

Brunswick Junior High School



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Brunswick Junior High

Mission Statement

Brunswick Junior High School recognizes the unique needs of the Middle Level Learner. Our mission is to provide an educational community where students are safe, engaged, challenged, supported, and healthy.

Safe: We are a community where students and staff feel socially, physically and emotionally safe while working and interacting in our school and virtual environment.

Engaged: We recognize the importance of students having choice, taking ownership, being heard, having fun, and developing positive relationships. Students are engaged in all aspects of the school, across subject areas, and with the community to improve the education for all learners.

Challenged: Learning is both purposeful and fluid to adapt to changing needs. Students develop flexible thinking, intrinsic motivation, and the ability to apply learned skills to new situations. We challenge students by offering relevant, real-world curriculum with high expectations for all.

Supported: We are a supportive community where students are listened to, understood, cared for, and protected emotionally. We set clear and high expectations and scaffold and model appropriate behavioral choices and learning tasks while acknowledging the real-life demands facing students.

Healthy: We are a community that protects, supports, reinforces and advances the total health and wellness of every member. We recognize the link between adolescent health, academic success, and lifelong healthy practices.

CODE OF ETHICS

- Respect:** I will treat others and myself with respect.
- Honesty:** I will not lie, cheat or steal and will discourage others from doing so.
- Compassion:** I will treat others with kindness, understanding and tolerance.
- Fairness:** I will treat others as I would like to be treated.
- Responsibility:** I will accept the responsibility for my actions.
- Courage:** I will strive for the courage to live by this code.

(Policy: File JICDA Brunswick Code of Student Conduct)

Bell Schedule **2019-2020**

7:42	Entry Walkers & Café (Announcement)
7:43	Entry Bell Gym
7:47	Warning Bell
7:50	Tardy Bell
7:52	Announcements
7:50-8:08	Advisor
8:11-8:59	Period One
9:02-9:50	Period Two
9:53- 10:41	Period Three
10:41-12:46	Period Four-Six (see below)
Grade 6	
10:44-11:32	Period Four
11:35-11:55	Lunch (Period Five)
11:58-12:46	Period Six
Grade 7	
10:44-11:32	Period Four
11:35-12:23	Period Five
12:26-12:46	Lunch (Period Six)
Grade 8	
10:44-11:04	Lunch (Period Four)
11:07-11:55	Period Five
11:58-12:46	Period Six
12:49-1:37	Period Seven
1:40-2:25	Period Eight
2:25-2:30	Locker Break
2:30	Announcements for Dismissal

ADVISORS

You will be assigned to an advisor at the beginning of the school year. Your advisor will be responsible for morning attendance, absence notes and conferences for this school year. When you have questions about choices at BJHS such as elective selections, sports tryouts, clubs, etc. your advisor should be available to help you.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We offer a rich array of after school clubs and intramural athletic activities including:

Art Club	Chess Club	Civil Rights
Flag Football	Floor Hockey	Go Green Team
Homework Club	Jazz Band	Math Teams
Musical Theater	Q&A Club	Robotics
Science Club	Show Choir	Team EarthKam
Wind Ensemble	Wrestling	Yearbook Staff

ATTENDANCE

A student should be in school every day that school is in session unless the need to be absent falls within the criteria for excused absence provided by law. A day lost from school cannot be replaced regardless of a student's capabilities, and no amount of make up work can never duplicate the original instruction that took place within the classroom. To expect less than excellent attendance may foster an attitude within the student that school just isn't all that important. Students who are absent for 17.5 or more days may be considered for retention per Brunswick School Department Policy JEAA.

A note giving the specific reasons for your absence from school, signed by a parent or guardian, must be brought to your advisor on the day you return to school even if a parent has called in the absence.

Legally acceptable excuses are defined as:

1. personal illness
2. appointments with health professionals that cannot be made outside of the regular school day
3. observance of recognized religious holidays when the observance is required during a regular school day
4. emergency family situations
5. planned absences for education or personal purposes which have been approved

Parents should present a written note along with a request form, obtainable in the main office, for a planned absence if such absence is to be 5 or more school days.

Students absent from school or who are ill and dismissed from school will not participate or be a spectator in activities after school. . (See Brunswick School Department Policy Manual; File JEA for additional information.)

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES are those times when a student is absent from school with parental/guardian knowledge and approval for reasons which the parent/guardian deems appropriate, but which are not recognized by the state as warranting an excused absence. Such unexcused absences may include (but are not limited to) travel time before and after holidays, unapproved trips and family vacations, hunting trips, and non-school activities during school time.

ATTENDANCE WAIVER PROCEDURE

The administration understands that there may be times when attendance issues are the result of extreme medical conditions/diagnoses. A student's absences may be waived for four (4) or more consecutive days for chronic illnesses if verification is received from the student's doctor.

Therefore, parents may call the school nurse to set up a meeting for a possible waiver for medical related absences. The meeting will be held with the student, parent/guardian, administrator, guidance counselor, and school nurse. The parent needs to bring documentation from the treating physician including the diagnosis and dates which the condition prevented the student from attending school.

MAKE-UP TIME

Students should attend homework club until teachers have signed off upon completion of the work missed.

ATTENDANCE-ARRIVAL

Walking students may enter the building only through the main lobby entrance when the bell rings at 7:42 A.M. It is recommended that walking students arrive only five minutes prior to the entrance bells.

Students who want to enter the building early to meet with a teacher should have a signed pass from that teacher.

ATTENDANCE-DISMISSAL

To be dismissed during the school day, a student must have their assignment notebook signed by the office during morning advisor period by bringing a note from home. Students will have their passes signed for the time of dismissal. Students are responsible for showing their pass to the appropriate teacher and leaving class at the time of their dismissal.

At the end of the day, all students riding busses will be dismissed after announcements. Students not riding busses are dismissed after the busses have left and should remain in their advisor rooms until the bell.

ATTENDANCE-TARDINESS

Students will be considered tardy to school or class if they are not in their classroom at the time the tardy bell rings at 7:50 AM. Students who are tardy in the morning are to report to the main office for a late slip. A note signed by the parent or guardian stating the reason for the tardiness should be brought to the office upon arrival. Acceptable excuses for tardiness are under the Attendance section.

ATTENDANCE-CLASSROOM TARDINESS

Students who are late to a class with an acceptable reason should go to that class with a pass from the person detaining them. Students who are late to class for an unacceptable reason will be held accountable by that classroom teacher.

AUTOMATED ATTENDANCE PHONE CALLS

If a student is marked absent in the morning, a call will automatically be made to the primary phone number listed in the database unless the office has been notified of their absence. The parents will be informed which period(s) that the student has been reported absent. Students must bring written notes for ALL absences regardless of phone communication.

BACKPACKS

Students may use backpacks to carry materials to and from school. Students are not to carry full backpacks to individual classes throughout the day, but may use string bags or small bags to organize their materials.

BEVERAGE/WATER MACHINE

Water machines and regular water fountains are available in the building and may be used by students during the day. Students may bring drinks from home. Beverages other than water can be consumed in the cafeteria or outside if the student is a walker. Only water can be consumed in classrooms.

BJHS INTERSCHOLASTICS

FALL: Boys Soccer A/Gr 8-B/Gr 7
Girls Soccer A/Gr 8-B/Gr 7
Girls Field Hockey A/Gr 8-B/Gr 7
Co-Ed Cross Country

WINTER: Boys Basketball A/Gr 8-B/Gr 7
Girls Basketball A/Gr 8-B/Gr 7
Co-Ed Cheerleading

SPRING: Boys Baseball
Girls Softball
Boys Lacrosse A/Gr 8-B/Gr 7
Girls Lacrosse A/Gr 8-B/Gr 7
Co-Ed Track

BICYCLES / SKATEBOARDS/ INLINE SKATES

Bicycles are to be parked and locked in the racks located in front of the building. Please walk your bike from the street to the bike rack. Bicycles are not to be ridden on the bus ramps at Coffin School or on the Brunswick Junior High school grounds. It is recommended that bikes be registered with the Brunswick Police Department.

Skateboards and skates are not to be used on school property. They are to be carried and stored in lockers during the school day. Skateboards are not allowed on any school busses.

BOMB THREATS

The Board recognizes that bomb threats are a significant concern to the school department. Whether real and carried out or intended as a prank or for some other purpose, a bomb threat represents a potential danger to the safety and welfare of students and staff and to the integrity of school property. Bomb threats disrupt the instructional program and learning environment and also place significant demands on school financial resources

and public safety issues. These effects occur even when such threats prove to be false.

Any bomb threat will be regarded as an extremely serious matter and treated accordingly. The Board directs the Superintendent/principals to react promptly and appropriately to information concerning bomb threats and to initiate or recommend suitable disciplinary action.

Conduct Prohibited

No person shall make, or communicate by any means, whether verbal or non-verbal, a threat that a bomb has been or will be placed on school premises.

Because of the potential for evacuation of the schools and other disruption of operations, placement of a bomb or of a "look-alike" bomb on school premises will be considered a threat for the purpose of this policy.

Reporting of Bomb Threats

A student who learns of a bomb threat or the existence of a bomb on school premises must immediately report such information to the building principal, teacher, the school resource officer or other employee in a position of authority.

Student Disciplinary Consequences

Making a bomb threat is a crime under Maine Law. Any student suspected of making a bomb threat shall be reported to law enforcement authorities for investigation and possible prosecution. Apart from any penalty imposed by law, and without regard to the existence or status of criminal charges, a student who makes a bomb threat shall be subject to disciplinary action by the school.

In addition, a student who is found after a hearing by the Board to have brought a bomb to school shall be expelled from school for at least one year in accordance with 20-A M.R.S.A.

Aiding Another Student in Making Bomb Threats

A student, who knowingly encourages, causes, aids or assists another student in making or communicating a bomb threat shall be subject to disciplinary consequences.

Failure to Report a Bomb Threat

A student who fails to report information or knowledge of a bomb threat or the existence of a bomb or other destructive device in a school building or on school property may be subject to disciplinary consequences, which may include suspension and/or expulsion.

BOOKS / OTHER MATERIALS

The School Department provides textbooks for students. Students can supply their own pens, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, atlases, calculators and paper when possible.

Each student is responsible for the textbooks assigned to him/her at the beginning of the year. All textbooks assigned for a full year must be covered.

Lost or damaged reports will be issued for books and other materials.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Upon arrival at school, students are to report directly to the cafeteria or gym. At the close of school, students are responsible for being on time for their proper busses. Bus students who have to remain after school must arrange for transportation home. Acceptable behavior must be maintained on busses, or the privilege to ride the bus may be restricted.

Bus students will get off at their regular stops unless a written note from the parent is presented to the main office that morning to obtain a bus pass. Due to the large number of students who take busses, bus passes will only be given in the following situations: a change in child care or family emergency. **Bus passes will not be given for detentions, social reasons or to work on projects.**

Under normal circumstances, walking students will not be allowed to ride a bus. Students who remain after school for **homework club or academic support** may ride a late bus if available.

CAFETERIA

Students are expected to pass and enter the cafeteria in a quiet, orderly manner. Students must bring their ID card or know their ID number with money on the account or cash to purchase lunch. Students may take a seat of their choice after being served unless asked to sit in a specific seat by a teacher on duty.

The cafeteria should become silent to hear announcements. Students should clean up around their tables. Students are expected to exhibit proper manners at all times.

Failure to conduct oneself in a proper manner may mean office detention or may result in the loss of cafeteria privileges.

CELLULAR TELEPHONE USE PROCEDURES

Secondary school students may be permitted to be in possession of cellular telephones under the following conditions:

- Students and parents must sign a Cellular Telephone Use Procedure form and submit it to the main office.
- Cell phones will be turned off and in the student's locker during the day.
- Cell phones will be turned off and out of sight on school buses during regular transportation runs except during emergencies.
- Cell phones may be used at the conclusion of school activities.
- No cell phones shall be used during detention or tutoring.

- The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged cell phones, or any financial obligations resulting from cellular phones.
- Any use in violation of the rules will result in confiscation of the phone. (On the first offense the student may pick up the device at the end of the day from the front office. Subsequent offenses will result in the need for the parent to pick up the device between 7 AM & 3:30 PM.)
- Violations of the rules may also result in immediate loss of the privilege to carry a phone.
- Illegal or inappropriate use of cell phones may result in suspension from school.
- Messages and pictures on cell phones may be accessed as part of an investigation.

CHEMICAL ABUSE POLICY

The Brunswick School Board unequivocally endorses the philosophy that our schools should be free from the detrimental effects of illicit drugs, alcohol and tobacco products. The Board acknowledges, however, the threat of chemical use among students in our community. To promote the highest possible standards of learning, as well as the safety, health and well being of students, this policy is designed to aid students in abstaining from the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco products and to support students who have developed a problem with these substances.

The School Department must be united with students, parents/guardians and the larger community in a problem-solving approach that focuses on the welfare of students without attempting to assign blame, deny problems or excuse bad behavior. The multifaceted approach outlined in this policy is intended to acknowledge a continuum of needs and to support administrators in flexibly responding to problems as they arise.

I. Prohibited Conduct

No student shall manufacture, distribute, dispense, serve, possess, use, transport or be under the influence of any prohibited substance as defined by this policy, the laws of the state of Maine, or federal law.

Prohibited Substances include:

- Alcohol;
- Tobacco products (including smokeless);
- Scheduled drugs as defined in 17-A MRSA §1101;
- Controlled substances as defined in the federal Controlled Substances Act, 21 USC §812 (examples include but are not limited to: narcotics, hallucinogens, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, and anabolic steroids);
- Any performance enhancing substance listed on the Maine Department of Health and Human Services Banned Substances list and any other substance which is illegal in Maine or the use of which is illegal for minors;

- Prescription drugs not prescribed for the student and/or not in compliance with the Board's policy: Administering Medicines To Students (FILE: JLCD);
- Any substance which can affect or change a student's mental state, physical condition, or behavior pattern, including but not limited to volatile materials such as glue, paint or aerosols (when possessed for the purpose of inhalation); over the counter medications (such as pseudoephedrine or dextromethorphan) that when used alone in large quantity or in combination with other drugs may pose serious health risks (including death); or other plants and herbs smoked or ingested with the intent to produce drug-like effects;
- Drug paraphernalia (defined as any implement used to distribute, deliver or consume a prohibited substance); or
- Any counterfeit drug or substance that is described as or is purported to be a prohibited substance as defined above.

These prohibitions apply to any student who is on school property, any student in attendance at school or at any school-sponsored home or away activity, or any student whose conduct at any time or any place directly interferes with the peacefulness and usefulness of the school.

II. Enforcement

Violations of the terms of this policy will constitute grounds for student discipline, including suspension, expulsion, and/or referral to law enforcement agencies. The School Resource Officer will also be notified of violations of this policy.

Corrective measures, beyond disciplinary actions for a violation, will be considered by the administrator, who may recommend actions that may range from mandatory in-school counseling to a treatment recommendation. If treatment is recommended, parents/guardians will bear the cost.

Administrators may be more restrictive in the applicability of this policy when engaging parents and students in contracts as a precondition to participate in extracurricular or co-curricular activities.

III. Deterrence

Deterrence can be affected in several ways: through meaningful health education and prevention programs; by creating a school environment where students have a sense of belonging; by building a culture of integrity where a premium is placed on honesty, and contracts can be used effectively; and through credible, visible, and consistent enforcement of chemical abuse policy and related laws.

The health curriculum should include building awareness of the detrimental aspects of chemical use. The

Board strives to create a healthy and caring school environment by implementing a system wide Code of Student Conduct (FILE: JICDA) and through policies such as Anti-Bullying (FILE: JIKC). The Board endorses the use of pledges, contracts and codes of conduct to establish acceptable bounds of behavior relative to the use of chemicals.

School administrators are responsible for developing operating procedures to deter and prevent drug use and trafficking within their school environments. Specific measures that may aid in deterrence may include, but are not limited to, the use of breathalyzers, drug tests and random or scheduled facility searches with counter narcotics dog teams after consultation with the Superintendent. The School Resource Officer should be relied upon for assistance in establishing effective screening procedures at school events and in establishing protocols for facility searches. When employed, it is the responsibility of school administrators, in conjunction with law enforcement officials, to establish procedures to ensure that these activities are conducted consistently, safely and with the maximum deterrent effect.

IV. Co-Curricular Activities

Additional constraints are placed on students who elect to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities such as sports or after school clubs. Agreeing to the constraints and conduct rules is a precondition to participating in these activities. These agreements are in the form of pledges and must be signed by parent and student. Coaches and activity sponsors shall foster a process for the acceptance of these agreements that reinforces the values of the program and the concept that one's word of honor in a pledge is inviolable.

Activity sponsors, coaches, teachers, administrators and parents must communicate with one another to head off problems and continually reinforce the importance of honor and integrity in the context of the pledge. While every student and every situation may be unique, it is imperative that those charged with administering the policies and contracts do so with consistency, fairness, and in the best interest of all students and the educational environment.

V. Prevention and Education

The School Department will provide information and activities focused on educating students about drugs and alcohol and abstaining from their use. Such information and activities will address the legal, social and health consequences of drug and alcohol abuse and will provide information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs and alcohol. The School Department will work in partnership with students, parents/guardians and local law enforcement officials to eliminate these risks for students, especially where the health and safety of a particular student are in question.

A. The Role of Parents/Guardians

The Board believes that parents/guardians play a crucial role in preventing high risk behaviors in their children, including illicit drug use such as underage drinking. In fact, teens who learn from their parents/guardians about the dangers and effects of alcohol – and who know that their parents/guardians are monitoring their behavior – are less likely to use and abuse alcohol. Parents/guardians should aim to help decrease the social acceptance of adults hosting/furnishing for minors by actively communicating with other parents/guardians in the school community and with local law enforcement.

B. The Role of the School

The schools should provide parents/guardians as much information on their crucial role as is practicable, including practical tips, useful facts, and valuable statewide resources to help parents/guardians monitor and prevent illicit substance use by their teens. Information is made available to students through curriculum beginning at the elementary level. Additionally, administrators should make information available through special events, dedicated newsletters, announcements, and correspondence, and the ongoing sponsorship of prevention programs such as D.A.R.E. and Project Alert.

C. The Role of Students

Any active student organization, such as Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), that promotes healthy attitudes and norms among youth and helps to decrease the social acceptance of high risk behaviors should be encouraged, supported and recognized for its special service.

D. The Role of School Staff

Any school staff member who has reason to suspect that a student violated this policy is expected to report the incident to an appropriate administrator immediately. The School Department will provide training to school staff in identifying prohibited substances and their physical effects and behaviors associated with their use, when and where appropriate.

VI. Intervention and Treatment

Administrators will provide assistance to students with chemical abuse problems through a team approach to intervention. Each school will establish teams consisting of, but not limited to: a counselor, teachers, administrators, school nurse and, if the situation warrants in cases where the health and safety of the student are in question, the School Resource Officer. This team will assist students in addressing their involvement with chemical substances and will advise parents on an appropriate student placement in a prevention treatment program at the parents'/guardians' expense. This team will also be a resource for students as they proceed in their educational program chemical-free. While the focus of this team approach is to address the chemical use, they should approach each student's needs holistically in order to address other life issues that may contribute to the

student's use of chemicals. All student records concerning such interventions shall be kept confidential as required by state and federal laws. Additionally, the School Department will provide either staff or contracted substance abuse counseling. All known or suspected substance abuse cases shall be referred to the substance abuse counselor for evaluation and referral.

VII. Communications

Effective communication between caring partners in our educational system can create a figurative safety net to identify when a student may be engaged in risky behavior and to share in developing solutions to educate, inform, and otherwise surround the student with support. As parents, teachers, coaches, administrators, counselors, and school resource officers see each student in a different context, they all play critical roles in the development of this communication network. This is the concept behind the use of staffing groups to assess, address and monitor students' behavioral and chemical abuse issues as well as potential counseling needs. Two-way communication is an imperative part of an effective chemical abuse prevention program. It is the responsibility of school administrators to oversee this process and to ensure all staff members adhere to a proactive approach to communicating student support issues to families, caregivers, and other staffing team members.

VIII. Notice

The School Department shall distribute this policy and appropriate related information to staff, students and parents/guardians on an annual basis through handbooks and/or other means selected by the Superintendent and school administrators.
(Policy; File JICH)

CIVIL RIGHTS TEAM

The Civil Rights Team is a group of students dedicated to reduce hate, violence, prejudice, harassment and bias. The team works to reduce intolerance and build an understanding of the Maine Civil Rights Act in the entire school community.

The group meets weekly throughout the year to work on projects such as assemblies, announcements, newsletters and bulletin board displays. They also make signs, visit classrooms and sponsor "No Name Calling Week" to educate students on the power of their words.

All students are welcome to join.

COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE

The Brunswick School Department provides computers, networks and Internet access to support the educational mission of the schools and to enhance the curricula and learning opportunities for students and school staff. The Board believes that the resources available through the use of technology are significant value in the learning process and preparing students for future success. At the same time, the unregulated availability of information and communication on the Internet requires that schools

establish reasonable controls for lawful, efficient and appropriate use of this technology.

Student use of school computers, networks and Internet services is a privilege, not a right. Students are required to comply with this policy and any other acceptable use of similar policies or procedures that may be adopted at the site or district level. Students who violate this policy its regulations and/or supplemental policies or procedures may have their computer privileges revoked and may also be subjected to further disciplinary and/or legal action.

All Brunswick School Department computers remain under the control, custody and supervision of the school department. The school department reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students. Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers

While reasonable precautions will be taken to supervise student use of computers and the Internet, the Brunswick School Department cannot reasonably prevent all inappropriate uses, including access to objectionable materials and communication with persons outside of the school, in violation of Board policies school department regulations/procedures and/or school rules. The school department is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of the information that students obtain through the Internet.

Before a student is extended full access to school computers and Internet services, the student and the student's parent/guardian must sign and return the Computer/Internet Access Acknowledgement form. The school will retain the signed acknowledgement. In the absence of a signed acknowledgement form, computer (but not Internet) access may be granted at the discretion of the supervising employee and under the supervision of an employee.

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and the accompanying rules. The Superintendent or designee may also develop additional administrative procedures/rules governing the day-to-day management and operations of the school department's computer system. (Policy; File IJNDB)

CORRIDOR SAFETY

Students are expected to behave in a responsible manner. Behavior that impedes the safety of others (pushing, running, etc.) or the learning environment (loud, boisterous disruptions) will be addressed and dealt with accordingly.

DETENTION-CLASSROOM

Detention period is a time when the student is assigned to stay after school or eat lunch in a location other than the cafeteria for any infraction of acceptable student behavior. Students should fully understand that adults who work at the school have the authority to correct misconduct at any time. Teachers may also award detentions if students do not hand in assignments on time.

Transportation home after detention is the student's responsibility in conjunction with parents. Late bus passes will not be provided for students who have been detained for misconduct reasons.

Failure to report for two assigned detentions may be result in an office detention.

Serious violations of school regulations (e.g., smoking, sexual harassment, vulgarity directed at others, or repeated minor violations) will be dealt with immediately and may include parental conferences and/or suspension.

DETENTION-OFFICE

Students who behave inappropriately outside of the classroom will be issued an office detention to be served lunch. Students will get their lunch at the beginning of the period and report to the assigned room for the remainder of the lunch period.

Students who receive three office detentions in one quarter may be subject to an in-school suspension.

DRESS-GUIDELINES

The Brunswick School Department believes that appropriate grooming and dress contribute to the quality of the educational environment. To this end, students are required to wear to school or to school functions, clean and appropriate clothing that does not distract or interfere with the educational opportunity of the other students. Clothing, hair, cosmetic, scented products, jewelry or appearance that may disrupt the normal operations of the school is not acceptable.

The following guidelines shall be deemed to be the minimum necessary for compliance with the student dress and grooming policy:

- Clothing that depicts or in any way refers to, advertises, or promotes illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco products, that has sexual implications, that promotes violence or illegal acts, or that is derogatory toward any group or individual is not allowed.
- Shoes, sneakers, or sandals will be worn by all students while on school grounds.
- All clothing is to fit properly, be of appropriate length, and not be revealing or indecent. Underwear should not be visible and clothing should cover the chest, midriff, back and mid-thigh appropriately.
- Garments, chains, some chain-like necklaces and/or accessories that may be used as a weapon or perceived as gang member symbols will not be allowed.
- Styles of grooming and/or dress that block vision will not be allowed.
- Students attending classes such as, but not limited to, technology education, consumer and life studies, physical education and laboratory classes, will comply with dress code regulations as they relate to the health and safety standards of the

specific area of study or work. Teachers will notify students of these rules.

- Students will be required to remove hats upon entering the building at BJHS.

It is not the intention of these guidelines to usurp the authority of parents for determining what appropriate dress and grooming is for their children. Since the home provides the funds, guidance, and upkeep for the students' clothing and grooming, parents, rather than the school, are primarily responsible for the general appearance of students. The school staff will work with parents in encouraging our young people, as they progress through the system, to assume this responsibility and to execute it sensibly. The purpose of the home and school working together should be to help students accept and cooperate with the guidelines to provide the best possible learning environment. These regulations may be waived at the discretion of the building administrator for special school occasions or events. (Policy; File JICA-R)

ELEVATOR

The elevator is for use only with authorization from the office staff or nurse.

ELIGIBILITY

Each student will be eligible to join and to participate in any or all intramural school activities, which he/she chooses. Interscholastic eligibility is determined by the guidelines for each sport. In order to participate in any extracurricular activity, a student must have a passing grade (A passing grade will be determined by considering the student's average from the beginning of a grading period to the present time) of a "**C- or higher**" in all courses for which they are enrolled while engaged in the activity. A grade of "**D+, D, or D-**" will result in the student being placed on **extracurricular probation**. If the grade(s) are not brought up to a passing level within two (2) weeks, that student will be placed on extracurricular suspension. A grade of "**F**" will result in the student being placed on **extracurricular suspension** immediately.

During Extracurricular probation, that student may practice with the team, but will not be allowed to participate in any games, contests, scrimmages or meets. They will not be allowed to ride with the team to any away contests during extracurricular probation. Probation will last until all grades are passing, but for a period not to exceed two (2) weeks. If grades are not passing after the two-week extracurricular probation, the student will be placed on extracurricular suspension, during which they will not be allowed to participate in any **extracurricular activity** in any way until all grades are a passing grade of "**C- or higher**."

Students cannot become eligible on a game day. Eligibility status must be gained the day before the contest and approved by the Athletic Director. For the

purposes of trying out, all students are eligible. Once the team is selected, students will be placed on an eligibility checklist. The Athletic Director will monitor all athletic teams involved in the eligibility process keeping both parent/guardian and coach informed of the student's status when eligibility is in question.

ENDANGERMENT

The throwing of any object or any act that endangers another person is prohibited and will be dealt with seriously. (This would include "play fighting")

The throwing and/or use of snowballs is prohibited on school grounds at any time. Repeat offenders may be subject to suspension from school.

EQUITABLE PLACEMENT CRITERIA (Revised, 2015)

The counseling department in consultation with the administration, special education department, and leadership team will make placement decisions based on the following steps and using the following criteria:

1. Working within the class size guidelines established by the Board, it is understood that classes should, to the extent possible, be balanced in terms of race, gender and ethnicity.
2. In order to ensure appropriate placement and a reasonable distribution of special education students, the special education department will draft a preliminary placement list of their students and submit it to the counseling department in adequate time to prepare for Step-Up Day.
3. Similar thought should be given to the placement of RtI (Response to Intervention), ATD (Academic Talent Development-gifted) and ESL (English as a Second Language) students.
4. By Step Up Day, the counseling department will complete the preliminary placement process. It is understood that the counseling department will utilize their knowledge of students' social, emotional and academic needs in making their decisions.
5. The Leadership Team will review placement lists prior to the end of the school year. All staff members privileged to view these preliminary lists must maintain confidentiality since changes will continue to be made right up through opening day. Parents and students will be informed of their team assignment by letter during August. The counseling department will bear the primary responsibility for assigning new students registering over the summer.

Note: Brunswick Junior High is no longer able to honor letters of request regarding student placement.

FIRE AND CRISIS RESPONSE DRILLS

Directions are posted in each classroom for these drills. Students are expected to be silent during a drill.

FUNDRAISING

With assistance from the parent group, the BJHS faculty and staff will support a reasonable amount of fundraising in order to enrich our educational programs, support field trips, and help cover the occasional incidental expense.

While it is not our intent to add fundraising activities to the plan once the school year is rolling, it is possible that on occasion a special circumstance may arise that requires additional fundraising

Notes: While we have no control over community fundraising efforts, we will attempt to avoid conflicts between any such activities and our own fundraising.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

Parents of students should be mindful of both their child's health and that of the group. A student who feels ill should stay at home. Many cases of severe illnesses and the spread of epidemics can be prevented in this way. Cooperation on the part of all will keep our health at the highest level possible. If, in the opinion of school officials, the student does not seem physically fit to remain in school, you will be requested to come for your child. Parents are asked to furnish the school with the name, address, and telephone number of a person with whom the child may be left in an emergency in case the parents cannot be reached.

If your child has any of the following they should stay at home.

1. Fever of 100 degrees or higher
2. Uncontrollable cough
3. Persistent thick nasal discharge
4. Nausea and/or vomiting
5. Diarrhea

Students will be dismissed for health related concerns at the discretion of the school nurse. Students who present to the Health Office with the above symptoms will be dismissed. Students may return to school after an illness when they have been symptom free for 24 hours.

When returning to school after an illness, the student should be well enough to participate in all aspects of the school program unless arrangements have been made before the return to school with the school nurse, school counselor or administration.

HUSKY TIME

Husky Time is an intervention period (period 8) designed to help students who may need additional supports or time. Chorus and World Language classes may also occur during this period. Students who are current with their school work and do not require any additional support may use this as the traditional Sustained Silent Reading Time (SSR).

On Wednesday, all students will go their advisor rooms and may use this time for finalizing work for the week, seeing teachers where they may need time or support, or the traditional SSR. Teachers will let students

know if they need to see them for work completion or extra assistance.

HYGIENE- PERSONAL

For the health and well being of all, every student is expected to practice personal hygiene.

Perfumes, lotions and cosmetics shall not be used in the classrooms or hallways due to allergy concerns among the students and staff.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Maine School Immunization Law (Chapter 661) requires pupils enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12 to be immunized with polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, varicella and rubella vaccines. The mumps vaccination is required for pupils in kindergarten through 7th grade. The meningococcal vaccination is required for all students entering, advancing or transferring into the 7th grade.

Immunization Requirements

<u>Doses</u>	<u>Immunization</u>
5	DTaP (4 if 4 th dose given after 4 th birthday)
4	Polio vaccines (4 th dose not needed if 3 rd dose is given after 4 th birthday)
2	MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
1	Varicella (chickenpox)* (Students under age 13 need only one dose, age 13 and over require two doses given 4-8 weeks apart.
1	MCV4 (meningococcal) for all students entering, advancing, or transferring into the 7 th grade

**Proof of immunity for chickenpox can be shown in one of 3 ways:*

- 1. A note or health record from your doctor showing your child has had chickenpox.*
- 2. A valid Immunization Record showing your child has had the chickenpox vaccine.*
- 3. Results of a blood test that shows your child is immune to chickenpox.*

Any child who does not meet these requirements within 90 days of registration may not attend school. You must bring documentation of immunization dates to the school office by the start of school or present one of the following:

- A physician's written statement that immunization is medically inadvisable.
- OR
- A written statement each year stating an opposition to immunizations because of sincere religious, moral, philosophical or personal reasons.

LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

Once students arrive on school property in the morning, they are not permitted to leave school grounds without permission. Doing so could result in suspension from school.

LOCKERS

Each student is loaned a locker with a built-in combination lock. Memorize the combination and keep it confidential. Lockers may be opened before and after school as well as in between classes. Students who bring lunches should get them just prior to their lunch period. Lockers will be periodically checked. Clothing and food should not be left in a locker overnight.

Lockers are the property of the school. Should there be a reason to suspect that the contents of a locker contain something that, in the judgment of the administration, could be harmful or interfere with the orderly maintenance of discipline in the school, the locker may be opened by an administrator.

LUNCH-STUDENT ID CARDS

Students will be provided a photo ID card that will be scanned by the cafeteria cash registers. Students must make a prepayment in order to use this card. Students need to fill out a payment envelope and deposit it in the collection box in the main office before 9:00 a.m. for use that day. Students cannot put money on their account in the cafeteria at lunchtime. Students who do not wish to use the scan card may purchase lunch with cash or bring their own.

Money can also be added to this account, and balance checked, on-line at myschoolbucks.com. An account must be set up by the parent at this site. The student's ID number is required for this which can be obtained from the school.

Students will need to know their ID number if they do not have their cards. Students may not go home for lunch or leave the school grounds during this time.

This card will also be used for identification at school functions.

LOST AND FOUND

It is the student's responsibility to report any lost article to the teacher in authority at the time. Lost clothing will be put on the lost and found rack at the entrance to the school. Personal items, books, jewelry, glasses, etc., will be kept in the main office.

All clothing items such as coats, fleece, sweatshirts, shorts, pants, shoes, hats, gloves and lunch boxes not claimed will be donated at the end of each quarter, as well as at the end of the school year.

MATH PLACEMENT PROCEDURE

At the junior high school, students are grouped into high, average, and foundations math classes

6th Grade Placement

When students come to the junior high as sixth graders they are placed in a math class using the following criteria:

Incoming 6th grade students are placed in math groups based on their Aims Web scores and their fifth grade teachers' recommendation. If an incoming 6th grader is considered to be a candidate for a Pre-Algebra class, he/she must qualify using the advancement criteria outlined below.

7th and 8th Grade Placement

As students progress into grades 7 and 8, teacher recommendations are used to determine the placement into high, average and foundations classes. Some 7th grade students may be advanced into a 7th grade pre-algebra class or Algebra I class. Some 8th grade students may be advanced into an Algebra I or Geometry class.

Advancement Procedure: In order to be eligible for this advancement, two of the following criteria must be met:

1. Teacher recommendation in the spring from the 6th grade math teacher (for advancement into 7th grade Pre-Algebra) or from the 7th grade math teacher (for advancement into 8th grade Algebra I).
2. Score in the 90th percentile or above on the student's most recent Star 360 math test.
3. Score of 22/30 on a diagnostic placement test for 6th grade students hoping to advance as 7th graders; score of 26/30 on a diagnostic placement test for 7th grade students hoping to advance as 8th graders. The diagnostic placement test is administered in the spring.

Parents should be aware that:

- No class, or level of class, is capped by the number of students who qualify for that class.
- At any time during the school year, a student in any grade level may be moved to another level of math if the teacher feels that a move is appropriate. Usually when a student changes to a different math level, the student does not need to change teams.
- Students who are new to the district are given a placement test. The results of this test, along with information from the student's previous school, are used to place the student.

MEDIA CENTER

The Media Center offers a wide variety of print and electronic curricula support materials for use by students and faculty. The library staff encourages individual, small group, or full class use of the facility and its resources. It is expected that all students will abide by school rules and treat materials with care. They are also expected to exhibit proper behavior during visits to the center.

PERSONAL DEVICES: USE PROCEDURE

- Personal devices will be turned off and out of sight during classes, study halls, in the hallways and in detention or tutoring.

- The school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal devices.
- Any use in violation of the rules will result in confiscation of the device (retrieval by appointment only.)
- Violations of the rules may also result in immediate loss of the privilege to carry the device(s) and possible suspension from school.

LAPTOP RULES, REGULATIONS, AND CONSEQUENCES

The MLTI laptops and carrying cases are the property of the State of Maine, registered to Brunswick Junior High and then issued to each seventh and eighth grade student. The laptop must be returned at the end of the school year or if the student transfers out of the Brunswick School District.

Computer use is a privilege, not a right. The privilege can be revoked.

Equipment Care:

- MLTI Laptops (grades 7 and 8) can go home with students only AFTER a parent/guardian attends an orientation session and signs a release form.
- The laptop and chargers should be in the student's possession or placed in a secure location at all times. Unattended laptops will be confiscated. During lunch laptops should be placed in their designated locations.
- When not in use, laptops and power cords should be in their protective cases.
- No food or drinks near the laptops!
- No stickers or marks of any kind are permitted on the laptop or case.
- Laptops must be in their zipped cases or buckled when moving throughout the school.
- Laptops and cases may NOT be put inside backpacks except when riding bikes.
- If the laptop is stolen, it should be reported to the police and Brunswick Junior High personnel immediately (with a police report).
- Students are responsible for the replacement cost of the charging unit if it is lost or damaged. The replacement cost is \$72.
- Students are responsible for any costs resulting from loss or damage caused by intentional or negligent behavior.

Daily Use:

- Students may not loan their laptop to anyone or share their password.
- Any inappropriate use or neglectful care of the computer will result in fewer laptop privileges.
- Students are responsible for information sent/received on their laptop. There is no right to privacy and Brunswick School Department personnel will do regular checks.

- Any games must be teacher approved. Absolutely no online chatting. Music should not be downloaded from the Internet. The exception is when the music is temporarily downloaded for a class. Explicit music is not allowed.
- Students may not download programs, or view/store pornographic, violent or otherwise unacceptable material. If a student accidentally accesses an inappropriate site, he/she must report the incident to a teacher immediately.
- Students who delete Internet history will have the same consequence for those who visited inappropriate sites.
- Parents/guardians are responsible to ensure that their children use their laptops appropriately.
- While using the Internet, students should not reveal personal information including full name, phone number, address, and personal images, etc.
- “Hacking” into any computer network is strictly forbidden.
- Students are responsible for obeying all copyright laws and for properly citing sources.
- Students should not record or take photos of anyone without their permission.
- The laptops should be fully charged every night. At the end of the day, laptops should be shut down.
- Laptops are not to be used on the bus or in the gymnasium. These locations are potentially unsafe for equipment.
- During study halls, students must have permission of the study hall teacher to use the laptops.

Consequences are based on the digital citizenship rubric, and include, but are not limited to: Verbal warnings, reflection sheets, parent contact and/or administrator interaction:

1 st offense:	Written warning
2 nd offense:	1 Week probation
3 rd offense:	1 Month probation

When applicable, privileges will not be restored to a student until the signed parent information form has been returned.

Additional disciplinary action may be pursued which may include **disabling of applications or complete loss of laptop.**

MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOL

Students will only be permitted to take medication while at school according to the steps outlined below:

- I. Medication During School Year form or a written statement containing the same information must be signed and submitted by the parent or guardian.
- II. Medicines will be maintained by the school personnel as follows:
 - A. Medication is to be kept in a secure location as approved by the principal;

- B. Medication must be in original prescription containers, with student’s name, name of medication and dosage.
- C. The medication will be taken under supervision of school personnel.
- D. Exceptions to this policy may be made by the building principal.

Medication During School Year form can be obtained in the nurse’s office. (Policy File: JLCD)

MUSIC

There are many musical opportunities available for students at BJHS. Band and chorus concerts are scheduled throughout the school year. A performance calendar is posted on the BJH Music Web Sites. In addition, music students are encouraged to audition for one or more of the following ensembles:

Extra-Curricular Choral Ensembles

BJH offers extra-curricular choral ensembles for students who are members in good standing in the curricular Choral Music program. Students may choose to participate in Advanced Choir which offers traditional choral music at an advanced level and rehearses before school two days per week for the year. A cappella groups are formed as needed and rehearse as students are available. Jazz Choir is an auditioned ensemble that will include 20 students and will meet after school one day per week from November until the end of March.

Instrumental Ensembles

Jazz Band: Grades 6, 7 & 8; auditions are held in early September; this extra-curricular group meets outside of school hours.

Wind Ensemble: Grades 6, 7 & 8; auditions are held in early September; this extra-curricular group meets outside of school hours.

Honors Festivals

MMEA District 3 Sixth Grade Honors Festival: Grade 6; auditions are held in early November; rehearsals before and after school *; festival in late March.

*Please note: additional rehearsals may be scheduled as needed for music ensembles.

MMEA District 7th & 8th Grade Honors Festival: Grades 7 & 8; auditions are held in early November; rehearsals before and after school *; festival in April

*Please note: additional rehearsals may be scheduled as needed for music ensembles.

NO SCHOOL/EARLY DISMISSAL

The Superintendent of Schools makes the decision regarding cancellation of school. The district has implemented an automated calling system to announce school cancellations or a delayed start for school. Local radio stations and WCSH and WGAN in Portland make appropriate announcements between 6:45 and 7:30 a.m.

Television stations WGME, WMTW and WCSH air cancellation announcements beginning at 5:30 a.m. and list them on their web sites. All extra curricular activities will be canceled on snow days unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent.

In case of the need to dismiss school early, the senior high school will usually be dismissed first followed by the junior high and elementary schools.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”) affords parents and students 18 years of age and older (“eligible students”) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. They are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the Brunswick School Department receives a request for access. Parents of eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the Brunswick School Department to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the Brunswick School Department decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the Brunswick School Department will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school unit as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school unit has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a

legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the Brunswick School Department discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. The Brunswick School Department may make public at its discretion personally identifiable information from the education records of a student without parental consent if that information has been designated as directory information by the school. Directory information includes the student’s name, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of athletes, honors and awards received, most recent previous education institution attended by the student, and other information that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed.

Please note that when a health or safety emergency exists, schools may share relevant information about students involved in the emergency with appropriate parties – that is, those whose knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals.

Such information will not be disclosed if the parent of the student informs the school unit in writing by July 1 for the upcoming school year or within 30 days after enrollment, whichever is later, that such information is not to be designated as directory information with respect to that student.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Brunswick School Department to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20202-4605

The Brunswick School Department maintains a more extensive policy on education records. That policy can be obtained by contacting the school principal.

Please note that when a health or safety emergency exists, schools may share relevant information about students involved in the emergency with appropriate parties – that is, those whose knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals.

PARENT NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS under ESSA

The ESSA requires parental “right to know” about the qualifications of those professionals who are

educating their students. The regulations require the following requirements:

- At the beginning of each school year, a local unit receiving Title I funds must notify the parents of each student attending a Title I school that they provide the parents, information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers. (This does mean all of the teachers in your school).
- The information provided must include the following:
 - Whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher is providing instruction;
 - Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status;
 - The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any graduate certification or degree held by the teacher and the field of discipline of the certification and degree;
 - Whether the student is being provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, "their qualifications."

Additionally, schools must also provide each parent "timely" notice whenever a child has been assigned or taught for *four or more consecutive weeks* by a teacher of any "core academic subject" who is not highly qualified. (Core academic subjects include writing, reading, language arts, foreign languages, civics, government, economics, arts, history, and geography, as well as math and science). All of this information must be provided in a "uniform and understandable format," and in a language that parents can understand.

PASSES

Any student leaving a room except to go to a scheduled class will have his/her pass signed by the teacher. Passes are contained in their Assignment Notebook.

PEER TO PEER BEHAVIOR CODE

Students, parents and staff expect that all students at BJH treat each other with respect. Fortunately, the majority of our students do this very well. However, there are times when students mistreat each other. When this occurs, we follow our Peer to Peer Behavior Code, which can be found at the end of this handbook and on our website.

PEST MANAGEMENT NOTIFICATION

The Brunswick School Department uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to the control of insects, rodents, microorganisms, weeds and other pests found in school buildings and on school grounds. IPM combines a variety of methods of managing pests including

monitoring, improved sanitation and food storage practices, pest exclusion and removal, biological control, and pesticides. The objective of the IPM program is to provide effective pest control while minimizing pesticide use.

Pesticides

Non-chemical pest management methods will be implemented whenever possible. However, sometimes pesticide use may be necessary to control a pest problem. When that happens, the school will use the least hazardous effective pesticide possible.

Notification

In an effort to keep parents and staff better informed about unusual pest management situations, the Brunswick School Department has created a Notification Registry.

In order to receive notification, you must request to be placed on the school's notification registry. Notification will be given at least five days before the planned pesticide application. When required by law, pesticide application notices will be posted in school and on school grounds.

Notification need not be given for pesticide applications listed below that are recognized by law or regulation to pose little or no risk of exposure to students or staff.

1. Non-volatile liquids injected into cracks, crevices or wall voids
2. Non-volatile baits, gels, pastes and granular materials placed in areas inaccessible to students
3. Paints, stains and wood preservatives
4. Disinfectants used for routine cleaning
5. Non-powered applications of ready-to-use general-use pesticides to control or repel stinging or biting insects where there is an urgent need to protect the health or safety of a student, staff or other school occupant
6. When school is not in session and will not be in session until the safe re-entry time specified on the pesticide label has elapsed, and
7. Indoor applications of a pesticide with no re-entry interval specified on its label but entry to the treated area is restricted for at least 24 hours

A copy of the school department's IPM/Pest Management policy is available, as are all other policies, for review in the appropriate school office. The IPM coordinator will also keep records of prior pesticides applications and the pesticides used. These records, a copy of the policy, and Maine's "Pesticides in School" regulation (Chapter 27 of the Department of Agriculture Board of Pesticides Control Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Schools") may be reviewed by contacting Brunswick's IPM Coordinator, David Brunette, at 319-1904 or by logging onto the

school department's web site (www.brunswick.k12.me.us).
(Policy: File ECB-E1)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS

The mission of the Physical Education Program reflects the philosophy of the Brunswick School Department. Physical Education seeks to educate the whole student through the use of physical activities to help the individual develop physically, socially, intellectually and emotionally. Through their positive participation in play, exercise and sports, all students will receive valuable experience in their educational life.

In order to be excused from P.E, a student should bring a note from a parent/guardian stating the injury or illness preventing participation.

POWERSCHOOL

PowerSchool is a web-based student data management system that the school district uses to administer a wide range of student information, including grades, attendance, course assignments, scheduling, demographics, and student activity data. Since PowerSchool is web-based, it can be accessed from any computer that is connected to the Internet. PowerSchool also has an App that can be downloaded to a smartphone.

Parents can view their own child's attendance and grade information through the use of the PowerSchool Parent Portal application via the Internet. Each user (parent/ guardian) is issued a unique username and password that will allow access to view their student's information only. Parents/guardians who have more than one child in the district will have separate passwords for each child. The intention of PowerSchool Parent Portal is to provide parents, guardians, students, and teachers with a tool, which will communicate grades, attendance records, assignments, teacher comments, and school announcements on an ongoing basis.

Parents who need help with passwords or logging in should call the main office.

PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) gives parents and students who are 18 or older or emancipated minors ("eligible students") certain rights regarding the school district's conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and conduct of certain physical exams. These include the right to:

1. Consent to federally funded surveys concerning "protected information." If the U.S. Department of Education funds a survey in whole or in part, a student's parents or an eligible student must consent in writing before the student may provide information relating to the following categories:
 - Political affiliations;
 - Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;

- Sexual behavior or attitudes;
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
- Critical appraisals of student's family members;
- Privileged or similar relationships recognized by law, such as with attorneys, doctors, and ministers;
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parents; or
- Income other than that required by law to determine program eligibility.

A survey that concerns any of these points is called a "protected information survey."

2. Opt out of certain surveys and exams. Parents and eligible students will receive notice of any of the following activities and will have the right to opt out of them:
 - Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for purposes of marketing or selling or otherwise distributing the information to others;
 - Any protected information survey, regardless of funding; and
 - Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent and scheduled by the school, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student or of another student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under state law.
3. Inspect certain material. Parents and eligible students have the right to inspect the following, upon request, before the district administers or uses them:
 - Protected information surveys of students (including any instructional materials used in connection with the survey);
 - Documents used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 - Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.
4. Receive notification of district policy. The School District has developed a policy, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, and has made arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. The School District will directly notify parents and eligible students through each school, of this policy at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes are made.

5. Report violations. Parents and eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

RECOGNITION AWARD & HONOR ROLL

For a student to be on the Honor Roll they must have all As and Bs for that quarter.

For a student to receive a Year 1 Recognition Award they must have all As and Bs in their final grades for three of four quarters for the year, this must include quarter 4. To receive a Year 2 Recognition Award they must have all As and Bs in their final grades for three of four quarters for two years, this must include quarter 4 in year two. Finally to receive a Year 3 Recognition Award they must have all As and Bs in their final grades for three of four quarters for three years, this must include quarter 4 in year three.

REPORT CARDS

Students may keep copies of their report cards after they have been signed by their parent/guardian. Report Cards will be issued four times during the school year: November, February, April and June. Progress reports can be accessed through the Power School Parent Portal. Hard copies will be provided to parents who do not have internet access by request.

Grading Scale

A+	98-100	C-	70-72
A	93-97	D+	67-69
A-	90-92	D	63-66
B+	87-89	D-	60-62
B	83-86	F	59 or below
B-	80-82	I	Incomplete
C+	77-79	W	Withdrawn
C	73-76	P	Pass

Effort and Behavior Key

- 4 – Always meets expectations
- 3 – Consistently meets expectations
- 2 – Inconsistent in meeting expectations
- 1 – Needs significant improvement

REQUEST FOR STUDENT TO CHANGE PLACEMENT DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

During the course of a school year, there may be occasion when a student, parent, counselor or teacher requests a placement change for a student. While placement changes are rarely made, there are times when such change is appropriate.

For a change to be considered there needs to be a **compelling reason**. Circumstances must exist that have a serious negative impact on the student's physical,

intellectual, or emotional well being. Furthermore, there must be evidence that less drastic attempts have been made to remedy the situation, and that these attempts have failed. Usually, these preliminary attempts have involved the classroom teacher, teaching team, parents, student and counselor. Under such circumstances, it is appropriate for any party to present a petition to the building principal for him/her to consider a change of placement. Such a decision will be made by the principal after having held a meeting involving the parents, counselor, teaching team and, when appropriate, the student.

SCHOOL COUNSELING

School counseling services are available to all Brunswick Junior High School students and their families. A counselor is assigned to each student and can provide help in the areas of academic, personal/social, and career exploration issues.

Assistance is offered in many areas such as transition and adjustment to school, peer relationships, and understanding of self-educational planning. Counselors will also help with referral to outside agencies and any other personal/social or family issues a student may experience. Counselors are visible and available to students at all times; they meet with students individually, in small groups, and provide classroom guidance lessons.

Students wishing to speak with a counselor may ask a teacher for a pass or visit the counseling office for an appointment.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special Education /Programs for Handicapped/Disabled/Exceptional Students

The Brunswick School Department will ensure that a special education referral process be in place (Chapter 101, Section 7.8). The Superintendent or designee will be responsible for referrals accepted from staff, parents and other concerned parties. Referral is initiated upon receipt of written parental/guardian permission to evaluate the student. This process will include screening of "at-risk" students. (Chapter 101, Section 7.8, Paragraph D) (Policy: IHBA)

Individual Education Program (I.E.P.)

Once an individual for whom the Brunswick School Department has educational responsibility is identified as a student with a disability, the IEP Team shall write an Individual Education Program (I.E.P.) which defines the special education and supportive services deemed appropriate for that student. The I.E.P. shall be the basis for all educational programming and placement decisions for that student. Each I.E.P. shall be developed in accordance with the least restrictive educational alternative criteria set forth in Maine Special Education Regulation 9.2 as adopted in IHBAD.

The I.E.P. shall contain all the required components as set forth in Maine Special Education Regulation 9.3 (Policy: IHBAA)

Parental Notice Regarding Physical Restraint and Seclusion

The Brunswick School Committee has adopted *Policy JKAA: Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion and Procedure JKAA-R: Procedures on Physical Restraint and Seclusion* which address the use of Restraint and Seclusion of students in the school setting. The policy and regulation can be accessed on Brunswick School Department's website at www.brunswick.k12.me.us or you may obtain a copy of the policy from your child's school principal. Any parent with questions about the policy or regulation should contact their child's building principal or the Director of Student Services at 207-319-1900.

Non-Discrimination of Students on the Basis of Handicap/Disability

It is the policy of the Brunswick School Department to provide a free and appropriate public education to each student with a disability within its jurisdiction, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability.

It is the intent of the Brunswick School Department to ensure that students, who have a disability within the definition of Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, when acceptable to the parent, are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services and provided with an equal opportunity to access public school programs. Students may be disabled under this policy even though they do not require services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Due process rights of students with disabilities and their parents under Section 504 will be enforced.

The Director of Special Education is the compliance coordinator/monitor of Section 504 activities for the Brunswick School Department and the building principals shall be the compliance officers for each school.

(Policy: JBAA)

STAFF CONDUCT WITH STUDENTS

The Brunswick School Board expects all staff members, including teachers, coaches, counselors, administrators, and others to maintain the highest professional, moral, and ethical standards in their conduct with students. For the purposes of this policy, staff members also include school volunteers.

The interactions and relationships between staff members and students should be based upon mutual respect and trust; an understanding of the appropriate boundaries between adults and students in and outside of the educational setting; and consistency with the educational mission of the schools.

Staff members are expected to be sensitive to the appearance of impropriety in their conduct with students. Staff members are encouraged to discuss issues with their building administrator or supervisor whenever they are unsure whether particular conduct may constitute a violation of this policy.

Unacceptable Conduct:

Examples of unacceptable conduct by staff members include but are not limited to the following:

- A. Any type of sexual or inappropriate physical contact with students or any other conduct that might be considered harassment under the Board's policy on Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students;
- B. Singling out a particular student or students for personal attention and friendship beyond a reasonable staff-student relationship;
- C. Associating with students in any situation or activity that includes the presence of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco or that could be considered sexually suggestive;
- D. Sexual banter, allusions, jokes, or innuendos with students;
- E. Asking a student to keep inappropriate secrets;
- F. Disclosing inappropriate personal, sexual, family, employment, or other private matters to one or more students;
- G. Maintaining inappropriate personal contact with a student outside of school by phone, email, Instant Messenger or Internet chat rooms, social networking websites, or letters (beyond homework or other legitimate school business).

Reporting Violations:

Students and/or their parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to notify the principal if they believe a teacher or other staff member may be engaging in conduct that violates this policy.

Staff members are required to notify the principal or Superintendent promptly if they become aware of a situation that may constitute a violation of this policy.

Disciplinary Action

Staff violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Violations involving sexual or other abuse will also result in referral to the Department of Health and Human Services and/or law enforcement in accordance with the Board's policy on Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect.

(Policy GBEBB)

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

If a student is to be covered, he/she must take out insurance; otherwise he/she will not be covered. Students do not automatically have school insurance.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is an organization through which the students express their opinions, assist in the administration of the school and participate in the

management of school activities. The formation and continuation of this organization is dependent on student interest and participation.

STUDENT HARASSMENT

The Brunswick School Department recognizes the right of each student to learn in an atmosphere that is free from all forms of improper discrimination, including sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is defined as any unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, or other physical or verbal conduct of a sexual nature when:

- 1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly as a term or condition of an individual's educational benefits; or
- 2) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for decisions on educational benefits; or
- 3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment.

Acts of this nature are not only a violation of this policy but also may constitute illegal discrimination under state and federal law.

Any student who believes he/she has been discriminated against or harassed should report his/her concern promptly to the building administrator. Students who are unsure whether discrimination or harassment has occurred are encouraged to discuss the situation with the building administrator.

If the harassment cannot be resolved, the faculty member should advise the student of the options which are available under the Affirmative Action Policy of the Brunswick School Board.

No student shall be subjected to any discipline or adverse treatment because the student made a complaint of sexual harassment. All appropriate confidences shall be maintained.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Our school is fortunate to have qualified and capable people who carry out the appropriate plans whenever the regular teacher is absent. In order for this situation to continue, we must all make the effort to treat substitute teachers as guests in our school. This includes being Considerate, polite, and helpful at all times.

SUSPENSION-EXPULSION

In order to maintain good order in the schools and to protect the physical and emotional safety of the school community, school administrators have the authority to suspend students from school for up to ten (10) days at a time providing the following process is used:

1. Prior to suspending a student, the administrator must:
 - a. Inform the student whether orally or in writing of the charge and its basis.

- b. The administrator must give the student an opportunity to discuss the charge(s) including the student's version of the incident.
 - c. Determine if further action is appropriate.
 2. If the presence of the student in the school poses a continuing danger to the persons or property or an on-going threat of disrupting the academic process, the administrator may:
 - a. Suspend the student immediately, and;
 - b. Comply with 1-a, 1-b, and 1-c in the immediate future.
 3. After suspension:
 - a. The administrator must report the suspension to the parent or legal guardian of the student as soon as possible
 - b. The Superintendent shall be informed by administrators of all suspensions.

(Policy: JKD)

The School Board must hear the case of any student recommended by the Superintendent for expulsion. The parents or legal guardians of the student shall have been notified by the administrator of the pending hearing and the following hearing procedure shall govern the proceedings:

1. The hearing shall be held in executive session unless otherwise agreed by both parties.
2. The student may be represented by a lawyer or some other person in addition to the parents.
3. A record shall be kept of the hearing proceedings.

If the School Board finds that grounds for expulsion did not exist, any written entry referring to the incident shall be expunged from the student's school records.

After expulsion, the student may appeal to the Board for reinstatement at such time as he feels he can provide evidence of his "repentance and amendment". The student shall be required to appear before the Board to provide such evidence if requested to do so by the Board.

(Policy: JKE)

TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The State of Maine Department of Education Chapter 104 directs all State of Maine School Districts to provide supportive services for students identified as Gifted and Talented (Talent Development).

"Gifted and talented children" shall mean those children in grades K-12 who excel, or have the potential to excel, beyond their age peers, in the regular school program, to the extent that they need and can benefit from programs for the gifted and talented. Children with exceptional General Intellectual Ability and/or exceptional Specific Academic Aptitude usually comprise 3-5% of the school population. Students with exceptional Artistic Ability usually comprise 3-5% of the school population".

If you would like to refer your child for identification in the Talent Development Program, you will find forms at each school office.

For further information, parents are encouraged to visit the Brunswick School Department website at <http://www.brunswick.12.me.us/bsdtalentdevelopment/frequently-asked-questions/>

TELEPHONES

All classrooms have phones. If a student needs to contact home for something other than sickness, in which case the student should report to the nurse's office, students should ask the teacher or advisor to use their phone.

While students may have a cell phone stored in their locker for emergency use, they must comply with the Cellular Telephone Use Procedures-see page 5.

TOBACCO USE

Tobacco use is prohibited during school, at school activities, or on the school grounds. Possession of tobacco products, e-cigarettes, vapes, lighters or matches will be dealt with by school officials, either through a parental conference and/or suspension and may include referral to the Brunswick Police for possible prosecution.

(See Brunswick School Department Policy Manual; File JICH for additional information.)

TRUANCY

By state law, a child is a habitual truant if he is absent from school for ten (10) full days or for seven (7) consecutive half days during any six month period for other than an excusable absence as referred to in Section I of Policy JH.

1. **ENFORCEMENT: Principal's Responsibility**
School Principals are responsible for keeping an accurate record of all student absenteeism. When a student has become a habitual truant as defined above, the Principal shall notify the Superintendent using a form provided for such notification and provide supporting documentation as required by the Superintendent.
1. **ENFORCEMENT: Superintendent's Responsibility**
 - a. The Superintendent will endeavor to resolve the problem by whatever reasonable and appropriate means at his disposal
 - b. If the Superintendent determines that he is unable to resolve the problem, he shall refer the matter to the School Board.
2. **ENFORCEMENT: School Board Responsibility**

Upon being duly notified by the Superintendent, the School Board will schedule a meeting on the matter consistent with the provisions dictated by statute.

The School Board shall, by majority vote as required, take one of the following actions:

- a. Instruct the child to be in regular attendance and warn the parents of their legal responsibilities to assure their child's attendance, or

- b. Waive the compulsory school attendance law provided that the child is at least fourteen years old. Parents must be duly informed of their right to appeal action taken under this Section as provided by statute.

(Policy; File JHB)

VANDALISM

Any student who damages school property will be required to pay for the damage or repair the damage depending on the judgment of the school officials. The incident may be reported to the Brunswick Police for possible prosecution.

VIDEO CAMERAS ON BUSES & IN SCHOOL

In recognition of the district's continuing responsibility to maintain and improve discipline, and ensure the health, welfare and safety of its staff and students on school transportation vehicles, the School Board supports the use of video cameras on its transportation vehicles.

Video cameras may be used to monitor behavior on school transportation vehicles transporting students to and from school, curricular, and extra-curricular activities.

Such equipment may also be used to monitor the performance of school department employees in the fulfillment of their duties on school transportation vehicles transporting students to and from school, curricular and extra-curricular activities or used to assist employees in better performing their jobs.

Students in violation of school department transportation policy rules shall be subjected to disciplinary action in accordance with established School Board policy and administrative regulations governing student conduct and discipline.

Staff shall be subject to established Board personnel policies, administrative regulations and negotiated agreements including provisions related to evaluation, discipline, and dismissal.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the notification of staff, student, parents and others as necessary of the use of video cameras on school transportation vehicles and such other procedures as may be required for the implementation of this policy. (Policy; File EEAEC.)

The Brunswick School Department has also installed video cameras to record the behavior of our students at critical sites within the school building.

VISITORS

The following general guidelines shall be followed concerning visitors:

- **All visitors, including parents, shall report to the main office upon arrival at the school to obtain a visitors badge.**
- The term "visitor" shall apply to any person on school grounds or in school buildings who is not an employee or student of the school unit.

- Guests of individual students are not permitted to attend classes under normal circumstances.
- All visitors who wish to visit classrooms, observe aspects of the instructional program or meet with staff members are expected to schedule such visits in advance.
- Visitors shall comply with all applicable Board policies and school rules. Visitors who violate these policies/rules and/or disrupt the safe and orderly operation of the school shall be asked to leave the premises.

VOLUNTEERS

Types of Volunteers:

One Time Volunteer: Anyone who is serving as a volunteer on a limited basis or under the direct supervision of a district staff member as a one-time presenter, visiting guest, library assistant, or one-time aide would qualify as a one-time volunteer.

Reoccurring Volunteer: Anyone who will be volunteering in Brunswick Schools will be asked to have a Criminal History Record Check (CHRC). All results will remain strictly confidential. *Examples of reoccurring volunteering may include serving as a classroom aide, library aide, lunchroom support, mentor, chaperone, tutor for individual or small groups, or an afterschool program advisor/coach.*

If you will be serving as a reoccurring volunteer, you will need to apply and have a Criminal History Record Check.

How do I volunteer? Refer to Brunswick School Department's website (Brunswick.k12.me.us) where you will find the "Volunteering in Our Schools" tab. Here you will be able to view the Brunswick School Department Volunteer Handbook and fill out the online application. You will be taken to our online volunteer management software, Volgistics, where you can apply to be a volunteer. You will be guided through the sign up process once you are in the site and may choose to serve in any of the schools. You will not be activated as a volunteer for the district until your CHRC has been cleared. Once cleared, you will receive a notification and will be allowed to serve as a Brunswick School Department volunteer!

If you have any questions, please contact the School Office.

WEAPONS

Possession or use of a weapon in a school building is prohibited. If any person uses or is found to be in possession of a weapon on school premises at any time or at any school-sponsored activity, he/she is subject to administrative action, which may include suspension, expulsion, or legal action.

Additionally as required by 20-A M.R.S.A. Subsect. 1001 (9-A) and the federal Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994, students who are found to have brought a firearm, as defined in 18 U.S.C.A. Subsect. 921 et. seq., to school

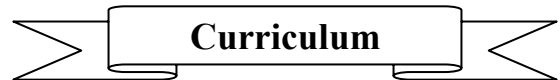
shall be expelled by the school board for a period of not less than one year and referred to the appropriate local law enforcement agency. As further authorized by those statutes, the superintendent may exercise his/her discretion to modify this expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis. The school department will report any firearm violation to the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system and provide annual documentation of such incidents as required by the federal Gun-Free Schools Act.

A weapon is defined as:

1. Any object or substance used or designed to inflict bodily harm or to threaten other persons. Examples include, but are not limited to, firearms, artificial knuckles, knives, chains, clubs, throwing stars, air guns, or
2. Any object or substance designed for other purpose which is used in a manner to inflict bodily harm or threaten other persons. Examples include, but are not limited to, belts, combs, pencils, files, compasses, scissors, chemicals and sprays.

An object or substance presented in a concealed or open manner as a weapon shall be presumed to be a weapon. (Policy; File JICI)

** For school safety reasons, students may be subject to search for weapons on a case by case basis.*

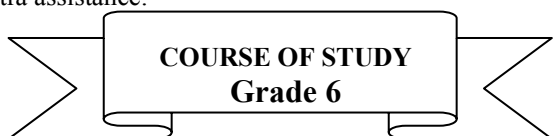


The Brunswick School Department has made assessments to align the curriculum framework with the Maine State Learning Results. Assessment packets are available to parents upon request in each school's main office.

HUSKY TIME

Husky Time is an intervention period for all grades (period 8) designed to help students who may need additional supports or time. Chorus and World Language classes may also occur during this period. Students who are current with their school work and do not require any additional support may use this as the traditional Sustained Silent Reading Time (SSR).

On Wednesday, all students will go their advisor rooms and may use this time for finalizing work for the week, seeing teachers where they may need time or support, or the traditional SSR. Teachers will let students know if they need to see them for work completion or extra assistance.



All sixth grade students are assigned to a team of teachers who are responsible for the delivery of the core

curriculum (Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies). Students are heterogeneously grouped for all classes except math. In addition, students are assigned classes in Diversified Studies and have music options as electives.

Core Curricula (required)

Language Arts (5 periods per week) Through comprehensive units and in alignment with the Maine Learning Results, L.A. teachers use a multi-text and materials approach to integrate reading, writing, speaking/listening, and language instruction.

Math (5 periods per week) – Students are homogeneously grouped into different levels based on assessment and teacher input. Emphasis is on whole numbers, fractions, decimal, ratios, geometry and problem solving. Advanced math classes are available to 6th graders who qualify.

Science (5 periods per week) The sixth grade science program is general in nature. Students are exposed to a variety of content areas including life (ecosystems, classification), physical (chemistry), and earth sciences (ecosystems and processes).

Social Studies (5 periods per week) Students will learn through an array of activities including independent projects, small group collaboration, and class presentations. While exploring social studies content, students will strengthen their comprehension, summarizing and analytical skills. Throughout the year, students will journey to exotic locales in the Fertile Crescent, Egypt, and MesoAmerica and examine their history, geographic, economics, political and belief systems. To enrich students' learning, units are often interdisciplinary and sometimes taught in conjunction with other teachers.

Diversified Studies (required)

Art (2 classes in a 4-day rotation for one semester) A multi-arts media approach is used through group and individual projects stressing different aspects of art and design.

Music (One class in a 4-day rotation for Full Year) The music curriculum develops skills in music literacy, criticism and analysis, and performance. Units of study include Composition, History of American Music, World Drumming, and Ukulele.

Physical Education (1 class in a 4-day rotation) A variety of physical activities and games are taught throughout the year. The emphasis is on developing sequential skills, modified or lead-up activities, lifetime sports, and the understanding of basic fitness concepts so students can develop lifelong, healthy fitness goals. Students are expected to change for class and wear sneakers. Physical Education is required of all sixth grade students.

World Language (2 classes in a 4-day rotation for one semester) This class serves as an introduction to French and Spanish. This class is exploratory in nature and is required of all 6th graders.

Electives

Band and Chorus (full year) Band and chorus are performing ensembles open to any interested 6th grader.



All seventh grade students are assigned to a team of teachers who are responsible for the delivery of the core curriculum (Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies). Students are heterogeneously grouped for all classes except math. In addition, students are assigned classes in Diversified Studies and have several options as electives.

Core Curricula (required)

Language Arts (5 periods per week) Through comprehensive units and in alignment with Maine Learning Results, L.A. teachers use a multi-text and materials approach to integrate reading, writing, speaking/listening, and language instruction.

Math (5 periods per week) – Students are homogeneously grouped into different levels based on assessment and teacher input. Emphasis is on integers, expressions and equations, proportions and percents. Pre-Algebra and Algebra I are available for seventh graders who qualify.

Science (5 periods per week) The seventh grade science program is general in nature. Students are exposed to physical science (wave energy, forces and motion, and inventions) and they study life science (genetics and evolution). Students continue to develop their use of scientific practices and tools.

Social Studies (5 periods per week) Students will learn through an array of activities including independent projects, small group collaborations, and class presentations. While exploring social studies content, students will strengthen their comprehension, summarizing and analytical skills. Curriculum emphasis consists of units on Ancient Rome, Wabanaki culture, Revolutionary War era (1754-1783), Building a Nation (1783-1815), and Westward Expansion (1815-1850). Units are often interdisciplinary and taught in conjunction with other subject areas.

Diversified Studies (required)

Art (3 classes in a 4-day rotation for one semester) Art is a continuation of a design-oriented multi-art media exploration approach through individual and group projects.

Physical Education (1 class in a 4-day rotation for a full year) Skills of a variety of activities are taught sequentially. Physical fitness and skill development receive strong emphasis. Sportsmanship, appropriate attitudes, listening skills and being prepared for class are also stressed. Game concepts and strategies are

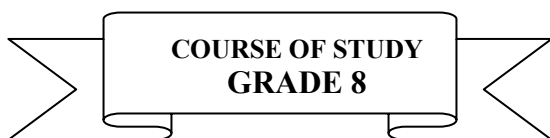
introduced. Physical Education is required of all seventh grade students.

Health and Consumer Science (3 classes in a 4-day rotation for one semester) This is an introductory course stressing the importance of physical, mental, emotional and social health. The topics of study will include Wellness, Emotional Health, Nutrition, Communications, Sewing and Human Growth and Development.

Electives

World Language (every other day for a full year) French or Spanish is available to all grade 7 students. The curriculum follows first semester of level I French or Spanish at BHS.

Band and Chorus (every other day for full year) Band and Chorus are performing ensembles open to any interested 7th/8th grader. Band students must have playing experience.



All eighth grade students are assigned to a team of teachers who are responsible for the delivery of the core curriculum (Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies). All classes are heterogeneously grouped except for math. In addition, students are assigned classes in Diversified Studies and have several options as electives.

Core Curricula (required)

Language Arts (5 periods per week) Through comprehensive units and in alignment with Maine Learning Results, L.A. teachers use a multi-text and materials approach to integrate reading, writing, speaking/listening, and language instruction.

Math (5 periods per week) – Students are homogeneously grouped into different levels based on assessment and teacher input. Emphasis is on pre-algebra work and geometry. Algebra I and Geometry are available for eighth graders who qualify.

Science (5 periods per week) The eighth grade science program is general in nature. Students follow an integrated program of life, earth and space, and physical science by studying astrobiology. Near the end of the year, students perform dissections. Students continue to develop their use of scientific practices and tools.

Social Studies (5 periods per week) The eighth grade science program is general in nature. Students follow an integrated program of life, earth and space, and physical science by studying astrobiology. They also pursue the relationship between science and engineering through completing engineering challenges. They also pursue the relationship between science and engineering through completing engineering challenges. Near the end of the year, students perform dissections. Students continue to develop their use of scientific practices and tools.

Social Studies (5 periods per week) Students will learn through an array of activities including independent projects, small group collaborations, and class presentations. While exploring social studies content, students will strengthen their comprehension, summarizing and analytical skills. Curriculum units include the Civil War era, Reconstruction, Civil Rights, a thematic study of 20th Century United States (conflict, politics, and culture), the Biography Day project, and Maine Studies from the Civil War era to today. Units on current events and citizenship are on-going throughout the year. Some units are interdisciplinary and taught in conjunction with other subject areas.

Diversified Studies (required)

Art (3 classes in a 4-day rotation for one semester) Art is a continuation of a design-oriented multi-art media exploration approach through individual and group projects.

Physical Education (1 class in a 4-day rotation for a full year) Skills of a variety of activities are taught sequentially. Physical fitness and skill development receive strong emphasis. Sportsmanship, appropriate attitudes, listening skills and being prepared for class are also stressed. Game concepts and strategies are introduced. Physical Education is required of all seventh grade students.

Health and Consumer Science (3 classes in a 4-day rotation for one semester) This is an introductory course stressing the importance of physical, mental, emotional and social health. The topics of study will include Wellness, Emotional Health, Nutrition, Communications, Sewing and Human Growth and Development.

Electives

World Language (every other day for a full year) Upon successful completion of grade 7 and 8 world language, students may be able to participate in French II or Spanish II as freshmen.

Band and Chorus (every other day for full year) Band and Chorus are performing ensembles open to any interested 7th/8th grader. Band students must have playing experience.

Staff

Mrs. Lewis, Principal
Mr. Schuft, Assistant Principal

Secretaries

Miss Cherry Guidance Secretary
Ms. O'Leary Main Office Secretary
Mrs. Granholm Administrative Secretary

Computer Services

Mr. Cross Mr. Dearing Mr. Wescott

Diversified Studies (DST)

Ms. Anderson Music/Band
Mrs. Tarleton Music/Chorus
Mr. Boomhour P.E.
Mrs. Costa P.E.
Ms. Rountree Health & Consumer Science
Mrs. Bingham Health & Consumer Science
Mrs. Lera Foreign Language
Mrs. Lord Foreign Language
Mrs. McCarthy Art
Ms. Bucknam Art

Birch Island

Mrs. Sullivan L. A.
Mrs. Dorr Math
Mr. Kosak Social Studies
Ms. Song Science

Bailey Island

Mrs. Wrede L.A.
Mrs. Hebert Math
Mr. Higgins Science
Mr. Levy Social Studies

Jewell Island

Mrs. Acheson L.A.
Ms. Reynolds Math
Ms. Gillis Science
Mrs. Shaw Social Studies

Great Diamond Island

Mrs. Matson L.A.
Ms. Cushing Math
Ms. Dionne Science
Mr. Weafer Social Studies

Eagle Island

Ms. LeBlanc L.A.
Mrs. Weddle Math
Mrs. Paquin Science
Mrs. Beede Social Studies

Chebeague Island

Mrs. Pratt-Lowe L.A.
Mrs. Russo Math
Mrs. Ring Science
Mrs. Blake Social Studies

Behavior Rtl

Mrs. Lavigne

Language Arts Rtl

Mrs. Hench Mrs. Morin Mrs. Smith

Math Rtl

Mrs. Sharpe Mrs. Belanger Mrs. York

Guidance

Mrs. D'Amour Social Work Counselor
Mrs. Nein Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Roy Guidance Counselor

Other Professional Services

Mrs. Mitchell Librarian
Mrs. Casillas Library Assistant
Mrs. Tetu Nurse
Mr. McNamara Alternative Ed. Teacher
Ms. Hanley Academic Talent Develop.
Detective Stanton School Resource Officer

Special Services

Mrs. Cavallari Non-Categorical Sp. Ed.
Mrs. Cloutier Non-Categorical Sp. Ed.
Mr. Czyz Non-Categorical Sp. Ed.
Mrs. DeRan Non-Categorical Sp. Ed.
Mrs. Doane Behavior Specialist
Mr. Furrow Special Education Teacher
Mrs. Gaghan ESL
Mrs. Gardiner School Psychologist
Mrs. Madden Speech Therapist
Mrs. Prophet Special Education Teacher
Ms. Sanfasin Behavior Specialist

Education Techs.

Mrs. Atwood Mrs. Bigelow Mrs. Desmond
Mrs. Gilmour Mrs. Herrick Ms. Peterson
Mrs. Tuite Ms. Tupper Ms. VanNostrand
Mrs. Wigandt Mr. Waldo

Husky Café

Mr. Smith, Director of Nutrition
Mrs. Austin Mrs. Laskey Ms. Hamilton
Ms. Polk Ms. Austin

Custodians

Mr. Coulombe Ms. Spaulding Mr. Sullivan
Ms. Dauphin Mr. Bean

Brunswick Jr. High Expectations In Common Areas

	Restrooms/ Locker Rooms	Main Office/ Counseling Office/ Nurse's Office	Cafeteria	Arrival & Departure	Hallways
Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow adult directions the first time they are given - Clean up after yourself - Respect property of others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow adult directions the first time they are given - Wait quietly and patiently - Say please & thank you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow adult directions the first time they are given - Use appropriate language and voice level - Use good manners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow adult directions the first time they are given - Remove hats when entering building - Be dressed appropriately - Use appropriate language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow adult directions the first time they are given - Talk in quiet tone - Respect other classes in session
Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Report disturbances such as graffiti and damage to staff - Take shortest path to and from nearest classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sign in and show your pass - Tell the truth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have ID or account number ready - Arrive on time - Clean up after yourself - Leave food and drink in cafeteria - Wait at table until dismissed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stay in designated area until appropriate time - Arrive and leave on time - Get on the bus in a timely manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have your ANB - Report problems to staff - Get to class on time -Use assigned locker and keep it clean
Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep water in sink and toilet - Always flush -Wash your hands -Keep hands to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sit appropriately -Keep hands to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ask permission from staff to leave or have a pass - Always walk -Keep hands to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enter and exit in orderly manner -Keep hands to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stay to the right - Walk at a safe pace - Keep moving -Keep hands to yourself

Peer-to-Peer Behavior Code	Examples of Behavior	First Incident	Second Incident	Third Incident
Level A: “Gray Area”	* horseplay * dirty looks * “annoying” behaviors toward peers * staff discretion on questionable actions	Teacher discusses behavior w/student Small consequences (chill chair)	Behavior reflection form w/ teacher Conference with student/teacher Lunch Detention Parents contacted Teachers & Guidance notified	Behavior reflection form w/ teacher Conference with student – team/administration 2 Office Detentions Individual Plan
Level B: General Harassment	* teasing * name calling * spreading rumors * posturing * socially excluding * forcing someone to do something * threatening	Behavior reflection form w/ teacher Conference with student/teacher Lunch Detention Teachers & Guidance notified	Behavior reflection form w/administration Conference with student/administration 2 office detentions parents contacted Teachers & Guidance notified	Behavior reflection form w/administration Student-parent conference w/administration Individual Plan ISS SRO, Teachers, Guidance Contacted
Level C: Behavior that Violates the Law	* stealing * offensive physical contact (hitting, kicking) * harassment or negative comments toward another student because of their race, religion, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation	Behavior reflection form w/administration Conference with student/admin. ISS Parents contacted SRO, Teachers, Guidance Contacted	Behavior reflection form w/administration Conference with student/parents OSS Individual Plan Student-parent conference w/administration SRO, Teachers, Guidance Contacted	OSS Student-parent conference w/administration Review Individual Plan SRO, Teachers, Guidance Contacted Possible Police Intervention

STUDENT BEHAVIOR REFLECTION

Student's Name _____ Class/Period _____

Teacher _____ Date _____

1. Briefly describe the situation that happened and what you did.

2. When you chose to act this way; what was your goal? [Take your time – this is a hard question.]

<input type="checkbox"/> I wanted attention from others.	<input type="checkbox"/> I wanted to impress friends.
<input type="checkbox"/> I wanted to challenge the teacher's authority.	<input type="checkbox"/> I wanted to have fun.
<input type="checkbox"/> I wanted to avoid class work.	<input type="checkbox"/> I wanted to take out my anger.
<input type="checkbox"/> I didn't know what I was supposed to be doing.	<input type="checkbox"/> I wanted to be listened to.
<input type="checkbox"/> I wanted my own way.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)
<input type="checkbox"/> I wanted to feel safe and in control.	

3. How did your behavior impact a student, teacher or the situation?

4. What are two actions you can take to fix the situation?

5. What is your IF - THEN plan for the next time you find yourself in this situation?

IF:

THEN:

Refusal to complete this Reflection Form in a responsible manner will result in an automatic detention. Form will be filled out at that time.

Parent signature _____ PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO TEACHER