

Valley High School Student Handbook 2018 - 2019

*Our Total Commitment is to Provide an
Exemplary Education for all Students in a
Safe and Secure Environment.*

On a ship above a river flooded,
the Vikings sail together
GOLD BLOODED!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Announcements

Announcements of common concern will be made daily. They need to be submitted to the office the day before they will be announced. Announcements concerning school- related activities shall be submitted to the main office in writing on the proper form. Students' announcements need to be approved by the club/organization sponsor or a teacher, and the Assistant Principal.

Bell Schedules for 2018 - 2019

Regular Bell Schedules

8:00-9:02	1st
9:06-10:03	2nd
10:07-11:04	3rd
11:04-11:29	A Lunch
11:34-12:30	4A
11:08-12:05	4B
12:05-12:30	B Lunch
12:35-1:32	5th
1:36-2:33	6th
2:38-3:35	7th

Afternoon Assembly

8:00 - 8:55	1st
8:59 - 9:48	2nd
9:52 - 10:41	3rd
10:45 - 11:34	4th
11:34 - 11:59	A lunch
12:03 - 12:53	5A Period
11:38 - 12:28	5B Period
12:28 - 12:53	B lunch
12:57 - 1:47	6th
1:51 - 2:41	7th
2:45 - 3:35	Assembly

Morning Assembly

8:00 - 8:55	1st
8:59 - 9:48	Assembly
9:52 - 10:41	2nd
10:45 - 11:34	3rd
11:34 - 11:59	A lunch
12:03 - 12:53	4A Period
11:38 - 12:28	4B Period
12:28 - 12:53	B lunch
12:57 - 1:47	5th
1:51 - 2:41	6th
2:45 - 3:35	7th

Emergency Drills

Fire/Lockout/Lockdown/Tornado drills at regular intervals are required by law and are an important safety precaution. VHS has an emergency plan in case of a Fire, Tornado, Lockout and Lockdown procedure. It is essential that when the signal is given, you promptly follow the instruction of your classroom teacher.

Food Service

Lunch programs, under the supervision of the Coordinator of Food Services, are maintained at each of the schools in the district, providing well-balanced meals for all students who wish to participate. For the students who wish to carry a "sack" lunch, drinks are available for purchase. Students who cannot afford to pay full price for lunches may apply for "free" or "reduced" lunches by contacting the office and completing an application.

Following is the expected behavior in the cafeteria:

1. **Students need their ID to enter the lunch lines!**
2. Lunches should be picked up in an orderly manner.
3. All lunch litter must be deposited in the wastebasket so that the table and floor around each person's eating area is clean when he/she leaves.
4. Food or drink should not be thrown in the cafeteria area.
5. Disruptive behavior may result in losing cafeteria eating privilege.

- **Lunch Information**

All students enrolled in RE-1 will have an account for lunches and a la carte items. Students are **required** to use their student ID number for lunches and all other purchases. Students will be able to eat a qualifying lunch from either line. **No charges and no cash withdrawals from student accounts are allowed.** Borrowing or lending numbers is **not permitted.** Students must indicate to their first period teacher if they intend to eat in the cafeteria each day.

Health Services

The VHS Student Health Room is located adjacent to the Guidance Office, across from the main office. A Health Assistant is assigned to the health room for day to day care of the students. The Health Assistant is trained in First Aid, CPR, and medication administration. Time is shared with the elementary school; however, the Health Assistant can come from the other school to assist your child as needed. Emergency 911 will be called when deemed necessary for your child's safety.

Students are encouraged to seek health services as needed.

1. All students must obtain a pass from their teacher to go to the health room.
2. Students may remain in the health room 20 minutes and then return to class or go home.
3. Health room staff will make arrangements with parents/guardians if a student needs to go home.
4. **No student will be allowed to go home until parent/guardian permission is granted.**
5. All injuries and illnesses must be reported to the classroom teacher immediately. If there is no supervisor present, the student must report the illness/injury/accident to the health room personnel immediately.

Students with a contagious illness (strep throat, pink eye, fever over 99.6 before fever reducing medications, vomiting in the morning before school, severe cold symptoms, frequent watery diarrhea, unexplained rash, and generally not feeling well) should stay home from school. Please be considerate of other students by limiting exposure. The Health Room is overseen by the District Registered Nurse. If your child has a health condition that could require specific care from school staff, please contact the District Nurse as soon as possible. Conditions such as asthma, diabetes, severe allergies, and/or a seizure disorder can be addressed in a School Health Care Plan which outlines your child's concerns and specifies how we are to respond at school.

Health Medication(s) at School

Students are not allowed to carry any medication with them unless appropriate permissions are in place. Board Policies (BOE-JLCD) and Colorado Department of Education guidelines require parent/guardian and physician written permission for all medications given or taken at school. Students may carry a rescue inhaler or epinephrine pen for an allergic reaction with them if written parental/guardian & physician permission is provided and is on file in the Health room (BOE-JLCD). ***This applies to both prescription and non-prescription (over the counter) medications. Please consult the school nurse or health clerk for further guidelines.***

(BOE-JLCD) Immunizations - All students enrolled at VHS must maintain a current immunization record. Students not meeting the requirements will enter into the suspension process in accordance with Board Policy. Colorado Immunization Law allows medical, religious, and personal exemptions but appropriate documentation must be in place.

Homebound Instruction

This service is available to enable students to continue their education while temporarily confined to home due to illness, injury, or special educational concerns. Parents need to contact the Principal to initiate action for homebound instruction.

Internet and Technology Usage

All computers and Internet access must be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical, and legal manner. Each student may have an account on the network that will include access to the Internet if the student and parent complete the Internet Agreement form located in BOE policy. (BOE-JS)

Library Services

It is our intent to assist with research, provide current periodicals and attend to your literary needs. Our paramount goal is to provide the resources you need. The privilege of having such a media center comes with a certain responsibility. Guidelines for the use of the library are listed below:

- Books and other print materials may be checked out using a student I.D. and may be renewed twice.
- A 10-cent fine will be charged for each school day that an item is overdue. Checkout of additional items will not be permitted until fines are paid and overdue materials are returned
- If an item is lost or damaged, a replacement or repair fee will be charged.
- Students may use the copy machine for their personal use at a cost of \$.10/page
- No food or drink is allowed in the library at any time
- The library will be open for student use from 8:00 AM – 3:50 PM, T-F.

Posters, displays, etc.

Any material that is posted and/or distributed in or about Valley High School must be approved by an Administrator and display the “OK to Post” stamp. (BOE-JICEC)

Release Period (Seniors and Juniors only)

A junior/senior may be released for classes taken at a post-secondary institution or for a legitimate work experience if all requirements for graduation are on track to be met. Release periods are arranged through school counselors and administration and require a parent permission signature. **During the release period, students must leave the high school campus.** Periodically, counselors will check the status of a student’s release. Employment must be verified for work release and post-secondary enrollment must be verified for post-secondary leave. Work release will only be allowed at the beginning and the end of the school day. If students are not following the release requirement, the release agreement will be voided.

School Closing

Should bad weather create an emergency which would call for the closing of schools in the district, please tune to one of the following AM radio stations for information: KFKA (1310), KOA (85), KUNC (FM 91.5), TV Channel 4 & 9(Denver), or log onto www.wcsdre1.org. **Please do not call the district office or the schools unless absolutely necessary. Your TV/radio is your best source of information.**

School Hall Lockers and PE Lockers

Hall lockers are available upon request. Hall lockers requests should be made through the main office with the Assistant Principal. Lockers are for your convenience and private use. All lockers are the property of the school. For the protection of all students, they are subject to search by an authorized school representative at any time. **The school is not responsible for articles lost or stolen from the**

lockers. Any damage or clean-up required will be charged to the student. Defacement or damage to locker doors or locks will carry a replacement fee of \$160 for doors and \$25 for locks. The PE and athletic locker rooms are used by students and athletes on a daily basis. Students and athletes are welcome to use the lockers, however, it is the responsibility of each individual to provide his/her own lock. **Students and athletes are strongly urged not to leave valuables and personal property unattended in the locker rooms. Valley High School and its staff are not responsible for stolen, lost, or damaged property.**

Student Identification, ID's

Students will receive an identification card shortly after the beginning of the school year. Since proper identification is necessary for school security and student participation in activities, athletics, and library checkout, **students must wear their I.D. card around their necks at all times.** Students eating in the cafeteria will need to have their ID visible to enter the lunch lines. Lost I.D.'s will be replaced through the office for a charge of \$5.00. **Students who are continually defiant regarding this policy may be subject to disciplinary consequences.**

Textbooks

Students will be allowed to use textbooks at no charge. Textbooks will be checked out by number and condition to each student. Students are required to return the textbook that was checked out to them. Students not returning the specific textbook will be assessed a fine not to exceed the replacement cost of the textbook. Students are expected to care for the textbooks and can be assessed a fine if, in the opinion of the teacher, excessive wear or damage has been caused.

Transportation/School Buses

Regular school buses are provided as a convenience and privilege. It is necessary to have rules governing use of the bus to keep our buses running on schedule and to prevent accidents or injuries to riders or others. Parents and students should understand the rules and have signed off on the Student Conduct on School Buses form provided during the registration process. (EEAEF-E)

II. ACADEMICS

ADMISSION TO VHS

All persons age 6 and under 21 who have not graduated from high school or received any document evidencing completion of the equivalent of a secondary curriculum (G.E.D.), and reside within the boundaries of this school district may be permitted to attend public schools without payment of tuition. In addition, persons who do not reside in the district may be admitted under Board policies relating to nonresident students or by specific action of the Board. A birth certificate or other proof of legal age, as well as proof of residence, shall be required by the school administration. Except as otherwise provided by state law concerning enrollment of students out-of-home placements, students new to the district shall be enrolled conditionally until records, including discipline records, from the schools previously attended by the student are received by the district. Notice of the conditional enrollment status of new students shall be clearly indicated on all new student enrollment forms. In the event such records indicate a reason to deny admission, the student's conditional enrollment shall be revoked. The student's parent/guardian shall be provided with written notice of the denial of enrollment. The notice shall inform the parent/guardian of the right to request a hearing. Students shall be urged to have a physical examination and to submit a report from the examining physician on a form provided by the district prior to enrollment.

Foreign Language

- 9th – 12th – Foreign Language (req. 1 credit)

Electives

Students must accumulate 6.5 elective credits.

Students must meet requirements to participate in any of the graduation ceremonies/activities.

(BOE-IKFA)

Class Standing:

Senior Standing 18 credits

Junior Standing 12 credits

Sophomore Standing 6 credits

Academic Letter

An Academic Letter will be given to students who earn a place on the Superintendent's / Principal's Honor Roll for an entire academic year (**2 consecutive semesters**).

Honor Roll

Students will be placed on the Honor Roll List if they meet the following requirements at the end of each semester.

Superintendent's Honor Roll - Have a 4.0 average or higher in five or more subjects.

Principal's Honor Roll - Have a 3.50 average or higher in five or more subjects.

Students with an F or WF are not eligible for Honor Roll consideration. Teacher aide classes, COOP, Leadership, School Store, Independent Studies and Online Courses are not considered.

Attendance Awards

Attendance awards are given at the end of the year for the following achievement with regards to attendance. Perfect Attendance for all four years; Perfect Attendance for the current academic year; and Excellent Attendance for the academic year. Perfect Attendance criteria - ZERO absences. Excellent Attendance criteria - less than 5 single period absences for the academic year.

Finals

Students will not be permitted to take their finals prior to the scheduled date for each final without the consent of the teacher **and** an administrator. Finals missed due to an excused absence can be made up at the beginning of the next semester. When needing to make up a final, it is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements with his or her teacher(s).

Off-Campus Credit (All Students)

Juniors and Seniors enrolled at VHS may earn credit at off-campus institutions per the following guidelines: All course work must have prior approval from the student's counselor. Determination of credit shall be based on the following Carnegie scale for college classes: Quarter System
1.0 credit = 5 quarter hours; .75 credit = 4 Quarter hours; .50 credit = 3 quarter hours.
Semester System: 1.0 credit = 4/5 semester hours; .5 credit = 2/3 semester hours.

Post-Secondary Options (11th & 12th Grade)

Valley High School students who have attained 11th or 12th grade status may attend classes at certain public institutions of higher education with their tuition costs for the academic term paid by Weld RE-1 **only if the classes are not offered at VHS.** A maximum 10 credits per academic term may be paid. Classes taken to make up for failed credits or remedial classes do not qualify. To qualify, students must

give written notice of their intent to enroll in such courses) prior to enrollment and present a completed post-secondary enrollment form.

****Summer Tuition Excluded***

Report Cards/Grading Scale

Every Valley staff member will use the following:

A 90-100 = 4 points

B 80-89 = 3 points

C 70-79 = 2 points

D 60-69 = 1 point

F 0-59 = 0 points

A.P. and certain Dual-Credit classes will be graded on a 5-point system. (BOE-IKA)

Schedule Changes and Course Withdrawals

All schedule changes must be initiated and completed by guidance counselors and advisors. Keeping the students' welfare in mind, staff will resolve any conflict and/or misplacement. Students who drop a semester course after **10 class days** shall receive either a "WP" (withdrawal pass) or a "WF" (withdrawal fail) for a final course grade. A "WF" is counted the same as an "F" for the purpose of Grade-Point Average and Athletic Eligibility. A "WP" does not affect the GPA but may affect Athletic Eligibility. No schedule changes will occur **after 10 days** into the semester. If a need arises, classes will be relocated to ensure access to all students.

Student Aides (Selection, Credit, Supervision)

Teacher aiding is an experience open only to students who have attained junior or senior standing. Students who are accepted for aiding will work under the supervision of a faculty member. Faculty members who accept a teacher aide must agree to provide supervision for and evaluation of the student. The teacher aide forms may be obtained from the Guidance office. Students who complete one semester of aiding are eligible for 1/2 credit. Up to one credit may be used to meet graduation requirements. The grade issued in the teacher aiding experience will either be pass or fail. Attendance of the student aide will be reported to the office daily. Aides may not be asked to: 1) Enter student grades; 2) record or receive any personal information concerning other students; 3) Be responsible for the taking of and recording of student attendance. Teacher aiding credit will not be considered when deciding Honor Roll status.

Student Assignment Due Dates (BOE-JH)

Homework assignments are due on the date indicated by the assigning teacher. Students who are absent on the due date are expected to turn in assignments on the day they return to school to receive credit. Papers/projects assigned over a period of time are due on the date indicated by the assigning teacher. Students who were absent during the period of the paper or project assignment will be given a reasonable amount of time set by the teacher to complete the work. Unfinished papers or projects will be given credit for work completed if turned in by the due date.

Student Intervention Team (SIT Team)

The SIT Team is comprised of the school's assistant principal, counselors and teacher representatives. Its focus is to help students find the resources to promote academic, physical, emotional and social growth. Any student who has a need not being met can be referred to the SIT Team. Teachers, parents, and administrators can refer students. Students may also refer themselves. For those making referrals, please contact the Guidance Office.

Transfer Students

In order to receive credit for previous high school coursework, the student needs to present documentation of coursework, grades received, credits earned and contact hours. Students will receive credit based on the following scale:

1.0 credit = 110 + contact hours; .5 credit = 60 - 65 contact hours; .25 credits = 30 - 35 contact hours.

Withdrawal from School

Any student withdrawing from the high school must report to the counselor's office to pick up the necessary checkout form. Students must have parent permission to withdraw. At that time, the student should turn in all school property, such as textbooks, student I.D., library books, laptops, and athletic equipment assigned to them. If this procedure is initiated and completed, all grades will be given No Credit (NC). Early checkout from school may also result in NC. (BOE-JFC)

III. ATTENDANCE RELATED ISSUES

Attendance Policy

An absence is defined as any school day or portion of a school day where a student does not attend a class or classes with knowledge of a parent or guardian. If a student is absent from a class or classes without knowledge of a parent or guardian, the student shall not only be considered absent, but also shall be considered truant (see Truancy). Tardiness is defined as the appearance of a student without an excuse from a school official, parent or guardian after the scheduled time that a class begins. If a student is not ill, it is expected that he/she will attend school on each scheduled attendance day.

Attendance

Pre-Arranged Absences

Students and parents are encouraged to pre-arrange foreseen absences. Students may pick up the pre-arranged absence forms from their assistant principal.

Reporting Absences – 350 - 4201

Parents or guardians must call the attendance office between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on the day of the student's illness or each day the student is absent. If this procedure is followed or a prearranged absence has been made, an admittance pass from the office is not required for the student upon return to school. Such absences are shown as excused on the teacher's computer at the beginning of the next day. If the parent/guardian has not called the school the day of the student's absence that absence will remain unexcused until contact is made with school officials. If a student is going to be absent for more than one day, students are expected to check the class webpage for assignments to complete while absent. Parents/guardians are also encouraged to request assignments from the guidance office and pick them up in the office.

Corrective Actions for Unexcused Absences

1st Offense: Parents notified (parents are called in the morning by office staff).

2nd Offense: Parent notified, possible detention assigned (LD, ASD).

3rd Offense: Parent notified, possible detention assigned, arrange parent meeting

**4th Offense: ISS assigned, possible effect on extra-curricular activity participation
Referral to District Social Worker for follow-up to determine
if family is in violation of the compulsory attendance law for
the state of Colorado.**

Tardiness

Tardiness is defined as the appearance of a student without proper excuses after the scheduled time that a class begins. Because of the disruptive nature of tardiness and the detrimental effect upon the rights of the non-tardy student to uninterrupted learning, appropriate penalties may be imposed for excessive tardiness. Parents/ guardians shall be notified of all penalties regarding tardiness. In an unavoidable situation, a student detained by another teacher or administrator shall not be considered tardy provided that the teacher or administrator gives the student a pass to enter the next class. Teachers shall honor passes presented in accordance with this policy. The provisions of this policy shall be applicable to all student in the district, including those above and below the age for compulsory attendance as required by law.

In an effort to impress upon students the importance of being on time to class, class should begin at the scheduled time for the specific period. Please refrain from allowing students to delay the start of class because they want to use the restroom, make a call, or run to the office. Instructional time needs to become an asset our students value and utilize in a more consistent manner. This would apply to the last ten minutes of class as well.

1st Offense - Student warned and reminded of policy (by teacher or Administrator)

2nd Offense - Parent notification (by teacher or by Administrator if referral made)

3rd Offense - Detention assigned, Parent Contacted. Detention may be teacher imposed and served with the teacher or referral is to be made by teacher to Administrator. Counselor notified.

4th Offense - Referral to Administrator for Parent notification and possible meeting arranged, Consequences assigned (Detention, ISS, OSS), Counselor notified.

IV. Student Rights and Expectations

Student Conduct & Procedures Leaving Campus (BOE-JIC, JICDE)

Valley High School is a closed campus except during lunch. Students must obtain written permission from the office BEFORE leaving campus at any time during the school day except during the lunch hour. **Students may NOT have access to their cars at any time during the school day unless granted specific permission by the Principal or Assistant Principal(s).** Students may walk off campus during the lunch period; they may not drive vehicles or ride in any other vehicle. Students living in Gilcrest may go home for lunch but no “guests” are allowed to accompany them. (BOE-JIHB/JLIE). **Ninth grade students are not allowed to leave campus during their designated lunch period.**

If a parent or guardian wants to remove a student from school during the school day, they need to contact the Main Office and arrange the absence with them. Upon arrival to school, the parent/guardian will need to come inside to the main office, show valid ID, before the student will be released from school. (This change is being implemented to provide a greater layer of safety and accountability for our school community). Students who drive to school and who have an arranged absence during the school must come to the main office to get their pass and sign-out before leaving.

In the event of an emergency and students in class need to be contacted, parents are asked to call the main office and the students will be notified.

Activity Eligibility

Students who have been suspended may not attend school activities during the time of their suspension. In addition, students may be suspended from attending activities for violations of the student handbook. Students must be passing 5 classes (2.5 Carnegie units) to participate in any extracurricular activity not deemed to be an extension of the classroom.

Athletic Eligibility

Scholastic eligibility, as set by the Colorado High School Activities Association and by Valley High School, requires that during the period of participation, the student must be enrolled in and passing 5 classes or (2.5 Carnegie units). As long as the student passes 5 classes (2.5 Carnegie units), the number of failures is not relevant. A drop while failing a class will count as an "F" during that semester. If ineligible because of semester grades, an athlete may regain eligibility at the end of the first nine weeks of the following semester. Besides semester eligibility, weekly eligibility is maintained at Valley to ensure that students remain eligible through the semester. Classroom grades will be pulled from Infinite Campus on Friday afternoon. Students not passing five courses of academic credit will be ineligible for athletic activities the following week. The week of ineligibility will be from Monday through Saturday. Complete athletic activities eligibility rules may be found in the student athletic/activities section of this handbook. (BOE-JJ, JJIB)

Cell Phones and other Electronic Communication Devices

These devices can be disruptions to the educational process. Many times such items are stolen. Students are advised **NOT** to bring them to school. These items shall not be used during class time unless

approved and supervised by the teacher. Devices used during class time, without permission, can be confiscated by the teacher and returned at the end of the period; confiscated and turned into the main office to be returned at the end of the day. Successive violations may result in parent notification, after-school detention, or in-school suspension. If you use your electronic device to film, record, or document any prohibited behaviors, or if you record in bathrooms, locker rooms, etc. your phone may be confiscated as evidence and if criminal charges are filed, the phone will be given to the police and they will keep it in evidence until the criminal matter is resolved. As the person recording the incident, you may be subject to disciplinary actions imposed by the school and district.

Dance Regulations

The purpose of holding dances is to provide social recreation for students in grades 9-12. They are not intended to be public dances; school rules will be followed. Failure to do so shall result in the loss of attendance privileges. The following rules are listed as the regulations that must be followed:

- 1) All school rules shall apply;
- 2) Middle school students are not allowed at any high school dances;
- 3) All dances have to be scheduled through the office;
- 4) Leaving and re-entering the dance is not permitted;
- 5) All decorations, waste materials, etc. must be cleaned up and out of the building by the day following the dance;
 1. Dances shall end at 11:00 p.m. (except Prom).
 2. All students must have ID at the dance.

Prom is for Junior and Senior members of the VHS student body and their guests only. Formal attire must be worn. The Prom shall be held from 8 P.M. until 12 Midnight. All school rules shall apply regardless of location.

Suggested Dress for Dances:

Formal: Prom

1. Tux, Suit, Coat, Tie
2. Evening gown, Party or Cocktail Dress

Semi-Formal:

Homecoming/Winter Ball

1. Slacks, Shirt, or Sweater
2. Skirt & Sweater or Blouse, Dress

Non-Formal:

- 1) School clothes

Students must meet athletic eligibility guidelines (passing 2.5 Carnegie units 5 classes or more) in order to attend any VHS dance or prom.

Early Dismissal

In the interest of the child's safety, parents are urged not to ask for early dismissal for their student except in unusual circumstances. Doctor and other appointments should be scheduled outside of school hours and on school holidays whenever possible. Requests should be made to the school office if a student needs to be dismissed. A pass from the office **MUST BE** obtained prior to leaving campus. Any student leaving campus without a leave pass will be considered **TRUANT**. In no case will a student be released to a person without proper identification and listed as a student emergency contact. Parent/Guardian will need to come inside the main office to get their child released from school. (BOE - JLIB)

Field Trip Eligibility

The district makes use of extensive community and regional resources as part of the curriculum. Field trips, using district-owned vehicles, are carefully planned and supervised. Parent permission for the student to participate in these trips is required. Some trips may require a minimal fee to defray admission charges or unusually long transportation requirements; however, no student will be denied the opportunity to participate in such planned school activity because of financial hardship. Students must comply with all school rules for proper behavior while on field trips. Deviation from appropriate behavior will be grounds for disciplinary action. Teachers who are contemplating field trips should ensure their planning includes appropriate alternative activities for ineligible students. Such plans should include provision for student supervision and specific learning activity alternatives. Students must be eligible to participate. Weekly eligibility lists are effective from Monday through the following Saturday for the week specified. (BOE-JICC-R-2)

Insurance

School District Weld Re-1 does not endorse any insurance carrier but makes available to all students accident and athletic insurance for a nominal fee. The plans available are: a) 24-hour coverage; b) At-School coverage; and c) Football coverage. Each type of coverage is explained in the brochures available from the school. Please note that football coverage is specifically designed for accident coverage in that sport. All coverages are intended to supplement regular family insurance. To obtain file claims, please see the office. **VHS does not carry accident insurance on its students.** (BOE - JLA)

Public Displays of Affection

Excessive public displays of affection are inappropriate in the school setting. Students engaging in such inappropriate behavior will be spoken to by school staff or a building administrator. If the discussed behavior continues to be an issue, disciplinary actions may be imposed.

Student Dress Code (BOE-JICA)

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to a quality educational program. District-wide standards on attire are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems, and improve order and safety. The Board recognizes that students have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance; however, students shall not wear apparel that is deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school. ***Any student deemed in violation of the dress code may be required to change into appropriate clothing (school provided). Students may make arrangements to have appropriate clothing brought to school. On the first offense, the student shall be given a written warning and an administrator shall notify the student's parent/guardians. On the second offense, the student may be subject to more severe consequences for defiance, up to and including suspension.***

Unacceptable Items

The following items are deemed disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school and are not acceptable in school buildings, on school grounds, or at school activities.

1. Shorts, dresses, skirts, slits of skirts or other similar clothing shorter than mid-thigh/fingertip length when arms are extended at the sides.
2. Sunglasses and/or hats or hoods worn inside building.
3. Inappropriately sheer, tight or low-cut clothing (e.g., midriffs, halter tops, backless clothing, tube tops, garments made of fishnet, mesh or similar material, muscle tops, "bro tanks", etc.) that bare

or expose under garments and traditionally private parts of body including, but not limited to, the stomach, buttocks, back and breasts. ***Pants/shorts must be worn at the waist and shirts should have sleeves and not reveal clothing items listed previously.***

4. Any clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, hair coloring, accessories, or body adornments that are or contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that:
 - Refer to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons
 - Are of a sexual nature
 - By virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute denote membership in gangs which advocate drug use, violence, or disruptive behavior.
e. g. (Shirts partially buttoned from the collar down. Clothing ensembles that are of a single color)
 - Are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous
 - Threaten the safety/welfare of any person
 - Promote any activity prohibited by the student code of conduct
 - Otherwise disrupt the teaching-learning process

Theft and Loss Reports

Thefts and losses occurring in the classroom should be handled by the teacher in charge, and then reported to the office. Thefts and losses outside of the classroom should be reported immediately to the office. **The school is not responsible for articles lost or stolen but will assist students by making a report.** Items found should be turned into the office.

Code of Conduct

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1. Causing or attempting to cause damage to school district or property or stealing or attempting to steal school district property.
2. Causing or attempting to cause physical injury to another person except in self-defense.
3. Willful destruction or defacing of district property.
4. Commission of any act which if committed by an adult would be robbery or assault as defined by state law.
5. Violation of criminal law which has an immediate effect on the school district or on the general safety or welfare of students or staff.
6. Violation of any Board policy or building regulations, or established school rules.
7. Violation of the Board's policy on dangerous weapons in the schools. Expulsion shall be mandatory for bringing or possessing a firearm in accordance with federal law.
8. Violation of the Board's policy on student conduct involving drugs and alcohol.
9. Violation of the Board's violent and aggressive behavior policy.

10. Violation of the Board's tobacco-free schools policy.
11. Violation of the Board's policies prohibiting sexual or other harassment.
12. Violation of the Board's policy on bullying prevention and education.
13. Violation of the Board's policy on nondiscrimination.
14. Violation of the Board's policy on gangs and gang-like activity.
15. Throwing objects, unless related to supervised school activity that can or do cause bodily injury or damage to property.
16. Directing profanity, vulgar language or obscene gestures toward other students, school personnel or others.
17. Engaging in verbal abuse, i.e., name calling, ethnic or racial slurs, either orally or in writing or derogatory statements, addressed publicly to an individual or a group that precipitates disruption of the school program or incites violence.
18. Committing extortion, coercion or blackmail, i.e., obtaining money or other objects of value from an unwilling person or forcing an individual to act through the use of force or threat of force.
19. Lying or giving false information, either verbally or in writing, to a school district employee. 20. Engaging in scholastic dishonesty which includes but is not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism or unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work.
21. Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of proper authority including deliberate refusal to obey a member of the school district staff.
22. Repeated interference with the school district's ability to provide educational opportunities to other students.
23. Behavior on or off school property that is detrimental to the welfare or safety of other students or school personnel, including behavior that creates a threat of physical harm to the student exhibiting the behavior or to one or more other students.
24. Engaging in "hazing" activities, i.e., forcing prolonged physical activity, forcing excessive consumption of any substance, forcing prolonged deprivation of sleep, food, or drink, or any other behavior which recklessly endangers the health or safety of an individual for purposes of initiation into any student group.
25. Violation of the Board's dress code policy.
26. Making a false accusation of criminal activity against a district employee to law enforcement or to the district.

Adopted: November 17, 1993 Revised: January 15, 1997 Revised: November 15, 2000 Revised: May 19, 2004 Revised: December 12, 2007 Revised: November 19, 2008 Revised: November 18, 2009 Revised: October 19, 2011 Revised: August 15, 2012 Revised: September 18, 2013 File: JICDA Weld County School District RE-1, Gilcrest, Colorado 3 of 3 LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 18-3-202 et seq. (offenses against person) C.R.S. 18-4-301 et seq. (offenses against property) C.R.S. 18-9-124 (2) (a) (prohibition of hazing) C.R.S. 22-12-105 (3) (authority to suspend or expel for false accusations) C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2) (a) (I) (duty to adopt policies on student conduct, safety and welfare) C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2) (a) (I) (A) (policy required as part of safe schools plan) C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (9) (immunity provisions in safe schools law) C.R.S. 22-33-106 (1) (a-g) (grounds for suspension, expulsion, denial of admission) CROSS REF.: AC, Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity ADC, Tobacco-Free Schools ADD, Safe Schools ECAC, Vandalism GBGB, Staff Protection JBB*, Sexual Harassment JIC, Student Conduct JICA, Student Dress Code JICC, Student Conduct on School Buses JICDD*, Violent and Aggressive Behavior JICDE*, Bullying Prevention and Education JICF, Secret Societies/Gang Activity JICH, Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students JICI, Weapons in School JK, Student Discipline, and subcodes JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students NOTE: All Board policies with codes containing the letter "JIC" and "JK" are

WELD RE-1 DISCIPLINE MATRIX

Secondary Level

Guidelines

CODE	BEHAVIOR	1 ST OFFENSE	2 ND OFFENSE	3 RD OFFENSE
Educational Disruption	Insubordination refusal to follow the reasonable request of a staff member.	Staff/ Administrator Conference, possible parent meeting Possible detention, ISS, OSS 1-3 days, possible removal from activity or class.	Staff/ Administrator conference, parent meeting. Possible detention, ISS, OSS, possible removal from activity or class. Possible 3-5 day suspension	Staff/ Administrator conference, parent meeting. Possible ISS, OSS, possible removal from activity or class. Possible 5-day suspension & recommendation for expulsion.
	Failure to serve consequences or disciplinary action.	Staff counseling, initial consequence can double, possible ISS 2 days.	Staff counseling, ISS 2 days, possible suspension 1- 5 days.	Possible suspension 2-10 days, see <i>Insubordination, Educational disruption.</i>
	Non Educational article that disrupts the educational process. (Laser pointer, iPod, skateboards, cell phones, etc.)	Governed by teacher rules and consequences; possible ISS, parent contact by teachers/teams, possible detention.	Conference with student, parent/guardian, possible ISS, possible detention & parent pickup of article.	Administrator conference with student, parent conference, ISS, possible OSS 1-5 days.
	Inappropriate displays of affection.	Staff warning, parent notification by teacher or administrator.	Administrator conference, parent conference, possible ISS.	Parent conference, possible ISS 2 days, possible OSS 2-10 days.

	Disrespectful behavior.	Staff counseling, warning, possible detention or ISS.	Staff counseling, administrator conference, parent contact, possible 1-3 day suspension.	Administrator conference, parent conference, 3-5 day suspension.
	Endangering the safety of others or causing damage of property.	Staff counseling, possible parent contact, possible ISS or OSS 1-3 days. If injury or damage occurs possible restitution. Possible police notification.	Staff counseling, possible parent contact, possible OSS 3-5 days. If injury or damage occurs possible restitution. Possible police notification.	Possible OSS. Staff counseling, possible parent contact. If injury or damage occurs possible restitution. Possible police notification.
	Habitually disruptive, continually defiant.	Administrative conference, parent contact, possible ISS 2 days, possible OSS 2-10 days.	Suspension 4-10 days, parent contact, conference, possible recommendation for expulsion. Development of behavior plan and referral to SIT Team.	Suspension 4 - 10 days, parent conference and advancement on the "Behavior Ladder".
	Any act which disrupts the normal educational process.	Staff/teacher conference, possible detention, ISS, or OSS 1-3 days depending on severity of the disruption.	Staff/teacher conference, possible detention, ISS, or OSS 3-5 days depending on severity of the disruption.	Staff/teacher conference, possible, ISS, or OSS 5-10 days or recommendation for expulsion depending on severity of the disruption. See <i>habitually disruptive</i>

<p>Directing profanity, vulgar language or obscene gestures toward other students, school personnel or others.</p>	<p>Any inappropriate behavior not covered by previous items but included in district or school policy.</p>	<p>Staff or administrator conference with student, conference with parents, possible detention, ISS, OSS 1-3 days, possible police notification depending on seriousness of offense.</p>	<p>Staff or administrator conference with student, conference with parents, possible detention, ISS, OSS 3-5 days, possible police notification depending on seriousness of offense.</p>	<p>Staff or administrator conference with student, conference with parents, possible detention, ISS, OSS 5-10 days, recommendation for expulsion, possible police notification depending on seriousness of offense.</p>
<p>Fighting, Assault, Intimidation, Harassment</p>	<p>Intimidation or threatening of a staff member.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, parent notification, 1-5 day OSS. Possible Police notification</p>	<p>Administrator conference, parent notification, 10-day suspension, and recommendation for expulsion. Possible Police notification</p>	<p>Administrator conference, parent notification, 10-day suspension, and recommendation for expulsion. Possible Police notification</p>
	<p>Verbal abuse, harassment, or sexual harassment of a student.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, parent contact, 1-3 day OSS.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, parent contact, 3-5 day suspension.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, parent contact, 5-10 day suspension. Possible expulsion.</p>
	<p>Fighting (mutual combat, including self defense); Assault 3rd degree.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, and 1- 5 day school suspension. Possible police involvement.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, and 5 -10 day school suspension. Possible police involvement and recommendation for expulsion.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, and 10-day school suspension and recommendation for expulsion.</p>

	<p>Threatening or harassment of another student; hazing, extortion, bullying, (verbal, written, electronic, or symbolic), physical confrontation.</p>	<p>Staff/ Administrator conference, parent conference, detention, possible ISS 2 days, possible OSS 1-3 days, possible police notification, possible referral for mediation, or possible recommendation for expulsion.</p>	<p>Staff/ Administrator conference, parent conference, possible ISS 2 days, possible OSS 4-10 days, possible police notification, possible referral for mediation, possible no-contact contract, possible recommendation for expulsion.</p>	<p>Long-term suspension, (up to 20 days) possible recommendation for expulsion, possible police contacts.</p> <p>See <i>Habitually Disruptive</i></p>
	<p>Gang activity, apparel, or paraphernalia. Wearing/ Carrying any overt gang paraphernalia or gestures that symbolize gang membership.</p>	<p>Verbal warning, administrator conference, change clothing possible police contact, possible 2-5 days OSS,</p> <p>See Dress Code Violation</p>	<p>Change clothing, possible police contact, develop behavior plan, OSS 5 -10 days, possible recommendation for expulsion, possible police contact.</p> <p>See Dress Code Violation</p>	<p>OSS 6-10 days, possible police contact, behavior plan, recommendation for expulsion.</p> <p>See Dress Code Violation</p>
	<p>Assault of a student, including 1st, 2nd degree.</p>	<p>Administrator/parent conference, 3-day suspension, police notification, possible recommendation for expulsion.</p> <p>1st/2nd degree- 10-day suspension, police contact, mandatory expulsion.</p>	<p>Administrator/parent conference, 10-day suspension, police notification, possible recommendation for expulsion.</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>Administrator/parent conference, 10-day suspension, police notification, possible recommendation for expulsion.</p> <p>N/A</p>

	Any behavior that is harmful or potentially harmful to students or adults or behavior that is detrimental to the safety and welfare of self and others.	Staff/ Administrator conference, parent contact or meeting. Possible detention, ISS, OSS, possible recommendation for expulsion depending on seriousness of offense.	Staff/ Administrator conference, parent contact or meeting. Possible detention, ISS, OSS, possible recommendation for expulsion depending on seriousness of offense. <i>See Disruptive</i>	Staff/ Administrator conference, parent contact or meeting. Possible detention, ISS, OSS, possible recommendation for expulsion depending on seriousness of offense. <i>See Disruptive</i>
Possession, use, sale of illegal/banned items.	Smoking, chewing and/or use or possession of tobacco, vaping oil, or vaping paraphernalia.	Administrator conference, parent contact, possible ISS, OSS 1-3 days, possible police notification.	Administrator conference, parent contact, 3-5 day OSS.	Administrator conference, parent contact, 5-10 day OSS. Possible recommendation for expulsion.
	Possession of/ or setting off fireworks or other incendiary devices.	Administrator conference and 1-3 day suspension. Possible police notification.	Administrator conference and 3-5 day suspension. Police notification.	Administrator conference and 5-10 day suspension. Police notification. Possible recommendation for expulsion
	Possession or use of a weapon or other article, including knife under the legal length for school campus.	Confiscate item, parent notification, possible police notification, possible 1- 3 days suspension.	Confiscate item, police notification, 3-5 days suspension, possible recommendation for expulsion.	Confiscate item, police notification, 5-10 days suspension, recommendation for expulsion.
	Possession/use in a threatening manner of a weapon or other article, including knife under the legal length for school campus.	10 days OSS and recommendation for expulsion. Police notification.	N/A	N/A

	Possession or use of a gun or facsimile or knife over the legal length for school campus, or any other weapon.	10 days OSS and recommendation for expulsion. Police notification.	N/A	N/A
	Possession/ Use of drugs, alcohol, or other controlled substances or possession/ Use of drug paraphernalia.	Administrator and parent conference, police notification, 3-5 day suspension.	Administrator and parent conference, police notification, 5-10 day suspension. Possible evaluation for treatment, recommendation for expulsion.	10-day suspension, evaluation for treatment, recommendation for expulsion.
	Sale, intent to sell, distribution of alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances.	Administrator conference, 10-day suspension, recommendation for expulsion. Police notification.	N/A	N/A
Attendance	Truancy.	Administrator conference, parent contact, possible loss of credit , possible Detention/ISS.	Administrator conference, parent contact, possible loss of credit , possible ISS, possible notification of district social worker.	Administrator conference, parent contact, possible loss of credit , possible ISS, possible OSS, notification of district social worker.
	Continual tardiness, unexcused tardy	Staff or administrator conference, student reminded of policy.	Staff or administrator conference, parent contact, detention detention possible.	Staff or administrator conference, parent contact, detention, possible ISS/OSS.

	Hall pass violation, ID/misuse, ID/violation	Warning, parent contact, confiscation of ID, possible detention, possible ISS.	Parent contact, detention or OSS, possible behavior plan.	Parent contact, 2-10 day suspension.
Theft, Vandalism, Safety Violations	Trespassing; unauthorized entry or presence on any Weld RE-1 campus, including while suspended.	Administrator conference, parent contact, possible OSS 1-3 days, possible police notification.	Administrator conference, parent contact, 3-5 day suspension, possible police notification.	Administrator conference, parent contact, 5-10 day suspension, police notification, recommendation for expulsion
	Vandalism, defacing/ Destruction of school property or other individuals' personal property.	Administrator conference, parent contact, 1-3 day OSS, police notification. Restitution	Administrator conference, parent contact, 3-5 day ISS or OSS, restitution, police notification. Possible recommendation for expulsion.	Administrator conference, parent contact, 5-10 days OSS, police notification, restitution. Possible recommendation for expulsion.
	Theft.	Administrator conference, parent notification, Possible 1-3 day OSS with restitution. Possible police notification.	Administrator conference, parent notification, 3-5 day OSS with restitution, police notification. Possible recommendation for expulsion.	Administrator conference, parent notification, Possible 5-10 day OSS with restitution, police notification. Recommendation for expulsion.
	Inappropriate /dangerous driving on or around school campus.	Administrator conference, police notification, possible loss of driving privileges on campus, depending on seriousness of offense 1-3 days OSS.	Administrator conference, police notification, loss of driving privileges, detention or OSS for 3-5 days.	Administrator conference, police notification, loss of driving privileges, 5-10 days OSS.

<p>Computer hacking, Inappropriate Technology use, Academic Dishonesty</p>	<p>Any action that affects the networking system or operating systems that may result in the disruption of the educational process.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, parent contact, 1-3 day ISS or OSS, possible restriction or loss of computer privileges, possible referral to Restorative Justice process.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, parent contact, 3-5 day ISS or OSS, loss of computer privileges. If in a computer class, possible loss of credit. Possible referral to Restorative Justice process.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, parent contact, 5-10 day OSS, possible recommendation for expulsion.</p>
	<p>Loading or installing unauthorized software, including games.</p>	<p>Warning, parent contact. Possible restriction or loss of computer use privileges. Computer will be wiped clean.</p>	<p>Administrator conference. Possible restriction or loss of computer use privileges. If in a computer class, possible loss of credit.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, loss of computer privileges.</p>
	<p>Using email or social media for purposes that interfere with the educational process or for purposes of intimidation, threats, or harassment.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, parent contact, possible termination of computer privileges, possible ISS/OSS & computer use restriction.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, parent contact, possible termination of email/computer privileges, possible 3-10 day suspension, if enrolled in computer class possible loss of credit.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, parent contact, termination of computer/email privileges, possible 3-10 day suspension, if enrolled in computer class possible loss of credit. Possible recommendation for expulsion.</p>
	<p>Hacking-malicious intent to harm or destroy data, including uploading or creation of viruses.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, parent contact, OSS 1-3 days, restriction and/or loss of computer privileges.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, parent contact, 3-5 days OSS, loss of computer privileges, if enrolled in computer class possible loss of credit.</p>	<p>Administrator conference, parent contact, 5-10 days OSS, recommendation for expulsion.</p>

	Fraudulent use of any student or staff login.	Parent contact, warning, and computer use restriction for 3-5 days.	Parent contact, computer use restriction, possible permanent loss of privileges, if enrolled in a computer class, possible loss of credit. Possible ISS/OSS.	Permanently restricted from computer use, if enrolled in a computer class possible loss of credit, possible ISS/OSS.
	Downloading or accessing profane, obscene, racially offensive, threatening, subversive, or illegal material.	Parent contact, warning, computer use restriction for 1-3 days. Computer wiped clean.	Parent contact, computer use restriction, possible loss of privileges, if enrolled in a computer class, possible loss of credit. ISS/OSS 1-3 days.	Permanently restricted from computer use, if enrolled in a computer class possible loss of credit, ISS/OSS 3-5 days.
	Cheating; academic dishonesty, plagiarism.	Parent notification and a zero on assignment.	Administrator conference, parent conference prior to student returning to class, grade of zero on assignment.	Administrator conference, parent contact, grade of zero on assignment with no retake or credit. 1-3 days ISS/OSS

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CLUB DESCRIPTIONS FOR 2018 - 2019

ACE CLUB: This organization is comprised of students who are in ACE classes. We meet to raise money for our clubs, provide involvement in community service and participate in fun activities. *(Meets in Room 140 every Wednesday at 7:45am) Mrs. Hill*

CHESS CLUB: Chess is a fun and educational game that helps teach important skills including problem solving, critical thinking, sportsmanship, patience and concentration. *(Meets in Room 125 every Tuesday at 3:30) Mr. Holt*

FBLA: Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. (FBLA-PBL) is the largest career student business organization in the world. Each year, FBLA-PBL helps over 230,000 members prepare for careers in business. Valley FBLA believes everyone will work in a business someday and our organization will help them develop the skills they will need in the future! *(Meets in Room 111 every Friday at 7:30am) Ms. Beezley*

FCCLA: Family Career Community Leaders of America is involved with helping our community while competing in a state conference every year. The projects we work on involve different career paths that will better prepare us for those areas. Students can receive scholarships for participating in FCCLA. *(Meets in Room 108 every other Thursday after school for 30 minutes) Mrs. Mullis*

FFA: FFA is an intra curricular student organization for those interested in agriculture. Any student enrolled in an agriculture class is an FFA member. Students must take a year long agriculture class beginning in the fall to be an FFA member. Our mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. *(Meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the ag department at 7pm) Mr. Adams & Mrs. Waters*

FOREIGN LANGUAGE KLUB: FLK is a club that encourages exploring other cultures and languages. We have movie nights for international films. We read Spanish/German books to elementary students and we are going to start a weekly international reading time at the Platteville and Nantes libraries once a month. We do fundraising, such as the Color Run, to fund fun activities throughout the year. All students who are interested in other cultures and languages are encouraged to join. *(Meets in Room 109 every Tuesday after school for 30 minutes.) Mrs. Ruiz*

GSA: The Valley High School Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) subsists to allow for the open forum for the gender and sexual minority of youth, and their allies, in Gilcrest, lead by students to share, listen, lead activities, and discuss as a group in a safe and comfortable setting. The Valley GSA will strive to resist the presence of intolerance and work towards educating the members ,and the community, on overcoming the issues faced by the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning (LGBTQ) community while promoting the prevalence of acceptance, equality, and comprehension in our society. This GSA will also act to provide services and activities to work towards bettering the student's education and quality of life.

INTERACT CLUB: This is a service club for those who want to connect with other young people and have fun while serving their communities, developing leadership skills and learning about the world. Our club is partially-funded by our local Rotary Club. *(Meets in Room 140 every Friday at 3:45pm) Mrs. Hill*

KEY CLUB: Key Club is sponsored by Kiwanis and is an international, student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership. Members develop initiative and leadership skills by serving their schools and communities. *(Meets in Room 246 Wednesdays at 7:40AM) Mrs. Mueller*

KNOWLEDGE BOWL: K-Bowl competes in a series of quiz bowl competitions against other schools in the Patriot League. Tryouts are every October. Competitions are held on select Saturdays (November-February). This is fun for students who like trivia or are interested in many different subjects. *(Meets in Room 243 Wednesdays after school, November-February) Mrs. Layton*

LA VOZ: Celebrates and explores the Hispanic cultures. Focus is on community service, educational field trips and cultural events. All are welcome! *(Meets in Room 100 Wednesdays at 3:30pm) Mr. Blanco*

LINK CREW: Must be an 11th or 12th grader. Lead, connect, and build relationships with freshmen. There is an application process along with a year-long commitment. Members MUST be available for training and orientation before school starts. *(Meets in Room 248 monthly) Ms. Pierce*

LULAC: League of United Latin American Citizens is open to all students and focuses on giving back to the community. Members need to attend a required number of meetings in order to be eligible for trips that we take. *(Meets in Room 125 every Tuesday during A & B lunch) Mr. Holt*

MESA: Math Engineering Science Achievement is designed to prepare, motivate, and provide students with the necessary support systems to participate in a college or university curriculum and the attainment of a bachelor's degree. *(Meets in Room 130 throughout the year depending on competition dates and group chosen activities) Ms. Freehling & Mr. Eisinger*

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY: Selection for the Viking Chapter of NHS takes place in the fall. Students are not eligible for consideration until their sophomore year. Students are selected by a faculty advisory committee based on scholarship, service, leadership and character. To be considered, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.600. Members participate in activities, such as volunteering at the Weld County Food Bank, helping with a Thanksgiving Outreach, Habitat for Humanity and other community groups. *(Meets in Room 132 on the first Friday of the month at 7:45am) Mr. Ryan*

STUDENT COUNCIL: Student Council is composed of an Executive Team of students elected by the Valley High School student body and students elected by VHS clubs, classes, and organizations. The Council is responsible for coordinating student body activities, facilitating school pride, supporting events and activities of VHS clubs/classes/organizations, fostering citizenship and character, and building leadership skills. All student representatives to the Student Council must be enrolled in the Leadership course (9011) for the duration of one academic year. In addition, there are activities that require additional time spent outside of school hours. *(Meets in Room 130 Thursdays during zero-hour) Mrs. Freehling & Mrs. Rewerts*

TEEN LIBRARY ADVISORY: Teen Advisory Club members advise Platteville Public and Nantes Libraries on teen programs and materials as well as participate in group activities. *(Meets in the library once per month on selected Thursdays during A & B Lunches) Mrs. Albrighton*

VHS MATHLETES: Is a math competition team that participates in at least 3 mathematical contests each year. Some competitions take place at Valley High School and some are at other schools. Practices are held throughout the year to prepare for the math contests. Math letes is open to all VHS students regardless of current math class! *(Meets in Room 139. Meeting times vary throughout the year) Ms. Sasse*