

**INSUBORDINATION, DISORDERLY CONDUCT, FIGHTING, BULLYING/CYBER-BULLYING, HARASSMENT, SEXUAL OFFENSES, THEFT, TERRORISTIC THREATS, VANDALISM, GANG ACTIVITY**

Schools have an obligation to provide a physical as well as psychological atmosphere that is conducive to learning and to ensure that students have every opportunity for success. Student must recognize that unacceptable conduct will be neither condoned, tolerated, nor accepted in school. Therefore, all students are expected to exercise self-control and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times.

- A well-mannered student body is important in order to:
- Create atmosphere in which learning, studying and working can proceed best;
  - Make students aware that in our society the individual must assume responsibility for his/her actions;
  - Provide for the safety of all students and staff;
  - Maintain school and property to assure an environment conducive to learning.

**Disruptive behavior** that impedes the learning of self and/or others in class, or in any other areas in and around school, will result in immediate disciplinary action. Disciplinary actions may include: After-school detention, loss of privileges and exclusion from school activities, ISS, OSS. Any student who has multiple suspensions and continues to chronically violate regulations may be referred to the School Administration for Administrative Review (pg.22).

**CHEATING/PLAGIARISM/FORGERY**

Cheating, plagiarism and forgery of any type will result in failure of the evaluation or paper/project for the person cheating and possibly the person providing the information voluntarily. Failure of the course for the marking period is possible in extreme cases (pg. 21).

**Available Services for Students/Families:**

*Guidance Counseling Services*

*S.A.F.E. – Student Assistance for East Stroudsburg for “At Risk” Students*

*School Police Resource Officers*

*Health Services (School Physicals, Vision, Hearing, Dental, BMI Screenings)*

*Referrals to Inter-Agency Support such as: MH/MR, Women’s Resources, Carbon/Monroe/Pike Drug & Alcohol, Pocono Alliance, Children & Youth, Milestones Community Healthcare, Inc., NHS Human Services, etc.*

*Clubs & Activities*

*PA Pact Grant Tutoring*

*Peer Tutoring*

*ESU Tutoring*

*Study Island*

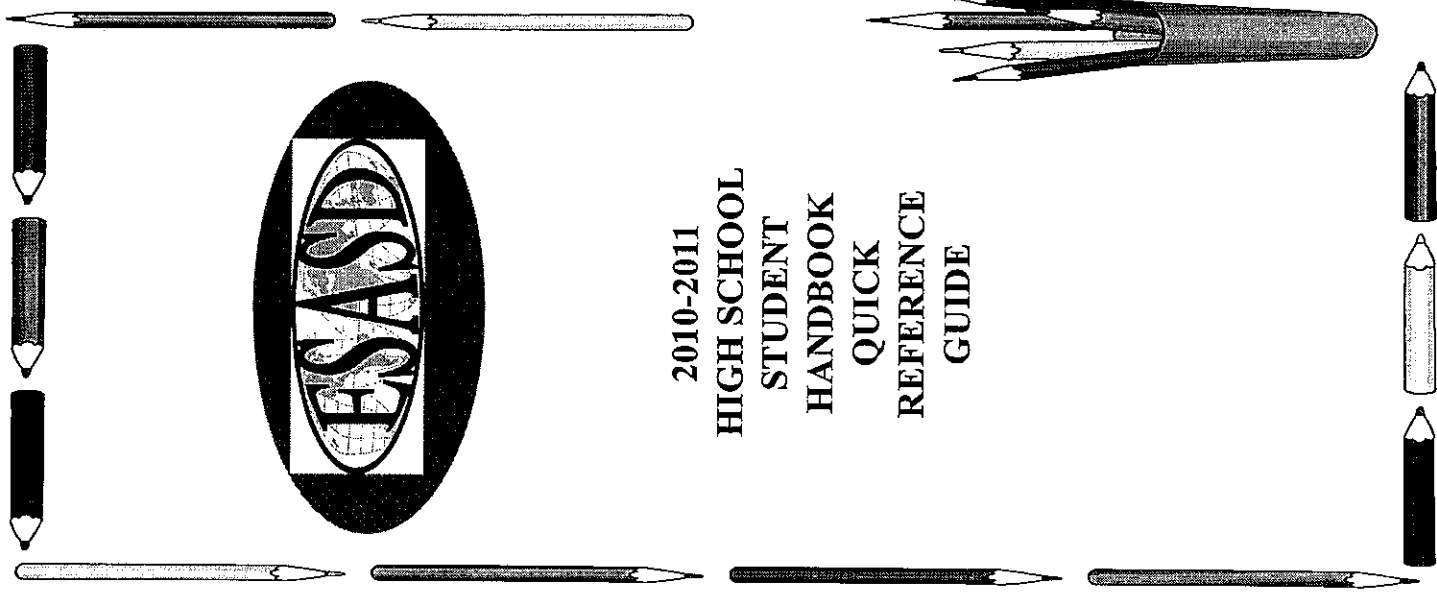
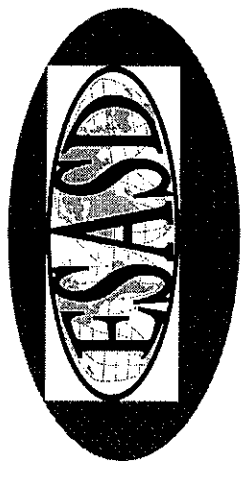
*Math & Reading Edge Classes*

*Compass Learning*

*Parent Workshops*

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## ABSENCES/LATENESS/TARDINESS

Absences-Whenever a student is absent from or late/tardy to school, the parent(s)/guardian(s) is/are required to send a written statement to the school listing the following:



- Student's first & last name;
- Date of absence or tardiness;
- Reason for absence or tardiness;
- Signature of parent(s)/guardian(s); and
- A doctor's note is required after nine (9) absences.

A written statement for the legal absence of their child must be submitted within 3 days from the date of the child's return to school. Failure to provide such a written statement can result in the absence being declared unexcused/unlawful.

Excessive absences will result in disciplinary consequences, including entering into an attendance contract and possible credit denial as per Board Policy 204.3.

**Lateness/Tardiness-** A late pass must be obtained at the main entrance sign-in desk prior to reporting to homeroom/class. All unexcused lateness/tardiness will result in disciplinary consequences as per the school Code of Conduct (pgs. 3-6).

## CLASS CUTTING

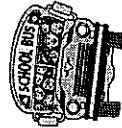
Students are required to attend all scheduled classes, study halls, and lunch, unless properly excused. A "cut" of any class may result in a grade of zero for all work missed, a denial of school privileges, and a school suspension (pg. 21).

## DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Students violating the ESASD Dress Code Policy No. 221 will be asked to change into more appropriate attire and/or be retained in the office or placed in In-School Suspension (ISS) until the parent/guardian arrives with a change of clothing. If possible, the student may exchange restricted clothing for clothing provided by the school (pg.23 & 63).

## BUS CONDUCT

The school bus is a privilege and not a right. Misconduct by bus passengers will result in disciplinary action as outlined in the Student Handbook (pg. 20).



## POSSESSION OF A WEAPON/ CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES/TOBACCO

**Possession**—A student is in possession of a weapon/controlled substances/tobacco when the item is found on the person of the student, in the student's locker, under the student's control while on school property, on property being used by the school, at any school function or activity, at any school event held away from the school, or while the student is coming to/from school.

**Searches**—School officials reserve the right to conduct searches of student lockers, school property, student possessions, student vehicles and their persons when officials have reasonable suspicion that tobacco, drugs and/or alcohol, and/or weapons, and/or look-alike, and/or incendiary/explosive devices, and/or other potentially dangerous or disruptive items is/are in the possession of a student and/or is/are being concealed by a student (pg. 31).

**Disciplinary Action**—May include out of school suspension, administrative review by the Principal and/or Superintendent, alternative placement, expulsion from the school district, and the involvement of School Police and/or State Police. Upon return to school, students may be placed on a behavior contract and shall be subject to random searches (pg.37).

**Tobacco Fines**—A student found to be in possession of tobacco will be fined \$50 and may receive a one-day out of school suspension. (pg. 31).

See Board Policies: # 218.1 Weapons, 222 Tobacco, 227 Controlled Substances for detailed information.

## GELL PHONES

The use of personal communication devices by students during the school day (7:10am-2:30pm) is not permitted.

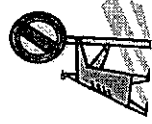
The possession and use by students of any device that provides for a wireless, unfiltered connection to the internet is not permitted.

Cellular telephones that have the capability to take photographs or to record audio or video shall not be used for such purposes during the school day (see Prohibited Articles for consequences). Inappropriate use of communication devices, while on school district property and/or while a student is engaged in a school-sponsored activity is not permitted and will result in disciplinary consequences (pg. 18 & 21). **Furthermore school is not responsible for cell phones which are lost, stolen, or damaged.**



## PROHIBITED ARTICLES

Articles which are considered hazards to the safety of others or which could interfere in some way with the educational process are prohibited in school.



Articles also included in this category are incendiary devices, playing cards, toy guns, water pistols, sling shots, yo-yos, cameras, radios, tape players, video or digital devices including DVD and CD players, cell phones, IPODS, MP3 players, walkman, headphones, video games, walkie-talkies, laser pens and pointers, lighters, food and drink in hallways and classrooms, wireless email or text messaging devices, any other communication devices, etc. Student violators run the risk of disciplinary actions which may include:

**1st Offense:** Item taken and given back at the end of the day;

**2nd Offense:** Item taken, parent contacted and must pick up and sign for;

**3rd Offense:** Item taken, parent pickup and student will receive an ISS- Internal School Suspension (pg. 18).

Prohibited items or items used inappropriately can be confiscated and, as per Board Policy No. 237, only returned to a parent/guardian.

**Furthermore, school is not responsible for prohibited items which are lost, stolen, or damaged.**

## ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES



All students are required to sign an acknowledgement and consent form that they have read and understand Policy #815 Acceptable Use of Communication and Information Systems (CIS).

Violations of this policy can result in loss of CIS privileges, suspension, expulsion, and/or legal proceedings. Users are also responsible for theft and damages to computers, the network equipment, electronic communication systems, and software resulting from negligent, deliberate and willful acts.

Reminder: **NEVER** share your user name or password with other students as you may be held accountable for their actions as per Board Policy 815).