation of this device.

- I will supervise my child's use of the Chromebook at home.
- I will discuss our family's values and expectations regarding the use of the Internet and email at home.
- I will supervise my child's use of the Internet and email.
- I will not attempt to repair the Chromebook, nor will I attempt to clean it with anything other than a soft, dry cloth (microfiber works best).
- I will report to the school any problems with the Chromebook.
- I will not load inappropriate software on the Chromebook.
- I will make sure my child recharges the Chromebook battery nightly.
- I will make sure my child brings the Chromebook to school every day.
- I understand that if my child comes to school without the device, I may be called to bring it to school.
- I agree to make sure that the Chromebook is returned to school when requested and upon my child's withdrawal from Bath Local Schools.

Student Responsibilities

Your Chromebook is an important learning tool and is to be used for educational purposes only. In order to take your Chromebook home each day, you must be willing to accept the following responsibilities: (if the optional payment of the \$25.00 insurance is not made the Chromebook must remain at school at all times).

When using the Chromebook at home, at school, and anywhere else,

- I will follow the policies of Bath Schools, including the student code of conduct and acceptable use policy, and abide by all local, state, and federal laws.
- I will treat the Chromebook with care by not dropping it, getting it wet, leaving it outdoors, or using it with food or drink nearby.
- I will not lend the Chromebook to anyone, not even my friends; it will always stay in my possession.
- I will not load or remove any software onto the Chromebook without permission.
- I will honor my family's and school's values when using the Chromebook.
- I will not give personal information when using the Chromebook.
- I will bring the Chromebook to school every day.
- I agree that email (or any other computer communication) should be used only for appropriate, legitimate, and responsible communication.
- I will keep all accounts and passwords assigned to me secure and will not share these with any other students.

- I will not attempt to repair the Chromebook, nor will I attempt to clean it with anything other than a soft, dry cloth (microfiber works best).
- I will recharge the Chromebook battery each night.
- I will return the Chromebook and charger when requested and upon my withdrawal from Bath Local Schools or at the end of the school year whichever comes first.