

2024-2025 Student Handbook



Home of the Marlins!

ARNOLD HIGH SCHOOL

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The VISION of Arnold High School is that every student, every day, in every way will be actively engaged in pursuit of academic excellence to be college and career ready.

The MISSION of Arnold High School is to provide a rigorous educational experience which gives individual students relevant learning while fostering healthy relationships for life long success.

8 Keys of Excellence

The 8 Keys of Excellence character education program guides young people toward a positive future full of confidence, motivation, creativity, team work, leadership and valuable life principles.



ALMA MATER

On the dunes along the strand
our mighty Alma Mater stands.
Beacon of the brave and free
Arnold High we honor thee.
Colors of the sand and sky
Emblem of our hope!
Marlin Pride all praise to thee
our Alma Mater by the sea.

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REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

First Bell 8:10

1st Period: 8:15- 9:13

2nd Period: 9:18-10:05 (Wave TV)

3rd Period: 10:10-10:57

4th Period: 11:02-11:49 (buildings 2,4,5,6)

A Lunch: 10:57-11:32 (buildings 1 and 3)

4th Period: 11:37-12:24 (buildings 1 and 3)

B Lunch 11:49-12:24 (buildings 2,4,5,6)

5th Period 12:29-1:16

6th Period: 1:21-2:08

7th Period: 2:13-3:00

HOMEROOM SCHEDULE

Homeroom: 8:15-8:30

1st period: 8:35-9:15

2nd Period: 9:20-10:10 (WAVE TV)

Return to Normal Schedule

Revised 5-15-24

BAY DISTRICT SCHOOLS' CALENDAR 2024-2025

	Day	Month	Date
ALL Instructional Staff Report to Schools for Inservice Day	Tuesday	July	30
District-Based Inservice Day	Wednesday	July	31
District-Based Inservice Day	Thursday	August	1
School-Based Inservice Day	Monday	August	5
Pre-School Planning	Tuesday	August	6
Pre-School Planning	Wednesday	August	7
Pre-School Planning	Thursday	August	8
First Day of School	Monday	August	12
Labor Day (Holiday for All)	Monday	September	2
End of First Nine Weeks	Friday	October	11
Columbus Day (School out for Students & Teachers)	Monday	October	14
Teacher PLC Planning Day (School out for Students) STORM DAY (IF NEEDED)	Wednesday	October	23
Veterans Day (Holiday for All)	Monday	November	11
Thanksgiving Holidays (School out entire week for Students & Teachers)	Monday	November	25
Thanksgiving Day (Holiday for all)	Thursday	November	28
Return from Thanksgiving Holidays	Monday	December	2
High School Testing Day	Wednesday	December	18
High School Testing Day	Thursday	December	19
High School Testing Day/End of Second Nine Weeks/End of First Semester/FULL DAY for ALL STUDENTS	Friday	December	20
Christmas Holidays Begin	Monday	December	23
Records Workday for Teachers	Monday	January	6
Return from Christmas Holidays (Students)	Tuesday	January	7
Martin Luther King's Birthday (Holiday for All)	Monday	January	20
Teacher PLC Planning Day (School Out for Students) STORM DAY (IF NEEDED)	Wednesday	February	5
Presidents' Day (School Out for Students & Teachers)	Monday	February	17
End of Third Nine Weeks	Friday	March	14
Spring Holidays Begin	Monday	March	17
Return from Spring Holidays	Monday	March	24
Good Friday (School Out for Students & Teachers)	Friday	April	18
High School Testing Day	Friday	May	23
Memorial Day Holiday (School Out for Students & Teachers)	Monday	May	26
High School Testing Day/Early Release for High School Students Only	Tuesday	May	27
High School Testing Day/End of Fourth Nine Weeks/End of Second Semester/Last Day of School for ALL STUDENTS/Early Release for ALL STUDENTS	Wednesday	May	28
Post Planning for Teachers	Thursday	May	29
Post Planning for Teachers	Friday	May	30

STUDENT DAYS		TEACHER DAYS		PROGRESS REPORTS	ORIENTATION DATES	GRADUATION		
Month	Days	Month	Instruct	Other		School	Month	Day
August	15	July		2	Progress reports are available through the District's PARENT PORTAL. Parents can contact the school if no internet access is available.	Bay Virtual	May	15
September	20	August	15	5		NHLC	May	19
October	21	September	20	1		Mosley	May	19
November	15	October	21	1		Rosenwald	May	20
December	15	November	15	2		Bozeman	May	20
January	18	December	15	1	Report Cards are available through the District's PARENT PORTAL. October 23 January 15 April 2 June 4	Rutherford	May	21
February	18	January	18	3		MKL	May	22
March	16	February	18	1		Arnold	May	22
April	21	March	16			Bay	May	23
May	19	April	21			Haney	May	27
		May	19	2				
Total	178	Total		196				
						*Contact school for specific date		
						Board Approved: 11/14/2023		

J.R. ARNOLD HIGH SCHOOL-WIDE EXPECTATIONS

The MARLIN Path through Keys of Excellence

The concept of Keys of Excellence promotes improvement in student behavior across the entire school. It provides administrators, teachers and students with tools they need to achieve a more cohesive school environment and provide a better understanding of specific problems on the school campus.

“Keys of Excellence” is the result of the implementation of Positive Behavior Support at Arnold High School and represents the school-wide expectations at AHS. Keys of Excellence is a concept we at Arnold School use and practice in our classroom from Quantum Learning in-services.

8 KEYS OF EXCELLENCE – DEFINITIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS

INTEGRITY

– Match behavior with values

Demonstrate your positive personal values in all you do and say. Be sincere and real.

Living in integrity means that everything we say and everything we do are true reflections of what we value, what’s important to us. Think about what your behavior says about you. Does it clearly show others what you value? Do you show up as honest and committed, or dishonest and indifferent? Are you spending your time with the people and activities you value, or is your focus elsewhere?

When we live in integrity we are sincere and true to ourselves—we don’t say or think one thing and do another. People trust and respect us, our relationships are solid, and we feel good about ourselves.

Those positive feelings from others and within ourselves reinforce our values and build our reputation and self-esteem, leading us to greater success in all areas of our lives.

FAILURE LEADS TO SUCCESS

– Learn from mistakes

View failures as feedback that provides you with the information you need to learn, grow, and succeed.

When we live the Key of Failure Leads to Success we see failures as feedback, we learn from them and make the changes needed to be more successful in the future.

To live this Key successfully we may need to change the way we think about failure. Rather than viewing failure in a negative way where we put ourselves down and think WE are a failure, think of failure as a valuable learning experience. When we look at our mistakes with a view to learning from them, rather than sending ourselves negative messages, we are on the path to success.

We may be reluctant to try different things because we're afraid of failing. Fear of failure does nothing but keep us in our comfort zone where we stick with the familiar, the "safe" choices where we don't "risk" another failure. When we step out of our comfort zone—when we're willing to try something new—that is when we take a step toward success.

The only real failure is not learning from our mistakes. The key to success is to look carefully at what went wrong, change what we did the first time, and try again by applying what we learned.

SPEAK WITH GOOD PURPOSE

– Speak honestly and kindly

Think before you speak. Make sure your intention is positive and your words are sincere.

Words are powerful! They have the power to uplift and enlighten or put down and depress. A few cutting words spoken in a moment of anger can affect us for a long time, perhaps even a lifetime. On the other hand, a few kind words can make a very positive difference in how we feel about ourselves ... sometimes for a lifetime.

What we say to others—and to ourselves—can have a huge impact. Speaking with good purpose is about always considering the intention of our words. It's about communicating directly, clearly, honestly, and with a positive purpose. The first step is awareness. If we always think before we speak instead of just blurting out whatever comes to mind, we can learn to consider the reason for our words and make sure we are speaking with good purpose ... will our words build someone up or put them down? We all sometimes have negative thoughts, but we don't have to say everything we think.

There will be times when we need to share critical thoughts. At these times, if our purpose and how we phrase our words is considered first, sharing honest and direct feedback can be very positive and powerful, and build trust.

Speaking with good purpose is the cornerstone of healthy relationships. This Key fosters a positive emotional environment where people are happier, more productive, and more likely to succeed.

THIS IS IT!

– Make the most of every moment

Focus your attention on the present moment. Keep a positive attitude.

This Is It! is about focusing on NOW instead of later, or next week, or next month, or next year, or yesterday, etc., and making the most of it. A positive This Is It! attitude can make everything we do and every day productive, fulfilling, and fun!

Life is full of distractions and opportunities to do something else, something other than what we're doing now. Many of us spend a lot of time thinking about those other things. Instead of making what we're doing now "it" our focus is often elsewhere—on things we wanted to do, could have done, should have done, or want to do "sometime." Whenever our thoughts are occupied with something other than

what we're doing, we miss what's going on around us at the moment ... while we're waiting for the next moment to arrive the present moment slips away.

When we live in the NOW we have power! With a This Is It! attitude we make the present "it" and find joyful moments that we might otherwise have missed!

COMMITMENT

– Make your dreams happen

Take positive action. Follow your vision without wavering.

Commitment is the breathtaking moment of making a compelling decision, jumping in, and going forward with gusto. Once a commitment is made, indecision is eliminated—there is no more "Should I or shouldn't I?" ... "Will I or won't I?" A commitment is not made lightly—it's about making a decision so strong that there is no going back ... like a skydiver who has jumped from the plane!

The decisive act of making a commitment—when we decide to do "whatever it takes" to reach a goal—sets in motion an energy field that propels us forward on our path. At each step along the way, our commitment inspires us to take positive action and overcome obstacles, and pushes us on until we "make it happen."

OWNERSHIP

– Take responsibility for actions

Be responsible for your thoughts, feelings, words, and actions. "Own" the choices you make and the results that follow.

Ownership is our willingness to take responsibility for the choices we make. When we take responsibility for our choices, others know they can count on us and we earn their respect.

If you tell a friend you'll meet him at a certain time but you're two hours late because you were hanging out with another friend, take responsibility for your choice. Don't make up excuses like "I couldn't help it ... Billy just wouldn't let me go." Take ownership by saying, "I was wrong not to meet you as planned or call you when I realized I'd be late."

When we take ownership of everything we do and say and stop blaming things outside ourselves for situations that occur in our lives, we have greater control. We may not be able to control everything that happens in our lives but we can control how we respond to what happens. By taking ownership of our actions we create a huge shift in our life.

Ownership is a whole-life concept. We can take ownership of our education, our relationships, our fitness, our fun—all areas of our life. And when we take ownership we take pride and feel confident and fulfilled.

FLEXIBILITY

– Be willing to do things differently

Recognize what's not working and be willing to change what you're doing to achieve your goal.

Flexibility is the willingness to try something different when we

realize that what we're doing isn't working. Many times a day we are faced with situations that are different from what we had originally planned. One way to deal with these situations is to be rigid and continue to do things in the same way over and over—another is to handle them with flexibility. Being flexible is responding to changing or new situations in ways that move us forward.

Flexibility is about not getting locked into one way of doing something. If we're trying to achieve something (like getting up on time in the morning) and it's just not working, we try another way (like moving the alarm clock to the other side of the room so we have to get up to shut it off). Flexibility is about recognizing all kinds of habits or patterns or activities in our life that aren't working and changing them, and even changing them again until we find the one that works!

BALANCE

– Live your best life

Be mindful of self and others while focusing on what's meaningful and important in your life. Inner happiness and fulfillment come when your mind, body, and emotions are nurtured by the choices you make.

When we're in balance we make time for the things that are important to us. Staying in balance is an ongoing process about choices. We're constantly making choices about what we do, what we say, how we feel, what we think, etc.

When questions arise about how we spend our time, we make choices depending on what's important at the moment. We may choose to give up time with friends to finish a project for work or school, or we may choose to put aside something we're doing to help a friend. Many of the choices we make everyday—choices about school, work, hobbies, sports, family, friends, health, etc.—are about Balance. Balance is not about rigidly devoting equal time to everything that matters to us, and it's not about totally immersing ourselves in one area of our lives to the exclusion of all others.

Balance is about considering everything that's meaningful and important to us when we make choices about how we spend our time and energy. When we find the right balance we are happy, healthy, productive, and fulfilled.

AHS Keys of Excellence Student Incentive Process

Reinforcement of positive behavior can be awarded in a number of ways. All staff members are encouraged to reward students with smiles, positive comments, or some other form of recognition when a student displays appropriate behavior. Students may also earn “Keys of Excellence” tickets if they exhibit appropriate behavior while they are on campus. These tickets will be awarded by staff members as a positive reinforcement of behavior.

For the process to work at Arnold High School we will provide incentives for positive behavior. After students earn a ticket they have the option of putting their tickets into a drawing to earn a specified reward or they may save up and redeem their tickets for rewards from a “menu.”

Pranks/ Vandalism (BDS Policy 6.504, 7.203)

Arnold High School students are expected to take pride in their school building and to make every attempt to keep it in good condition. It is the policy of the school board that there shall be no tolerance of misbehavior.

Students who participate in behavior that results in threats to the health, safety and property of self or others will be subject to disciplinary actions. Students who vandalize or deface school property will be subject to disciplinary actions and will be responsible for its repair and/or replacement. Students may also be subject to losing the privilege of participating in class/school sponsored activities including graduation ceremonies.

ACADEMICS

Grading Scale

A= 90-100 Outstanding Progress
B=80-89 Above Average Progress
C=70-79 Adequate Progress
D=60-69 Lowest Acceptable Progress
F=0-59 Failure

Promotion of Students

In the freshman year students begin earning credits toward graduation. The number of credits which must be earned to advance to the next higher grade is indicated below.

5 credits to become a sophomore

11 credits to become a junior

17 credits to become a senior

24 credits, including appropriate course work and a GPA of 2.0 or better to participate in graduation

Honors, Advanced Placement & Dual Enrollment

Honors courses carry an additional ½ quality point, dual-enrolled courses which apply towards an Associate of Arts degree carry a full additional quality point, and advanced placement courses carry a full additional quality point. **Dual Enrollment is a privilege for Arnold High School students and may not be used to take courses at GCSC that are also offered at Arnold High School. It is at the discretion of the administration to grant or refuse approval prior to enrolling. Placement in all special programs and courses requires an application and parent permission, as well as teacher approval. Students who enroll in Advanced Placement courses are expected to remain in these courses due to the enhanced student teacher ratios required for such courses.**

New/Make-up/Transfer Credit

Students may earn new credit during the summer or additional credit during the regular school year through dual enrollment courses, or accredited virtual courses. Please speak with your guidance counselor for assistance.

Sources for make-up credit are Edgenuity, Bay Virtual School, or Florida Virtual School.

Students who withdraw from Bay District high schools and enter other educational institutions may transfer no more than ten (10) credits per year (August 1--July 31) with a maximum of 5 credits per semester when re-entering Bay District schools.

Credits from accredited schools will be accepted at face value, but credit from non-accredited institutions will be validated on the basis of student performance standards, with the principal's approval. In order to receive a diploma from Arnold High School, a student must be enrolled at Arnold for the last nine (9) weeks of the senior year.

Physical Education Waivers

Athletics: Two seasons of an interscholastic sport at the junior varsity or varsity level waives the FULL one-credit physical education requirement OR waives the .5 credit in Personal Fitness and the .5 credit requirement in physical education activity elective.

Marching Band: One semester of marching band with a grade of "C" or better waives the .5 credit requirement of physical education activity elective. (NOTE: Another option is to have this waive the performing arts requirement). The student **MUST** still take the .5 credit Personal Fitness class to complete the requirement.

Dance Techniques: One semester of dance class waives the .5 credit requirement of a physical education activity elective. (NOTE: Another option is to have this waive the performing arts requirement). The student **MUST** still take the .5 credit Personal Fitness class to complete the requirement.

JROTC: Two years in a JROTC class waives the .5 credit physical education activity elective AND the full one-credit performing arts requirement. The student **MUST** still take the .5 credit Personal Fitness class to complete the requirement.

**THERE IS NO PERSONAL FITNESS WAIVER
ALL STUDENTS MUST TAKE PERSONAL FITNESS FOR GRADUATION**

Graduation Ceremonies

Each school will have its graduation at the end of the second semester. A student must meet all the requirements for the type of diploma that he/she will earn before participating in graduation exercises. Students meeting all the district-identified graduation requirements by the end of the first semester of their senior year may receive a letter certifying that all graduation requirements have been met. These students will be eligible to participate in the regular graduation ceremony at the end of the second semester. Students who meet all of the graduation requirements at the end of summer school will be given a high school diploma at this time. Diplomas not issued after the conclusion of summer school must be destroyed by the respective high school. Students meeting graduation requirements after the conclusion of summer school must be issued a diploma for the current school year in which the requirements were met.

Beginning with the graduating class of 2015, senior class GPA academic achievements will be calculated at the end of the first semester and recognized as follows:

*Valedictorian

*Salutarian

4.0 and higher (weighted GPA) – (with Distinction)

3.75 – 3.99 (weighted GPA) – (with Excellence)

3.5 – 3.74 (weighted GPA) – (with Honor)

Students who graduate with Distinction will select at least one speaker from within the with Distinction graduates for participation in the graduation ceremony.

*In order to be eligible for valedictory and salutary awards, at the time of calculation, a student must have been enrolled for at least two (2) consecutive semesters during the junior and senior years in the school from which he/she is seeking the award. In computing a student's class rank for Valedictorian and Salutarian determination, only grades in courses taken in grades 9-12 will be used.

Graduation Credits

Standard Diploma Requirements

Academic Advisement – What Students and Parents Need to Know

What are the diploma options?

Students must successfully complete one of the following diploma options:

- 24-credit standard diploma
- 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL)
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway
- Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) curriculum
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma curriculum

What are the state assessment requirements?

Students must pass the following statewide assessments:

- Grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA) or a concordant score
- Algebra 1 end of course (EOC) or a comparative score

Refer to [Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide Assessments](#) for concordant and comparative scores.

Students enrolled in the following courses must participate in the corresponding EOC assessment, which constitutes 30 percent of the final course grade[†]:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Biology 1
- U.S. History

[†]Special note: Thirty percent not applicable if not enrolled in the course but passed the EOC (credit acceleration program [CAP]).

What is the difference between the 18-credit ACCEL option and the 24-credit option?

- 3 elective credits instead of 8
- Physical Education is not required
- Online course is not required

What is the difference between the CTE Pathway option and the 24-credit option?

- At least 18 credits are required
- 4 elective credits instead of 8
 - 2 credits in CTE courses, must result in completion and industry certification
 - 2 credits in work-based learning programs or up to 2 elective credits including financial literacy
- Physical Education is not required
- Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts is not required
- Online course is not required

24 Credit Standard Diploma

4 Credits ELA

- ELA 1, 2, 3, 4
- ELA honors, Advanced Placement (AP), AICE, IB and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement

4 Credits Mathematics*

- One of which must be Algebra 1 and one of which must be Geometry
- Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry)
- An identified computer science** credit may substitute for up to one mathematics credit (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry)

3 Credits Science

- One of which must be Biology 1, two of which must be equally rigorous science courses
- Two of the three required course credits must have a laboratory component
- Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to one science credit (except for Biology 1)
- An identified computer science** credit may substitute for up to one science credit (except for Biology 1)

3 Credits Social Studies

- 1 credit in World History
- 1 credit in U.S. History
- 0.5 credit in U.S. Government
- 0.5 credit in Economics

1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts*

1 Credit Physical Education*

- To include the integration of health

8 Elective Credits

1 Online Course

Students must earn a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale for all cohort years and pass statewide, standardized assessments unless a waiver of assessment results is granted by the IEP team for students with disabilities.

* Eligible courses are specified in the [Florida Course Code Directory](#).

**A computer science credit may not be used to substitute for both a mathematics and science credit.

Scholar Diploma Designation

In addition to the requirements of section (s.) [1003.4282](#), Florida Statutes (F.S.), a student must satisfy the following requirements (per. s. [1003.4285](#), F.S.):

- Earn 1 credit in Algebra 2 or an equally rigorous course
- Pass the Geometry EOC
- Earn 1 credit in Statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course
- Pass the Biology 1 EOC*
- Earn 1 credit in Chemistry or Physics
- Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics
- Pass the U.S. History EOC*
- Earn 2 credits in the same World Language
- Earn at least 1 credit in an AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course

*A student is exempt from the Biology 1 or U.S. History EOC assessment if the student is enrolled in an AP, IB or AICE Biology 1 or U.S. History course; takes the respective AP, IB or AICE assessment; and earns the minimum score to earn college credit.

Merit Diploma Designation

- Meet the standard high school diploma requirements
- Attain one or more [industry certifications](#) from the list established (per s. 1003.492, F.S.)

What are the additional graduation options for students with disabilities ?

Two additional options are available only to students with disabilities. Both allow students to substitute a CTE course with related content for one credit in ELA 4, mathematics, science and social studies (excluding Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1 and U.S. History). The two options are as follows:

- Students with significant cognitive disabilities may earn credits via access courses and be assessed via an alternate assessment.
- Students who choose the academic and employment option must earn at least 0.5 credit via paid employment.

What is the CAP?

The CAP allows a student to earn high school credit if the student passes an AP examination, a College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or a statewide course assessment without enrollment in the course. The courses include:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Biology 1
- U.S. History



State University System (SUS)

Admission into Florida's public universities is competitive. Prospective students should complete a rigorous course of study in high school and apply to more than one university to increase their chance for acceptance. To qualify to enter one of Florida's public universities, a first-time-in-college student must meet the following minimum requirements (credit earned by industry certification does not count for SUS admission):

- High school graduation with a standard diploma, a minimum of a 2.5 GPA, and admission test scores meeting minimum college-ready test scores per Board of Governors (BOG) Regulation 6.008
- 16 credits of approved college preparatory academic courses per BOG Regulation 6.002
- 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
- 4 Mathematics (Algebra 1 level and above)
- 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
- 3 Social Science
- 2 World Language (sequential, in the same language or other equivalents)
- 2 approved electives

[State University System of Florida](#)

The Florida College System

The 28 colleges of the Florida College System serve nearly 800,000 students. Colleges offer affordable and stackable workforce credentials including certificate programs, associate in science degrees and associate in arts degrees, which transfer to a bachelor's degree program. Many colleges also offer workforce bachelor's degree programs in areas of high demand. All Florida College System institutions have open-door admissions for students who earned a standard high school diploma or an equivalent diploma or successfully earned college credit.

[Florida College System](#)

Career and Technical Colleges and Centers

Florida also offers students 49 accredited career and technical colleges or centers throughout the state, which provide the education and certification necessary to work in a particular career or technical field. Programs are flexible for students and provide industry-specific education and training for a wide variety of occupations.

[Career and Technical Education Directors](#)

Where is information on financial aid located?

The Florida Department of Education's Office of Student Financial Assistance administers a variety of postsecondary educational state-funded grants and scholarships.

[Office of Student Financial Assistance](#)

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Grade Forgiveness

Any course in which a student makes a D or F may be taken over during the regular year to improve a student's GPA if space is available and scheduling permits. **The new grade will be used in lieu of the original grade to compute the GPA.** The original grade must remain on the record. Credit may not be earned twice for the same course. To compute the GPA, a student must use all unduplicated courses. If the GPA is less than 2.0, then the student may drop elective courses (above 25 credits) with the lowest grades from the calculation of grade point average.

Exam Policy

All students in grades 9-12 must take term exams. The final exam/assessment grade shall count as 1/7 of the final grade and will be combined with the appropriate grades to determine the semester/term grade. Final exams do not necessarily have to be pencil and paper tests but may include alternative assessments such as projects, performances, presentations or the like. Individuals seeking special accommodations for alternative options regarding the scheduling or administering of final exams may make requests through the teacher. Decisions will be made on a case by case basis.

Transcripts

Most colleges require a student to send a transcript (copy of your student grades) when you apply for admission. The Guidance office will provide a transcript for a student to mail to the college of his/her choice. If we can send the transcript electronically to a Florida college or university, there will be no charge. If any student needs a transcript for out of state or other purposes, there may be a \$3.00 charge per transcript, payable in advance. A minimum of three days' notice is requested. Request forms are available in Guidance. **Once a senior has been accepted for admission and decides to attend a particular school, final transcript requests should be turned in to Guidance no later than the last day of school.**

Registration, Schedule Changes and Withdrawal from Arnold High School

Registration for classes, schedule changes, and withdrawal from school are handled by the guidance office. All textbooks, library books, and school materials must be returned before guidance can forward student records to another school. A parent or guardian must come to the guidance department to withdraw a student.

Curriculum /Special Programs Instructional Resources Report Cards, Grades and GPA

Computer grade reports will be posted at mid-term (4 ½ weeks) and at the end of each term (9 weeks) and session (18 weeks) to all students. The number of tardies and absences will be clearly marked in the report. Teachers will notify parents via a progress report, phone call or electronic communication should a student's grade fall below a "C". Term grades are final. One-half credit will be granted for each term course passed.

Quality Point Equivalence for calculating GPA

- A 4 points
- B 3 points
- C 2 points

D 1 point

F 0 point

Note: Honors classes add an additional .5 points and dual enrollment and advanced placement courses add 1 point Divide the total of these quality points by the number of courses taken. The cumulative GPA is determined by adding all the quality points of all non-duplicated high school courses taken to date and dividing by the total number of courses taken. The GPA is computed after each term or 9 weeks (semester).

Bay District Schools



Assessment

Principles and Practices

This Section will be updated as new Board Policies on Assessment Principles and Practices are forthcoming.

DRESS AND GROOMING

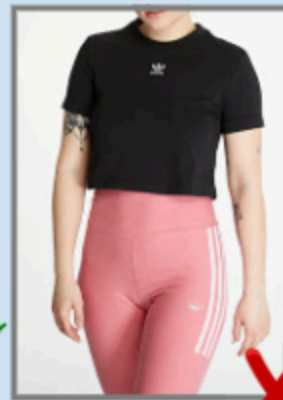
Uniform Dress Code and Grooming Policy 7.209 (Appropriate for 2024-2025 SY)



Middle and High School Dress Code What to Wear



Why not? No jeans with rips more than five inches above the knee are permitted.



Why not? Leggings/yoga pants must be worn with a top that reaches finger tip length.



School Spirit shirts are approved.



Why not? No midriff tops are allowed.



Why not? No graphic t-shirts are permitted.



Why not? No V-neck shirts allowed.



Why not? No slides or slippers are permitted.

Exceptions to wearing the uniform are permitted when:

- A student wears a uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization, such as the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, on regular meeting days;

- A student wears a costume, special clothing or dress attire necessary for participation in a school-sponsored or extracurricular activity provided the clothing complies with District policy.
- The wearing of a uniform violates a student's sincerely held religious belief. Students enrolled in special programs such as on-the-job vocational training, or participating in school activities which require additional standards of dress or grooming shall comply with such additional standards. When applicable, students shall be required to "dress out" and wear physical education uniforms prescribed by the school.
- Students whose school zone was changed by the school board will be allowed to wear the previous school's color as well as the present school's colors

Discipline for violating this policy shall be as follows:

- First and second offense consequences are:
 - A. notification of parent or guardian; change of inappropriate attire;
- Consequences for subsequent offenses may include one or more of the following at the discretion of the Administration:
 - A. notification of parent or guardian;
 - B. change of inappropriate attire;
 - C. detention, one to three days of in-school or out- of-school suspension
- The fourth and subsequent offenses are willful disobedience which will result in further disciplinary action, which may include out of school suspension or expulsion;
- Any absence resulting from a violation of the Student Dress Code will be considered an unexcused absence.

Prohibited Attire at all Schools

While on school grounds during the regular school day, students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the orderly learning environment. Any student who violates this specific policy of prohibited attire is subject to the following disciplinary actions:

- For a first offense, a student shall be given a verbal warning and the school administrator shall call the student's parent or guardian.
- For a second offense, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of time not to exceed five (5) days and the school administrator shall meet with the student's parent or guardian.
- For a third or subsequent offense, a student shall receive an in-school suspension pursuant to §1003.01(5), Florida Statutes for a period not to exceed three (3) days, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, and the school administrator shall call the student's parent or guardian and send the parent or guardian a written letter regarding the student's in-school suspension and ineligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

Any interpretation of the dress code that is required of this policy shall be the responsibility of the principal of each school. The Superintendent is authorized to make the final decision

regarding the interpretation, application and enforcement of this policy and to make certain that it is being uniformly applied and enforced at each of the schools within the District. The Superintendent can add uniform requirements based upon the unique needs of the population served at a school.

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Resources for Compliance

J. R. Arnold High recognizes that compliance to the dress code is a requirement of school attendance. We offer several resources to enable students to adhere to the standard such as; spirit store, where school approved shirts, tops and jackets are sold and counseling and clothing assistance for students with unique circumstances. See your guidance counselor or stop by the Student Services department for more details.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students are expected to attend school regularly, punctually, and to devote their energies to learning, under the supervision of the total school staff. They are expected to assume responsibility for knowing and observing school rules and state laws which govern student conduct, including the obligation to respect others and the property of others. Any child under the age of sixteen (16) must attend school. A child age sixteen (16) or over is not subject to school attendance if that child files with Bay Districts School Board a formal declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment. The parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of the child must be notified of the child's declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment.

Leaving During School Day

Before releasing a student from school, the principal or his/her designee shall establish the identity and authority of any individual who seeks the release of a student from school. A student shall be released only to the parents or legal guardians or other person authorized by the parents or legal guardians on the student's Registration. Should a person other than one authorized by the parents or legal guardians request the release of a student, the principal or his/her designee shall first obtain verbal consent of the parents or legal guardians before releasing the student. In the event that a dispute arises between parents regarding who is authorized to pick up a student from school, the student shall be released only to the parents or legal guardians registering the student for school.

Signing In and Out of School

Students arriving at school after 8:20 a.m. (5 minutes after the opening of school) must report to the attendance office, sign in, and obtain a pass to enter class.

Students will not be allowed to leave school during the day except in cases of emergency illness or dental and doctor appointments, and only then with prior administrative approval. Any student will be allowed to check out **in between classes** when the parent or guardian comes to the school. Parents/guardians who come and sign out their child must adhere to the criteria for excused absences for the time missed

for the absence to be considered excused. Telephone calls to ask that a student be allowed to check out will NOT be allowed. Students are expected to bring a note to school and deliver it to the school office upon their arrival to school should they need to check out later in the school day. Students in grades 9-12 ages 18 or older may sign themselves out of school during the regular school day if the school has on file a written, notarized request from the student's parent/guardian allowing their student to check themselves out of school. The written request shall include an acknowledgement that the parent understands that the school will not notify the parent/guardian of excessive absences or tardiness if they allow their student this privilege. The written parental request may be waived by the principal in the event the principal determines through verification that the student is living on his/her own. Students who do not sign in and out according to procedure could seriously jeopardize an absence appeal. Students who do not sign in and out according to procedure may be considered skipping school and subject to disciplinary actions.

Absences

A student who wishes to be absent from school for permissible reasons as outlined in this policy shall have the verified permission of his/her parents or legal guardians and have the approval of the principal. By the next school day after the absence, but no more than 3 school days later, it shall be the responsibility of the parents or legal guardians to notify the school regarding the reason for each absence. Parents or legal guardians shall be required to justify, in writing to the school attendance office, the student's absence. Justification will be evaluated based on the policy below regarding excused or unexcused absences. The final decision for approval will rest with the school principal.

Excused:

Documentation must be filed with the attendance office within 3 days of the absence. Excused absences may be given for the following reasons:

1. Death in the family or other bona fide family emergencies.
2. Illness of students. A written statement from a physician that the student is under the supervision of the physician and that the student's condition justifies the number of days absent may be required after five (5) days absence.
3. Appointments for medical or dental care (physician's statement required.)
4. Visits to a licensed therapist.
5. Legal reasons.
6. Pre-approved family leave. Requests for family leave must be in writing and approved before the student is to be absent and must comply with the following criteria.
 - A. The student must have a C average or higher in all classes for the grading period.
 - B. It must be demonstrated that the leave cannot be taken during school breaks.
 - C. The requested leave cannot be for more than five (5) days per school year and may not be during semester/term exam days.

School Leave

Excused School Function Leave

Students shall be granted Excused School Function Leave for school sanctioned events, including but not limited to:

1. School sanctioned activities.
2. Approved educational trips.
3. Curriculum related field trips with teacher chaperones and with principal approval.
4. Functions which the student is administratively recognized as a representative of a school

Administrative Leave

Students shall be granted Administrative Leave for occasions which the principal feels are appropriate, including but not limited to:

1. Trips for college recruitment should be scheduled when school is not in session. The administration may make an exemption if the college has a planned program for a specific day or if the student has a specific appointment with a college official that is validated in writing.
2. Trips for military recruitment should be scheduled when school is not in session. The administration may make an exception if the recruiter makes arrangements with an administrator prior to the student being out of school.

Religious Leave

Students shall be excused from any examination, study, or work assignment for observance of a religious holiday, religious instruction or because the tenets of his/her religion forbid secular activity at such time. Major religious holidays include, but are not limited to: Rosh Hashanah, Christmas, Epiphany, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah, Good Friday, Easter, Passover, Shavuot, Vietnamese New Year, Kwanzaa, and Ramadan.

Unexcused Absences

These unexcused absences are those absences that are not justified according to the rules of this policy by the parent or legal guardian. In addition, truancy, and/or skipping are considered unexcused absences. Skipping class is defined by one or more of the following criteria:

1. Failure to check out when leaving school before the end of the official school day.
2. Absent from class without parents or legal guardians knowledge and/or permission.
3. Absent from class without teacher knowledge and/or permission.

Unexcused Disciplinary Absences

These unexcused absences are a result of acts such as failure to observe dress code, administrative discipline, expulsions, etc.

Appeals

A parent or student may appeal within five (5) days of notification a decision to classify an absence as unexcused by notifying the principal in writing.

Make Up Work - Excused Absences

Students are expected to make up all work missed during excused absences. The student must contact the teacher on the first day back in school in order to make arrangements to make up the work within five (5) school days. The teacher and/or the principal may grant additional time for making up work if warranted by the individual situation. All assignments including tests and exams announced in advance of the student's absence must be made up on the day the student returns to school. Teachers have the prerogative to require a student on school or administrative leave to complete work assigned in advance of the leave.

Makeup Work - Unexcused Absences

Students are responsible for making up all work missed, including tests and exams, during an unexcused absence. If the unexcused absence is due to a suspension of one to three (1-3) days, the student must contact the teacher upon the student's return to class to make arrangements to make up within five (5) school days work missed. Parent(s)/guardian(s) of students suspended for more than three (3) days are responsible for contacting the school by the end of the third day of suspension and obtaining the missed work assignments. All work must be completed and returned to the classroom teacher upon the student's return to school.

Pre-Approved Family

- Requests for family leave must comply with the following.
- The request must be in writing.
- The student must have a C average or higher in all classes for the grading period.
- It must be demonstrated that the leave cannot be taken during school breaks.
- The requested leave cannot be for more than five days per school year and may not be during term exam days.
- The leave form must be turned into the attendance office three (3) days prior to the requested beginning date of leave.

To avoid being absent from school, especially during testing dates, students and parents are encouraged to check the school calendar posted on the Bay District Schools website when planning family vacations. Calendars are posted for three years for the convenience of families.

College Visits

Trips to colleges and/or universities should be scheduled when school is not in session. The administration may make an exception if the college has a planned program for a specific day or if the student has a specific appointment with a college official. If the visit is taken while school is in session the visit must be validated in writing by a school official for the absence to be considered excused.

Senior Skip Day

The administration of J.R. Arnold High School does not recognize or give excused absences to **any** students who take off for what is commonly called Senior Skip Day. Students that take off on a Senior Skip Day and are found to be absent for this reason will have their absences counted as **UNEXCUSED**. This can and will negatively impact a student's ability to make up assignments or tests missed on the day of the absence. A doctor's note may be required as documentation to excuse an absence in this particular case. For additional information regarding unexcused absences, please review the AHS handbook "Attendance Policies" section.

Attendance Incentive

Students on a seven period day in grades 9-12 with perfect attendance including the day of the exam in an 18 week grading period (7 period day) and an average of 85% and above or students in grades 9-12 with no Unexcused Absences and no more than six Excused Absences including the day of the exam in an 18 week grading period and an average of 90% or above may elect to drop the semester exam or a test or project grade from the current grading period which does not count for more than 1/7 of the student's grade in that class within the current grading period. However, the student may not, under this provision, choose to drop the final exam grade unless the student's numerical score on the final exam is within 20 points on a scale of 1-100 of the student's numerical grade for the course prior to the exam unless the student has maintained an A or B average for both grading periods. These students must sit for the semester exam, but may choose to drop their exam grade regardless of the 20 point rule described above. A student may only drop a test which the student has taken or a project which the student has turned in for grading. This provision does not permit students to exempt the taking of tests or participating in projects. School Leave and Religious Leave shall not count as an absence for the purpose of this section.

1. Any student who is placed in in-school or out-of- school suspension during the 9 week grading period shall not be eligible under this policy to drop any test or project grade.
2. Any student who has three (3) unexcused tardies in a class during the 9 week grading period (block schedule) or six (6) unexcused tardies in a class during the 18 week grading period shall not be eligible under this policy to drop any test or project grade.
3. Any student who transfers into a District school or a student who transfers from one school to another in Bay County shall not be eligible to drop any test or project for the 9 week grading period of their transfer.

Students with four (4) or more unexcused absences in a 9 week grading period (block schedule) or eight (8) or more unexcused absences in an 18 week grading period (7 period day) shall be placed on Administrative Probation, which shall include denial of participation in extracurricular activities through the end of the current grading period. If a student has had at least five unexcused absences, or absences for which the reasons are unknown, within a calendar month or 10 unexcused absences, or absences for which the reasons are unknown, within a 90-calendar-day period, the principal shall, unless there is clear evidence that the absences are not a pattern of nonattendance, refer the case to the school's child study team to determine if early patterns of truancy are developing. If the child study team, after examining the student's attendance records and seeking input from the parent and the student's teachers, finds that a

pattern of nonattendance has developed they will notify the principal who will then notify the student, parent, and athletic director that the student will be suspended from all extracurricular activities until the end of the current grading period or until the student fulfills the terms of an attendance agreement (FHSAA Policy 9.2.1.1 requires regular school attendance). A meeting with the child study team and the parent must be scheduled to determine possible remedies.

Minimum Attendance

A student may be in jeopardy of being retained if he/she fails to attend school for at least 160 days in a school year.

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2012; April 23, 2013; May 14, 2013

Tardies

Students are responsible for regular and punctual class attendance. Students must be inside the classroom by the end of the ringing of the tardy bell in order not to be considered tardy. Students who leave more than 15 minutes before a class is over will be given an Early Departure. Chronic tardiness will be investigated by a designated school representative.

Absences

By the next school day after the absence, it shall be the responsibility of the parents or legal guardians to notify the school regarding the reason for each absence. The school principal or his/her designees shall contact the students' parent or guardian to determine the reason for any absence for which the reason is unknown. Justification will be evaluated based on the policy below regarding excused or unexcused absences. The final decision for approval will rest with the school principal.

Attendance Codes

Absences, Tardies and Early Departures shall be recorded with the following codes, as defined in this policy:

- A – Absent (Adult use only-Tom P. Haney Technical Center)
- B – Administrative leave
- E – Excused Absence
- F – Family Leave
- H – Hospital/Homebound

I – In-School Suspension (excused)
NS – No Show (used only during the beginning of the district school year No Show period as determined by Bay District management Information Systems (MIS) department)
O – Out-of-School Suspension (unexcused)
P – Present (Adult use only)
R – Religious Leave (excused)
S – School Function leave (excused)
T – Tardy (excused)
U – Unexcused Absence
V – Tardy (excused)
X – Early Departure (≥ 15 minutes)

Parent/Guardian Notification

Every attempt will be made to notify parents of each absence of their student through use of the Parent Link automated dialing system. However, failure to successfully notify parents will **NOT** negate the attendance policy. Parents are responsible for verifying all information in the Parent Portal.

Absences During Exams

Any student who signs out or is absent during a term exam due to illness may be required to bring a doctor's note in order to make up the exam. Those absences not verified by medical statement from a licensed physician will be subject to administrative review on an individual basis. Arrangements for make-up exams must be made within 5 days of absence.

Falsification of Attendance Information

Falsification of attendance information (reason for absence, forged signature, unauthorized use of medical stationery, incorrect telephone number or mailing address, etc.) by students or parents will result in the denial of any absence appeal.

Withdrawal from School

Any student withdrawn from school may not re-enter that term unless he/she has the permission of the principal. Any student wishing to withdraw should report to the guidance office.

Driving Privileges & Attendance/Florida Statute 1003.27

Unexcused Absences and Driving Privileges: Each principal or his/her designee shall notify the School Board and the superintendent of each minor in its jurisdiction who accumulates fifteen (15) unexcused absences in a period of 90 calendar days. The superintendent must provide the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles the legal name, sex, date of birth, and social

security number of each minor who has been reported under this paragraph and fails to otherwise satisfy the requirements of Florida State Statute 322.091. Appeals based on hardship waivers shall be the responsibility of the school principal or his/her designee and shall meet the requirements of Florida State Statute 322.091(3). The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles **may not** issue a driver's license to, and **shall suspend** any previously issued driver's license or learner's driver's license of, any such minor, pursuant to the provisions of Florida State Statute 322.091.

Procedures for Suspended/Blocked Driver's License

These are the procedures that must be followed for a suspension or block on a student's driver's license:

A license will be suspended/blocked if the student is between 14 and 18 and:

1. the student has 15 or more unexcused absences in any class period within 90 calendar days; or
2. the student drops out of school; or
3. the student withdraws to attend adult education (W26) or another Bay District School (W02) and does not enroll within 3 weeks; or
4. Homeschool evaluations are more than 30 days past due.

Once a student's name is submitted to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a letter is sent to the parents and students by DHSMV stating that their license is in danger of being suspended/blocked.

From the date of this first letter, the parent has **15 days** in which to dispute the unexcused absences with the school or file a hardship waiver. If no hardship waiver is filed within that 15 days, a second letter is sent out by DHSMV giving a specific date of the suspension/block. ***If the District Office is not notified within the 15 days, the process continues even if the student's attendance improves.***

In order to have a license reinstated or a block lifted, a student must turn 18 years of age, or:

1. Attend school for 30 **school** days without an unexcused absence (beginning the day after the last unexcused absence, excused absences are not part of the 30 days); or
2. Attend adult education classes for 6 weeks; or
3. Graduate or obtain a GED

Students must get a completed form HSMV 72870 (10/03) from the District Office and take it to the local driver's license office along with \$35 to have the license reinstated. Letters ***from the school or copies of diplomas are not accepted by DHSMV.***

Request for Work/Homework

Requests for work due to a pre-planned absence or suspension must be made to Student Services. Please allow at least 2 school days before asking if work is ready for pick-up.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE POLICY

General Policy

It is the policy of the School Board that there shall be zero tolerance of misbehavior of all kinds. Schools and teachers may develop individual rules and disciplinary practices which supplement the School Board rules but do not conflict with those rules. Discipline should be applied after consideration of the eventual effect on the behavior of the student and should promote improved conduct. Students shall be subject to the provisions of this policy while attending school or on school premises, at any school function, or on any school sponsored transportation, or under the supervision of School Board personnel, whether on or off campus. Students may be subject to discipline even if that conduct occurs on property not owned or controlled by the School Board, or conduct that, regardless of where it occurs, is directed at a Board official or employee, or the property of such official or employee. Parents, legal guardians or adult students will be financially responsible for any damage to school property. A student's academic grade shall not be reduced as a disciplinary measure.

Classroom Policies

The student has a responsibility to be aware of the policies in each class and to abide by them. Teachers will review their written classroom policies with the students.

Grounds for Disciplinary Actions

Since misconduct of any degree or frequency is undesirable and not conducive to a positive learning environment for all, students should understand that certain consequences are applicable to their behaviors. Because some behaviors are more serious and disruptive than others, the frequency, nature and degree of the misconduct will determine the specific disciplinary action which shall be taken. **All students suspended from school may not attend any school function, nor come to the school until suspension is completed.**

Discipline

The following is a non-exhaustive list of behaviors for which disciplinary action of some type will be taken.

- Dress Code Violation
- Tardiness
- Absences
- Disrespect for a teacher
- Skipping class or off campus without permission
- Failure to follow instructions
- Loss or damage to materials belonging to the school
- Disruption of class or school activities

- Distribution of unauthorized materials
- Libelous statements
- Teasing and horseplay
- Cheating and lying
- Unauthorized assembly
- Stealing/larceny/theft
- Abusive language
- Damage to school plant and grounds
- Threats of physical violence
- Damage to personal property of students and staff members
- Defiance/insubordination
- Vandalism
- Fighting
- Assault and battery
- Harassment and/or physical or verbal abuse of students or staff members
- **Possession/use/sale/purchase of unauthorized substances**
- **Use or possession of weapons, chemical propellant sprays, laser pens**
- Possession of any gun or knife (real or toy)
- Rude or obscene behavior and/or language (profanity)
- School bus misconduct
- Unauthorized use of a free and/or reduced lunch number
- **Possession of matches or cigarette lighters**
- Violation of detention/work detail
- Violating rights of others
- Refusing detention
- Trespassing
- Motor vehicle infraction
- Possession or use of fireworks
- **Firearm possession**
- Sexual battery
- Sexual harassment or offense
- Excessive talking in class
- **Possession or use of tobacco**
- Possession or consumption of commercial non-alcoholic beverages advertised by the beer and liquor industries
- Public display of affection
- Use of skateboards on campus
- Aiding/abetting another person in violating a school board policy

Parents and adult students shall be financially responsible for any damage done by students to property

Essentially there are two types of student misconduct. The first behavior invokes informal disciplinary procedures, while more serious misconduct requires formal disciplinary procedures

Informal Disciplinary Procedures

Examples of behavior which invoke informal disciplinary procedures include but are not limited to the following:

- Tardiness
- Failing to have required equipment
- Cheating or plagiarism
- Unauthorized use of school property
- Failing to report to class
- Being in unauthorized parts of the school facility

References to such misconduct, of course, involve a matter of degree, and some behaviors are more serious than others. The following is a list of possible alternative solutions and other actions deemed necessary by the administrator.

- Counseling by teachers, student services personnel
- Contacting parents through notes, letters, phone calls or conferences
- Administrative warning
- Assigning detention
- Changes in class or teacher assignment
- Withdrawal of school privileges
- Assigning school clean-up services
- In-school suspension

Repeated occurrence of the above violations will be dealt with in the same manner as misconduct of a more serious nature which invokes formal procedures.

Formal Disciplinary Procedures

Examples of more serious misconduct which invoke formal disciplinary procedures include but are not limited to the following:

- Intentional disruption or obstruction of the orderly educational process
- Defacement or vandalism of school property
- Willful disrespect or disobedience of school officials, teachers and non-instructional personnel acting pursuant to their official responsibilities.
- Intentional interference with or intimidation of students or school personnel by threat of force or violence
- Fighting on the school grounds or while under supervision of school personnel
- Participation in secret societies
- Illegal use or possession of drugs or alcoholic beverages
- Violation of school rules regarding the use of tobacco
- Participation in/ leading a riot / disturbance on school property
- Use of profane, obscene, or abusive language
- Lewd or lascivious behavior
- Stealing

- Continued misconduct of a less serious nature
- Cheating or plagiarism (copying another's work)
- Entering another school/campus unauthorized
- Sexual harassment
- False accusation of any kind toward another student and/or staff member

References to such misconduct involve a matter of degree, and some of these are more serious than others. Solutions for dealing with these violations of a lesser degree are listed under "Informal Disciplinary Procedures." The following list of possible alternative solutions and other actions may be deemed necessary by the administration.

- Corporal punishment
- Assignment to detention
- In-school suspension
- Suspension
- Expulsion
- Alternative measures for students with special needs

Some of the violations of school rules are also violations of the laws in the Criminal Code of the State of Florida. If students violate these laws, they will be subject to suspension from school and other more serious actions. In addition, the local law enforcement officials may be contacted, and the student's misconduct will also be handled by these authorities. Examples of infractions of school rules involving violations of the Criminal Code are

- Arson
- Burglary
- Extortion
- Possession or use of firearms, any knife, other weapons, or such objects, including laser pens, which are utilized as or are intended to function as a weapon
- Indecent exposure
- Larceny
- Malicious mischief; intentional damage to property. Vandalism
- Robbery
- Sale of drugs
- Sale of alcoholic beverages
- Trespassing
- Leading or participating in a riot on school grounds
- Homicide
- Kidnapping
- Motor vehicle theft
- Breaking and entering of buildings or vehicles

- Possession of any software, hardware, etc., which if used could disrupt or corrupt any computer system

The possession or sale of controlled substances as defined in Florida Statute 893 or weapons by any student while such student is on school property, school transportation, or in attendance at a school function are grounds for expulsion.

Any pupil enrolled as a student who is formally charged with a felony by a proper prosecuting attorney for an incident which allegedly occurred on property other than public school property, but which incident is shown to have an adverse impact on the educational program, discipline, or welfare in the school in which the student is enrolled, shall (following an administrative hearing upon notice provided to the parents or parent or guardian of such pupil by the principal of the school pursuant to rules promulgated by the State Board of Education, if such suspension is recommended) be suspended from all classes of instruction until the determination of his guilt or innocence, or the dismissal of the charge, is made by a court of competent jurisdiction. If the pupil is adjudicated guilty of a felony, the district school board shall immediately expel him.

The principal has the authority to initiate suspension of a student who is formally charged with a delinquent act which would be a felony if committed by an adult. For such students and those formally charged with a felony, the suspension may exceed ten days. The suspension must not affect the delivery of educational services to the students, and the students must be immediately enrolled in a daytime alternative education program.

Behavior Qualifying for Discipline Based upon a Zero Tolerance Policy

1. Behavior which shall result in suspension and may result in expulsion: possession, sale, use or under the influence of any controlled substance under Chapter 893, Fla. Stat. any counterfeit controlled substance as defined by §831.31, Fla. Stat., model glue, other inhalant, or alcohol shall result in a ten (10) day suspension and expulsion. However, as an alternative to expulsion a principal may, at his/her absolute discretion, suspend a student out of school for ten (10) days if the student is a first time alcohol or drug offender who possesses or is under the influence of any substance controlled under § 893, Fla. Stat., or is under the influence of model glue or other inhalant or alcohol. This option is only available to the principal for small amounts of a controlled substance which the principal determines is for the student's individual use and not for distribution, delivery or sale to other students. This option is not available for any felony possession regardless of quantity. For first time offenders, this suspension may be reduced to five (5) days at the absolute discretion of the principal if:
 - a. The student divulges information leading to the discipline or arrest of the person who supplied such controlled substance to him/her, or if the student voluntarily disclosed his/her unlawful possession of such controlled substances. Any such information divulged which leads to an arrest and conviction is not admissible in evidence in a subsequent criminal trial against the student divulging such information or

- b. The student commits him/herself, or is referred by the court in lieu of sentence, to a state-licensed drug abuse program and successfully completes the program.
- c. The Superintendent has the authority for a student's subsequent drug or alcohol possession, without the intent to distribute, or for being under the influence, as outlined above, to offer the student an alternative to expulsion under this policy.

Drug and/or Alcohol Abuse

The possession, sale, transfer, or use by any student of any form of alcoholic beverages, drugs with abuse potential, hallucinogen, drug paraphernalia, or similar items except those specifically prescribed by a licensed physician is prohibited and is wrong and harmful. Drugs with abuse potential are defined as those requiring a physician's prescription, or those drugs whose possession is prohibited by Florida law. (State Substantive Laws Chapter 893 sections 145, 146, and 147)

Any student possessing, transferring, selling or under the influence of any item listed above except under the direction of a licensed physician for said student, shall be immediately suspended for ten (10) days from school, and required to seek immediate professional substance abuse counseling, when such violation is verified by school administrator.

(Zero Tolerance Policy)

- Upon verification of substance abuse counseling from the counselor, the school administrator may reduce the suspension to five (5) days.
- However, failure to complete counseling will result in the immediate reinstatement of the remaining part of the ten (10) day suspension not previously served. A repeat violation of this policy will result in an immediate ten (10) day suspension and a recommendation of expulsion to the school board.
- When the violation is for transferring or selling drugs, the student may be recommended for expulsion.
- Any pupil who is subject to discipline or suspension for unlawful possession or use of any substance controlled under Chapter 893 may be entitled to a waiver of the discipline of expulsion: If he divulges information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who supplied such controlled substance to him, or if he voluntarily discloses his unlawful possession of such controlled substance prior to his arrest. Any information divulged which leads to such arrest and conviction is not admissible as evidence in a subsequent criminal trial against the pupil divulging the information. **AND** if the pupil commits himself, or is referred by the court in lieu of sentence, to a state-licensed drug abuse program and successfully completes the program.

Vape/Smoking

Possession or use of any tobacco products and/or electronic cigarettes by students is prohibited while on any school property. Violation of this policy may result in suspension and/or fine. Florida Law prohibits the smoking by students under the age of 18 within 1000 feet of a school. Violation of this law can result in a fine.

Profanity on the Campus

The use of profanity will not be tolerated on campus and especially in the classroom. A student will be subject to disciplinary actions for violating this policy. If the profanity is directed at a J.R. Arnold Staff member this is considered **willful disrespect or disobedience of school officials, teachers and non-instructional personnel acting pursuant to their official responsibilities and will result in up to a 10 day out-of-school suspension.** The suspension may be reduced by a Child Study Team conference including the parents and/or guardian to develop strategies for improvement and/or counseling.

Bus Conduct

All students who ride a bus must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner so as to ensure safety. Failure to do so could result in suspension of bus riding privileges for an appropriate period of time. Students are subject to all discipline policies while participating in any school transportation.

A student who wishes to ride a different bus or get off at a different stop must have a note signed by a parent/guardian and an administrator.

The following minimum penalties shall be applied for violations of school bus rules. (School Board Policy 7.205) If warranted, the penalties for the first three referrals may be bypassed and more severe penalties imposed.

- First referral--Warning or loss of bus riding privilege for 3 days
- Second referral--Conference with parent or loss of bus riding privileges for 3 days
- Third referral--Loss of bus riding privileges for three to five days
- Fourth referral--Loss of bus riding privileges for five to ten days or recommendation of expulsion from bus transportation for the remainder of the semester
- Fifth referral—Recommendation of expulsion from bus transportation for the remainder of the school year

Students will have six (6) minutes following the 3:00 dismissal to board buses. For safety reasons, students will not be allowed to board a bus once the bus door closes and the bus starts to move.

Weapons on Campus

Students WILL NOT have weapons of any kind (or objects which might be used as weapons), including laser pens, on the school campus, in their vehicles, or at any school function.

Violation of this policy will result in severe disciplinary action which may include suspension or possible expulsion. It is a third degree felony to exhibit on school property a sword, sword cane, firearm, electronic weapon or device, destructive device, or other weapon, in front of one or more persons in a rude, careless, angry or threatening manner, except in lawful self-defense.

Toy weapons such as guns or knives WILL NOT be brought on the school campus. A student may be suspended for bringing such items on campus.

Fire Alarms

The fire alarms at Arnold High School are fully activated and will alarm when a pull station is pulled. A student who falsely pulls a fire alarm will be suspended up to ten (10) days. Under Florida Statute 806.101, a person who pulls a false fire alarm could be charged with a first degree misdemeanor.

Fighting

Due to the school's zero tolerance policy, fighting on campus results in an automatic 10 day suspension. On a first violation, students can choose to participate in an anger management training program which may, with administrative approval, result in a reduction of the suspension to five days. In addition, striking, pushing, shoving, etc., by a student against school personnel to inflict bodily harm may result in ten (10) days suspension and possible recommendation to the Board for expulsion.

Bullying, Harassment or Cyberstalking

It is the policy of the School Board of Bay County, Florida (the "District" or "School Board") that all of its students and school employees have an educational setting that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. The District will not tolerate bullying and harassment of any type. Conduct that constitutes bullying and harassment, as defined herein, is prohibited. **Bullying** means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees. It is further defined as unwanted and repeated written, verbal, or physical behavior, including any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, by a student or adult, that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment; cause discomfort or humiliation; or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school performance or participation; and may involve but is not limited to:

1. Teasing
2. Social Exclusion
3. Threat
4. Intimidation
5. Stalking
6. Physical violence
7. Theft
8. Sexual, religious, or racial harassment
9. Public humiliation
10. Destruction of property

Harassment means any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against a student or school employee that:

1. Places a student or school employee in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property

2. Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits
3. Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school

Bullying and harassment also encompasses:

1. Retaliation against a student or school employee by another student or school employee for asserting or alleging an act of bullying or harassment. Reporting an act of bullying or harassment that is not made in good faith is considered retaliation.
2. Perpetuation of conduct listed in the definition of bullying or harassment by an individual or group with intent to demean, dehumanize, embarrass, or cause emotional or physical harm to a student or school employee by:
 - a. Incitement or coercion
 - b. Accessing or knowingly and willingly causing or providing access to data or computer software through a computer, computer system, or computer network within the scope of the District
 - c. Acting in a manner that has an effect substantially similar to the effect of bullying or harassment

Cyber stalking as defined in s. 784.048(1)(d), F.S., means to engage in a course of conduct to communicate, or to cause to be communicated, words, images, or language by or through the use of electronic mail or electronic communication, directed at a specific person, causing substantial emotional distress to that person and serving no legitimate purpose. Consequences and appropriate remedial action for students who commit acts of bullying, harassment or cyberstalking may range from positive behavioral interventions up to and including suspension or expulsion.

Teen Dating Violence and Abuse is a pattern of emotional, verbal, sexual, or physical abuse used by one person in a current or past dating relationship to exert power and control over another when one or both of the partners is a teenager. Abuse may include insults, coercion, social sabotage, sexual harassment, stalking, threats and/or acts of physical or sexual abuse. The abusive partner uses this pattern of violent and coercive behavior to gain power and maintain control over the dating partner. This may also include abuse, harassment, and stalking via electronic devices such as cell phones and computers, and harassment through a third party, and may be physical, mental, or both.

Stay-Away Agreement. The school-based alternative to a legal protective order is called a Stay-Away-Agreement. The Stay-Away-Agreement provides a list of conditions that must be followed by the alleged perpetrator while on school grounds or at school-sponsored activities. It is designed to ensure the safety of the victim.

Support person. All parties involved in a teen dating violence or abuse case have the right to have a support person present during all stages of the investigation. A support person includes domestic violence victim advocates, parents/guardians, or other advisors.

Trespassing

Students found after school hours on school property, not having legitimate school business, will be charged with trespassing by law enforcement officials. Individuals found trespassing on school property may result in the offender being suspended up to 10 days at the discretion of the Principal and/or designee. Students who have been suspended out of school (OSS) who come on school property or to a school function may be charged with trespassing.

Academic Integrity Policy

Plagiarism is simply defined as the use of another person's ideas or works without proper acknowledgment. Plagiarism is the act or an incidence of fraudulently deceiving. Consequences for plagiarism may result in disciplinary actions.

- Violation 1 Teacher informs parent, re-do assignment within 48 hours or elect to receive zero on plagiarized work.
- Violation 2 Teacher informs parent, office referral, formal disciplinary actions to include ISS and/or detention
- Violation 3 Teacher informs parent, office referral, formal disciplinary actions to include OSS and/or ISS

Students, who conspire, collaborate and/or participate in acts of plagiarism and/or cheating will receive disciplinary actions including but not limited to recommendation for expulsion.

Forgery

Forged signatures of parents, legal guardians, or school personnel and/or the alteration of a written document with the intent to deceive by a student is an offense that will result in Detention or OSS at the discretion of the administrator.

Cell Phone, Wireless Communication and Electronic Device Policy

When adhering to the rules listed below, students may possess electronic devices such as cellular phones, pagers, I-Pods, MP3 players, etc. on school property and at school functions.

Rules concerning use:

1. May NOT be openly visible; It must be stored in a backpack, purse, locker, vehicle, etc.
2. May NOT be used during regular school hours, including lunch and between classes.
3. All electronic devices MUST be turned OFF during the regular school day, including lunch and between classes.

Discipline:

1st violation – Confiscation of device and only returned to a parent or guardian.

2nd and subsequent violations – Student subject to in-school suspension.

Failure to render electronic devices to teacher and/or school personnel is considered **willful disrespect or disobedience of school officials, teachers and non-instructional personnel acting pursuant to their official responsibilities, and will result in 5 days of out of school suspension.**

The suspension **may** be reduced by a Child Study Team conference including the parents and/or guardian to develop strategies for improvement and/or counseling.

Medical emergencies: The principal, or his designee, may grant permission to use the phone during regular school hours in the case of a medical emergency. The **administration** reserves the right to determine what constitutes an emergency. Additional information regarding School Board policy on the possession and use of wireless communication devices can be obtained through the Bay District School Board Office. *NOTE: Students will bring personal electronic mobile devices to school at their own risk. The district WILL NOT be responsible if a phone or other device is lost, stolen, misplaced, damaged, or confiscated. The district WILL NOT be responsible for virus, malware, or other computer related issues associated with connecting to the BDS network.*

Recording of Classroom Activities

Using any device that permits recording voice or image of another in any way that disrupts the educational environment, invades privacy of others, or is made without prior consent of individuals being recorded is **prohibited**. Also, using any device that permits recording voice or image of another to take, disseminate, transfer, or share audio, images, video, or photos that reveal private parts of the body that are ordinarily covered by clothing is **prohibited**. The possession of pornographic images or video on any electronic device is **prohibited**.

Hazing and Initiations

There will be no school hazing. Hazing is defined as “any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization or activity, whether in school or off-campus, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student.” All initiations must be approved by the administration; this includes off-campus initiations.

Technology Code of Ethics

The use of technology is an opportunity extended to students, faculty, and staff to enhance learning, productivity, and information processing. The computer hardware and software at Arnold High School shall be used for educational purposes. The responsibility for appropriate use resides with the student. At school, student access to BayNET and the Internet will be under teacher direction and will be monitored as any other classroom activity. Of course, the use of computer and related equipment and software for the purpose of sending or receiving information or images of a prurient nature is expressly prohibited. The District, however, cannot prevent the possibility that some users may access material that is not consistent with the educational mission, goals and policies of the District, since BayNET access may be obtained outside the school setting. Students who wish to access BayNET (including the INTERNET and World Wide Web) must complete a Student/Parent-Guardian application which can be obtained from the media center. Users must acknowledge their understanding of the general policy and guidelines as a condition of receiving an account. **Serious violations may result in school disciplinary action or legal action.** Possession of “hacker material” or any software or hardware, etc., which, if used, could disrupt or corrupt any computer or computer system(s) will be cause for discipline, including but not limited to detention, suspension, and/or expulsion. In addition, criminal charges may be filed. Students are required to sign in to use the computer lab in the media center, to use their student identification codes to sign-on to computers, and to conform to acceptable use policies of the district. Students may not visit chat rooms, nor load personal

software on school computers. **In addition, students must provide their own storage devices for saving their work.**

Student Supervision

Student supervision will be provided from 7:30 – 4:00.

1. Students shall be under the jurisdiction of the school from the time they arrive at school each day until the end of the school day. Arrangements are to be made for all students to leave the campus after their last class, unless they are under the direct supervision of a teacher. Arrangements for rides after an activity should be made prior to the event.
2. Students who ride a bus are under the jurisdiction of the school from the time they arrive at the bus stop location in the morning and until they leave their designated bus stop area in the afternoon.
3. Students are under the jurisdiction of the school while attending any school-sponsored activity either at home or away. This includes time in transit if transported by the school.
4. Students are under the jurisdiction of the teachers and administrators while on the school campus at any time during the period designated by the school board as a school term for that particular year.

In accordance with Florida law, parents should not rely on the school to provide supervision beyond the previously stated conditions.

STUDENT SERVICES

Safety Drills

Students will practice emergency safety drills and evacuation procedures to be used in the event of an emergency and/or disaster. Students should remain calm and follow teacher instructions. Maps are posted in each classroom showing the designated evacuation route for each class and safety instructions. Students should familiarize themselves with these plans in the event of an emergency and/or disaster.

Medical Emergencies and/or Injuries

Any medical emergency and/or injury which happens during the school day, or school sponsored event should immediately be reported to an adult staff member.

Parent Portal

Parents can view several types of information regarding student progress- grades, attendance, discipline, test scores, schedules and other details that are critical to student success. The data

provides a valuable tool for parents to monitor their children's activities while in school all at the comfort of their own computer. This tool is provided free of charge to parents or guardians who wish to access their children's records and have the legal rights to view these records. In order to gain access you must do the following:

- 1) Go to <https://www.bayparent.com/Welcome/access.aspx>
- 2) Read the "terms of use" agreement.
- 3) Complete the online request.
- 4) Register for access at your child's school.

*You may register multiple children to your account by completing the process at each school.

Health Certificates

All students must have a completed Florida Certificate of Immunization as required by Florida Statutes to attend school. In addition, all freshmen are required to have a physical examination and have on file a record of such examination. This also applies to any new student entering Arnold High from an out-of-state school.

Medication

If it is necessary for a student to take any form of medication while at school, "Permission to Administer Medication Form" must be obtained in the attendance office, signed by the prescribing physician and parent or guardian, and returned to the attendance office. Students are not allowed to carry medication at any time, prescription and/or non-prescription. Failure to abide by the conditions for taking medications at school could result in disciplinary and criminal actions.

Hall Passes

At times other than before and after school, students may not be in the halls without a hall pass signed by a teacher. The pass should indicate the date and the time issued.

Lunch and Eating on Campus

Arnold High School is a closed campus which does not allow any students to leave campus for lunch. Students are not allowed to leave campus or checkout with anyone other than a parent or guardian for lunch. No food may be delivered to Arnold High School. Violation of this rule may result in disciplinary action.

CAFETERIA

When dismissed for lunch, students are to report directly to the cafeteria. Students are not allowed into classrooms or hallways to eat lunch.

1. Clean up your personal space.
2. Remain in the courtyard designated area.
3. Do not feed the birds.

Failure to comply with the lunch policy could result in disciplinary actions.

Meals and Vending Machines

Food services are now provided by Chartwells. Any questions or concerns please contact 767-4100. Vending machines are located throughout the campus and are off limits during classes. Any problem with a vending machine should be reported to the Front Office. Hitting, punching, kicking, shaking and/or tampering with a vending machine are all considered a criminal offense and subject to actions by law enforcement in addition to school disciplinary actions.

Library Use

Students may use the library with adult supervision before school, during lunch, during class periods with a signed Media Center pass from a teacher, and after school, as well as at times when his/her entire class is scheduled by a teacher. Books from the general collection may be checked out for a period of three weeks. Reference books, reserve books, and vertical files may be checked out overnight. These may be checked out after 3:00 p.m. and must be returned by 8:30 a.m. the following day.

Announcements

The administration makes every effort to keep announcements to a minimum. These announcements occur through WAVE TV, overhead PA system, and IRIS alerts. All announcements must be approved by the organization sponsor and/or administration before submitting to ITV for broadcasting.

Lost and Found

Students should exercise appropriate care for their personal belongings at school. The school will not violate the right of students to learn by interrupting classes to search for lost or stolen personal items. Students who find articles are requested to take them to the Student Services office. Lost articles may be claimed by providing proper identification.

Telephone Availability

Calls of an **emergency nature** may be made in the Student Services Office, if a student has a teacher note requesting this. Students are expected to make calls during the five-minute class period changes, not during regular class periods, by using the phone in Student Services.

Textbooks and Deficiencies

Textbooks used at Arnold High School are normally those of state adoption. Students are responsible for care of textbooks issued to them and must reimburse the school for loss or damages to books. Most textbooks are on-line additions. Additional textbooks will not be issued to any student who has not paid for lost books. In addition, students who have not cleared textbook deficiencies will not be issued parking permits or report cards until textbooks are returned or paid for. Students withdrawing from school should return their textbooks to the Media Center.

Posting of Signs and Posters

Signs and posters may be displayed in designated areas following administrative approval.

Driving and Parking Privileges

Driving a vehicle to high school is a privilege, not a right. Any student driving to school and parking on the J.R. Arnold campus must have a registration form completed and approved along with a valid parking decal properly placed on their vehicle. Students must park in the “Student Designated Parking” spaces. Each student who desires to park on campus at Arnold High School shall meet the following qualifications.

Requirements

- Must be a sophomore, junior or senior before the beginning of the school year
- Pay a \$15.00 fee per year (non-refundable if privilege is revoked)
- Must have a valid Florida Driver’s License* and proof of car insurance
- Must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA by the end of the previous school year
 - (includes summer school)
- Must maintain a good attendance record
- Must have cleared all deficiencies (e.g., textbooks, uniforms, library books, etc.)

Parking Lot Rules

1. Display AHS parking decal
2. Abide by J.R. Arnold High School and Bay School District policies, procedures, rules and regulations
3. No potentially offensive or inappropriately suggestive stickers, decals, signs, tags, etc. on vehicle
4. Park in designated (Senior, Junior, Sophomore) LOT ONLY
5. Use issued parking decal for your vehicle ONLY. Decals are NOT to be loaned/shared
6. Produce Photo ID if requested
7. No excessive detentions and/or suspensions
8. J. R. Arnold is a closed campus for lunch. Students will not be allowed to leave.

***Military residents are an exception.**

If the student is currently registered and approved to park on the campus but temporarily drives a vehicle without an AHS decal he/she must make arrangements in Student Services. These arrangements must be made the very first day the student parks a car without an AHS decal.

Leaving and Returning during the school Day

1. Students who leave school during the day must have an identification pass for a specific class (yearbook, dual enrolled, CO-OP) or a check out slip from Attendance. Students in yearbook, dual enrolled, or CO-OP will park in the Junior lot in order to exit as a group.

2. Students who arrive after all gates are closed should park in the un-numbered spaces on the first row close to the stadium and report to Attendance to check-in.

School administration reserves the right to amend this policy as needed.

Revocation of Parking Privilege

1. Any student who is in violation of the parking agreement and/or receives a citation for a parking violation may lose parking privileges.
2. Students may not loiter in or around vehicles in the parking areas. Students shall not occupy vehicles during class hours, between classes, or before or after school, except as they arrive and leave for the school day.
3. Driving privileges may be revoked from any student who is known to be operating a vehicle in such a manner as to endanger his/her own safety or that of others.
4. Parking violations may result in vehicle towing at the owner's expense.
5. Taking other students off campus without parental permission and administration approval

School administration reserves the right to revoke parking privileges.

Automobile Search Policy

Student operation of motor vehicles on the J.R. Arnold campus explicitly implies consent of the owner for search of said vehicle and seizure of contraband as defined by Bay District Board Policy. Such search and/or seizure will be conducted by school officials or by law enforcement officers at the school's request. If any person in the car other than the driver is the current custodian of the vehicle, consent to search is deemed given by the custodian also. The area of search will include the entire passenger compartment, engine compartment, trunk and undercarriage, and all containers therein, locked or unlocked.

SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

All school or club activities must be chaperoned by faculty members. All club meetings must be held on campus before or after school hours, unless administrative approval has been obtained to do otherwise. Membership in clubs not approved by school authorities is against Florida law for students. Club members who participate in activities which result in disciplinary action will be suspended and the club placed on probation. School time shall not be used for club parties.

Participation in School Activities

In order to participate in a school activity, a student must be in attendance for at least four (4) of his or her scheduled classes on the day of the activity (athletes, band members, cheerleaders, choir members, etc.)

Out-of-Town Trips

Going on a school sponsored field trip (e.g. sports, GradNite, etc.) is a privilege. The faculty, staff and/or administration reserve the right to deny any student permission to attend any trip based

on behavior, discipline, and/or attendance. Out-of-town activities must be school-sponsored or approved by F.H.S.A.A. A statement from parents, giving consent and assuming responsibility, must be obtained from each participating student.

Hall of Fame

Ten seniors are recognized each year through election to the Hall of Fame. Students are nominated for this honor by teachers. To be eligible, a student must have a 2.0 or better GPA, may not have any discipline offenses for the current school year, and may not have outstanding legal charges against him or her. Final selections are made through student and faculty voting.

Homecoming

Homecoming occurs during the fall football season and is an occasion for alumni to visit their alma mater. In the week leading up to the Homecoming game, candidates for Homecoming Queen and King are featured at **Odyssey**, and a parade and a Luau/pep rally are held.

Pep Rallies

Pep rallies are held throughout the year to build school spirit and feature athletes in all sports. Students are urged to support our teams through attendance at these events. **Check out procedures will be suspended during these activities.**

Dances

Students have the opportunity to participate in several dances, including the Winter Formal and Junior-Senior Prom in the spring.

Senior Recognition Day

Each spring, seniors are recognized at Senior Recognition Day. Academic and leadership achievements are recognized, and scholarships are presented by school and community members.

Graduation

All students who are eligible to earn diplomas from Arnold High School during the school year are eligible to participate in commencement activities. Attendance at all practices is mandatory.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

J.R. Arnold High School encourages participation in all of the extra-curricular and co curricular activities on campus. Clubs and organizations provide students with an opportunity to develop leadership skills and share common interests and goals. Each club and/or organization reserves the right to establish certain requirements for participation. These requirements are publicly communicated through the club/organization's charter or by-laws.

Clubs and organizations must be approved by the principal before they can operate within a school and must comply with established policies. The purposes, qualifications for members,

and rules of conduct of clubs are available to all students and instructional personnel. **Hazing of members is prohibited.** This is defined as any action for the purpose of initiation which recklessly or intentionally endangers a student's mental or physical health or safety. Initiation ceremonies must be submitted to the faculty sponsor for review and approval by the principal. Dues are required for many clubs, but must be reasonable. Meetings are to be held on school property in school facilities, although special events may be accepted from this through request by the faculty sponsor from the administration. Club monies are accounted for through the school's internal accounting system.

Students are encouraged to become involved in the opportunities for school and community service, leadership, and personal growth offered by school clubs and organizations.

Anchor Club: Anchor Club is a service club for students sponsored by the Panama City Chapter of the Pilot International. Its aims are to develop initiative, leadership and personal integrity while serving the school and community. Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and complete service projects to remain in good standing. Applications for new members are accepted at the beginning of each new school year.

Annual Staff/Yearbook: The **NAUTILUS**, the school yearbook, is published annually by the yearbook journalism class under the direction of the faculty sponsor. Pictures of all classes, teams, clubs, faculty, and student activities are included in the publication which is sold through reservation several times a year. The yearbook is distributed in May.

Band: The **Blue Thunder** Band provides musical entertainment and school spirit. This group is composed of musically-talented students who both perform and compete in music festivals and parades throughout the year, as well as community events and celebrations. Membership is by try-out, and students study under the direction of the faculty band director.

Beta Club: Beta Club draws its membership from students who demonstrate high standards of character, scholarship, leadership, and service. A 3.0 GPA is required for this elite honor and service club. After applications are submitted, students are tapped on an honors day in the fall.

Cheerleaders: Several cheerleading squads for various sports offer opportunities for students interested in both performing and competing.

Try-outs are held in the spring.

Choir and Ensemble: These organizations are regular, daily classes which perform and compete at both district and state levels. Auditions are held in the spring.

Winterguard/Flag Corps: These auxiliary units perform with the band, as well as compete at various levels.

International Thespian Society: ITS is open to students interested in all phases of drama, including acting, scenery construction, lighting, and make-up. Students present several first-rate dramatic and musical performances each year and compete in district and state dramatic competitions.

Fellowship of Christian Students: Membership in FCS is open to all young men and women at Arnold High School who wish to confront students with the challenge and adventure of serving Jesus Christ.

Key Club: Kiwanis Educating Youth is a national service club sponsored by the local Kiwanis club. Applications for membership are taken in the fall, and students are involved in many community service projects.

Mu Alpha Theta: This honors club for students who excel in math requires a 3.00 GPA in math and sponsors math teams in competitive activities. Upperclassmen are tapped at the honors ceremony.

National Honor Society: NHS is an elite honor society for students with a cumulative 3.5 GPA. Members, who must be juniors or seniors, are nominated by faculty in the spring and tapped at the honors ceremony. Students participate in school and community service.

R.O.T.C.: The Navy Corps Junior ROTC members at AHS participate in numerous service activities in addition to their classroom duties and competitions. The program requires application.

SGA: Student Government Association leaders are elected by the student body to coordinate student interests and concerns. SGA is made up of class officers. Representatives are involved in community service, as well as school activities.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to represent the school in athletic contests, a student

- Must be a bona fide student, an undergraduate, enrolled within ten school days of the beginning of the school year, (unless moving into the school from out of county or state) living with his/her parents, or others with whom he/she has resided continuously for a full calendar year.
- Must be under 19 years, 9 months of age during the sport he/she is participating in
- Must maintain a 2.0 grade point average during the first grading period and each grading period thereafter to be eligible during the succeeding grading period throughout the school year.

In addition, a student

- May have a maximum of four consecutive years of opportunity for athletic eligibility from the date of entering the ninth grade.
- Must have been in school the previous school year and met the GPA academic requirement as mandated by the legislative enactment.
- Must have a yearly physical and a signed & notarized Application for Athletic Participation form on file in the Athletic Department's office."
- Must have a copy of a birth certificate filed in the Athletic Department's office.

Ineligible students are prohibited from attending interscholastic contests in uniform.

Unexcused Absences and Athletic Eligibility

If a student has had at least five (5) unexcused absences, in any one (1) class, within a calendar month, or ten (10) unexcused absences within a ninety (90) calendar day period, the principal shall, unless there is clear evidence that the absences are not a pattern of non-attendance, refer the case to the school's child study team to determine if early patterns of truancy are developing. If the attendance child study team, after examining the student's attendance records and seeking input from the parent and the student's teachers, finds that a pattern of non-attendance has developed, they will notify the principal and/or designee who will then notify the student, parent, and athletic director that the student will be suspended from all extra-curricular activities until the end of the current grading period or until the

student fulfills the terms of an attendance agreement (FHSA Policy 9.2.1.1. requires regular school attendance). (BDS School Board Policy 7.105 – Chapter Seven – Student Personnel)

Unexcused Absences and Extracurricular Activities

Students with four (4) or more unexcused absences in a 9-week grading period (block schedule) or eight (8) or more unexcused absences in an 18-week grading period (7 period day) shall be placed on Administrative Probation, which shall include denial of participation in extracurricular activities through the end of the current grading period. (BDS School Board Policy 7.105 – Chapter Seven – Student Personnel)

Ejection for Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Any student ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant fouls will be ineligible for the next one or possibly two contests. It is the responsibility of the local school authorities to ensure this regulation is enforced. When an ineligible student is allowed to participate, forfeiture of the contest is mandatory. This regulation shall apply to all regular season and postseason play.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

A student who strikes, curses, or threatens an official during a game or at any other time because of resentment over occurrences or decisions during a game, or **who fails to maintain a standard of conduct satisfactory to the principal of the school he attends and the Florida High School Activities Association, shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for a period of up to six weeks. Students may be subject to paying fines levied because of unsportsmanlike conduct.**

Students are encouraged to participate in the following sports.

For Males	For Females
Baseball	Basketball
Basketball	Cheerleading
Cheerleading	Cross Country
Cross Country	Golf
Football	Soccer
Golf	Softball
Soccer	Swimming
Swimming	Tennis
Tennis	Track and Field
Track and Field	Volleyball
Weight lifting	Weight lifting
Wrestling	

THE STUDENT AND THE LAW

As a student at a Florida high school, you need to realize that many school laws, rules and regulations are tied directly to many Florida Criminal Statutes. The following are some examples of school violations that are criminal violations.

- Battery of a school official--This school law is punishable by suspension and recommendation for expulsion. It is also a Florida Criminal Statute and carries the punishment of a third-degree felony.
- Selling drugs within 1000 feet of the school property--For controlled substance felonies of the first degree, a minimum term of imprisonment of three years
 - Carrying a weapon--Third degree felony
 - Burglary--Third degree felony
 - Assault on a School Official--First degree misdemeanor
- Destruction or defacing school property--First degree misdemeanor
 - Fighting on a school campus--Battery--First degree misdemeanor
 - Consuming drugs on school property--Third degree misdemeanor
- Consuming alcohol on school property--Third degree misdemeanor
 - Drivers passing a stopped school bus--Fine of \$100.00
- Driving with disregard for others--Fine of up to \$500.00 and driver's license suspension
 - Operating a vehicle radio or tape deck too loud--Florida Statute 316.3045
- False bomb threat--Florida Statute 790.163--Second degree felony--Expulsion from school, no matter where call is placed from
- False fire alarm--Florida Statute 806.101--First degree misdemeanor

Facts You Should Know About Alcohol, Drugs, & DUI Offenses

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Florida Statute 562.11 (2)

It is unlawful to misrepresent or misstate your age when trying to buy alcoholic beverages. In addition to criminal penalties imposed upon conviction of this offense, your driver's license can be suspended.

Florida Statute 562.111

It is unlawful for anyone under 21 to possess alcoholic beverages. In addition to criminal penalties imposed upon conviction of this offense, your driver's license will be suspended.

Myths about Consumption of Alcohol

- Mixing different kinds of drinks will make you drunk faster. (No way! The amount that's consumed, not the flavor, causes drunkenness.)
- You can drive well after drinking if you concentrate. (Wrong! In fact, possibly dead wrong! Even a couple of drinks can affect vision, judgment and reaction time.)
- Coffee helps you sober up. (Sorry, wrong again! Coffee may help you to stay awake, but it won't make you any less drunk.)

- A cold shower will make you sober. (Anyone who believes that is all wet! Time is the only sure way to sober up.)
- Milk coats the stomach and keeps you from getting drunk. (Ridiculous! Food, including milk, slows down alcohol's effects. However, the only sure way to keep alcohol from entering the bloodstream is not to drink.)

DRUGS

Florida Statute 877.111

It is unlawful to sniff, or to possess with intent to sniff, any harmful chemical substances for the purpose of getting "high." In addition to criminal penalties imposed upon conviction, you may be required to attend a substance abuse program.

Florida Statute 893.13 & 893.147

It is unlawful to possess, sell, deliver, purchase, manufacture, or possess with intent to sell, any controlled substance, cannabis, anabolic steroids, and any drug paraphernalia. In addition to criminal penalties imposed upon conviction, your driver's license will be suspended.

Arguments Used to "Justify" Drug Use

- You can try drugs "just once" and then stop. (Most drug-dependent people stated by trying it "just once.")
- Marijuana laws are "too strict." It should be legal. (It is still the law. A felony police record will follow you through life as an obstacle to many career opportunities.)

True-False Pot Quiz

- Marijuana is less harmful to the lungs than tobacco. (False. It can be even **more** harmful to the lungs than tobacco.)
- Kids are too young to get arrested for using marijuana. (False. It doesn't matter how young you are; you can still be arrested and punished.)
- It's safe to use marijuana and drive a car. (False. Marijuana use is a cause of many accidents.)
- "Using coke only once can't hurt you." (One dose can cause a stroke, permanent brain damage, and even death.)
- "It's safe to sniff cocaine." (Sniffing can lead to serious damage to the nose, sinuses and the entire respiratory system and can even cause sudden death.)

DUI AND TRAFFIC OFFENSES

Florida Statute 316.193

It is unlawful to drive a vehicle when under the influence of alcohol or drugs or when having a blood or breath alcohol level of 0.08% or higher. Penalties:

1st offense--\$250-\$500 fine and up to 6 months jail;

2nd offense--\$500-\$1000 fine and up to 9 months in jail;

3rd offense--\$1000-\$2500 and up to 12 months in jail.

Fourth or subsequent offense becomes a felony, and the punishment increases. Your driver's license will be suspended upon **ANY** conviction.

Florida Statute 322.34

It is unlawful to drive any vehicle when your license has been canceled, suspended, or revoked.

Florida Statute 322.212

It is unlawful to possess any forged, fictitious, counterfeit, or unlawfully issued driver's license or ID card and to trade, sell, or give away any driver's license or ID card.

Florida Statute 322.32

It is unlawful to possess a canceled, revoked, or suspended driver's license; to lend your license to another; or to display as your own a license not issued to you.

Florida Statute 316.191

It is unlawful to drag race on any street or highway.

Florida Statute 316. 2015

It is unlawful for anyone to ride anywhere on the exterior of any vehicle being operated upon any street or highway.

Florida Statute 316.2074

No person under 16 shall operate or ride an all-terrain vehicle unless wearing a safety helmet.

Florida Statute 327.39

No person under 14 shall operate any personal watercraft on the waters of this state. Everyone riding on or being towed behind any personal watercraft must wear a personal flotation

Student Participation in the Pledge of Allegiance

Florida HB 7029, signed into Law by Governor Rick Scott on April 14, 2016, amended Florida Statute 1003.44 by spelling out requirements. In accordance with the law, upon written request from the student's parent/guardian, Bay District students may be excused from participation in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Updated provisions, effective July 1, 2016, from the FL Statute 1003.44 include:

- When the national anthem is played, students and all civilians shall stand at attention, men removing head coverings except those worn for religious purposes.
- The Pledge of Allegiance is defined:
"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."
- The Pledge of Allegiance shall be rendered by students standing with the right hand over the heart.
- The Pledge of Allegiance shall be recited at the beginning of the day in each public elementary, middle, and high school in the state.
- Each student shall be informed by a written notice published in the student handbook or a similar publication pursuant to s. 1006.07(2) that the student has the right not to participate in reciting the pledge. Upon written request by his or her parent, the student must be excused from reciting the pledge, including standing and placing the right hand over his or her heart.

- When the pledge is given, non-exempt students must show full respect to the flag by standing at attention, men removing any headdress, except when such headdress is worn for religious purposes.

If you would like your student to be exempt, please contact your child's school directly. The school will advise you how to proceed with your written request.

HELP LINES

Your guidance counselor is ALWAYS available to assist you when you are facing major problems, but there are also many community agencies available to help students. Such agencies are completely confidential.

Anchorage Children's Home: Help for runaway youth or for neglected or abused youth. (no fee) 763-7102

Catholic Social Services: Pregnancy testing; counseling services; family counseling (low cost or no fee) 763-0475

C.A.R.E.: Chemical Addictions Recovery Effort. Outpatient counseling related to drug/alcohol abuse (low cost or no fee) 872-7676

Family Health Services Center: Special clinics for teens addressing sexually-transmitted diseases. Testing for HIV and pregnancy (low cost or no fee) 872-4720

Life Management Center: Personal and family counseling for youth experiencing emotional/mental distress. Available are support groups and training with problems such as anxiety, depression, anger control, self-esteem. Diagnostic services available for serious disorders (low cost or no fee) 769-9481

Pregnancy Center: Pregnancy testing and counseling (no fee) 763-1100

Domestic Violence & Rape Counseling Center: Medical and counseling services for victims of physical, mental, sexual abuse. Temporary emergency shelter (no fee) Salvation Army program 769-7989 (Emergency-- 763-0706)

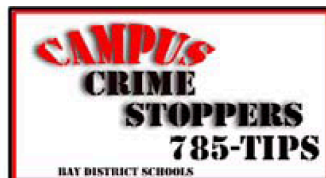
Drug Abuse Hotline: 1-800-662-4357

Teen Abuse Hotline: 1-800-422-4453

Crisis Help Line USA: 1-800-785-8111

Runaway Line: 1-800-621-4000

Save-A-Friend Hotline: Students and their parents are encouraged to help ensure the safety and security of our campus. If you have knowledge of anything that could result in harm to any student or employee, be responsible and talk to an administrator or School Resource Officer. If you wish to report the information and remain anonymous, call the Save-a-Friend Hotline at 1-866-621-7169. Help to protect yourself, your friends, and your school! Show that you care... report incidents and prevent danger.



The full policy is available at www.bay.k12.fl.us or your child's school.

Elastic clause: The principal of AHS reserves the right to amend any provision in this handbook in which he deems to be in the best interest of the educational process. Furthermore, the principal retains the right to issue penalties for acts of discipline not specifically stated herein and to alter any penalties as he considers necessary.