

Southern Lehigh High School - Handbook Changes for 2017 - 2018 (Amended 5/14/17)

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The entire Southern Lehigh High School Student/Parent Handbook will transition from its traditional paper format to a digital format hosted in Google Docs. However, the administration will make limited paper copies available in the Main Office, Guidance Office, and Media Center. Additionally, paper copies will be available upon individual student / parent request. A discussion of this change has been held with the SPIRIT Student Group to obtain feedback on the change.

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The entire Southern Lehigh High School Student Handbook has been reorganized into the categories listed below. Additionally the content in these categories has been alphabetized for ease of use.

- General Information
- Student Services
- Academics
- Activities, Athletics, and Organizations
- School Procedures
- Code of Conduct
- Policies

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ADDED - Alma Mater

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ADDED - Board of Education

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ADDED - Counselor Caseload; This section was removed from the 2016/2017 Student Handbook due to print deadlines and the ongoing search for a replacement counselor due to the retirement of C. Crouse.

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ADDED - Immunization Policy; Statement on Pennsylvania legislative change with respect to Immunization requirements for public schools.

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Aligned the Absence Letters section of the Student Handbook to reflect changes in Pennsylvania legislation on absence communications.

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REMOVED the Bus Code of Conduct in an effort to integrate all Code of Conduct violations into a single graphic organizer. Information about Student Expectations on the Southern Lehigh transportation remain.

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REMOVED the following statement from the Closing of School section of the Student Handbook; Among the first stations announcing school closings are WFMZ – 69 NEWS, WPVI – 6ABC, WNBC –TV10, FOX 29, WAEB – AM 790, WKYW – AM 1060. "No school" includes all student activities or functions for the 24-hour day.

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Aligned the School Dress Guidelines following several discussions with the SPIRIT Committee. During meetings the student advisory group expressed specific concerns about the current Southern Lehigh High School Dress Guidelines. As a result of these discussion, the SLHS Dress Guidelines were reworded. * Amended following 5/8/17 Committee of the Whole Meeting to reflect greater level of coordination between the Middle School and High School. Additionally, provided more detail with respect to acceptable circumstances and procedures where students would be permitted to wear hats, caps, bandanas, or other head coverings.

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REMOVED Technology Code of Conduct in an effort to integrate all Code of Conduct violations into a single graphic organizer. Information about the Southern Lehigh School District One-to-One Initiative remain.

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Aligned Level I Penalties for Parking Violations into a graphic organizer. Aligned “driving unsafely, transporting students in an open pick-up, or driving on grass area” into Level II Infractions. * Amended following 5/8/17 Committee of the Whole Meeting to reflect discussion regarding reduction in the First Offence Penalty for Parking Violations.

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Redesigned the Secondary Schools Code of Conduct. * Amended following 5/8/17 Committee of the Whole Meeting to reflect the addition of Level IV to the Secondary Schools Code of Conduct that will include all infractions where the first instance results in a 10 Day OSS consequence.

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Redesigned the Policies section to include hyperlinks to specific discussed Southern Lehigh School District Policies.