

NORTH PLATTE JUNIOR HIGH

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STUDENT PLANNERS

The student planners have been provided for the students to assist them in acquiring organizational skills in addition to providing a vehicle for parent communication. Students are expected to have their planners with them during class to write down their daily assignments. Students are to indicate late assignments with a circled capital "L". Students are also to write a capital "D" if they receive a detention for late work or misbehavior. A space is also available for comments. The planner may be a requirement for some classes. Parents are strongly encouraged to view the planners frequently.

ACTIVITIES

North Platte Junior High School provides many activities for student participation. Following is a brief list:

Activities for seventh and eighth grade students include student council, band, academic bowl, after-school tutoring, field trips, and cultural arts assemblies. In addition, there are also several competitions in which students may be involved. Some of these competitions are band contests, the National Geography Bee, Spelling Bees, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (N.C.T.M.) contests, and the Talent Identification Program (T.I.P.) through Duke University.

The seventh and eighth grade students may participate in several sports and sports-related activities including volleyball, football, basketball, track, and cheerleading. Seventh and eighth grade students who aren't excluded for misbehavior or academic probation also have the option of attending school-sponsored dances.

WEBSITE

Daily announcements, weekly newsletter, activities, etc. will be put on the school website. The address is www.nppanthers.org.

ACTIVITY CODE

Students at North Platte Junior High participating in extra-curricular activities are expected to demonstrate acceptable moral values and behavior at all times in the school or in the community. Each participant should obey the rules of the school and the laws and regulations of the city and state. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action.

I. Alcohol and Drug Policy

First Offense: Possession, sale, purchase or distribution, or being under the influence of any alcohol or drugs, on or off campus, will cause the student to be suspended from participating in extra-curricular competition for a period of 1/3 of the activities. The suspension will carry from one sport to another sport.

Second Offense: The student will not be allowed to participate in any extra-curricular activities for one calendar year

Depending on the severity of the case, early offenses/punishment may be skipped over.

II. Tobacco Policy

Tobacco chewing or smoking will not be tolerated.

First Offense: Any student chewing tobacco or smoking will be given a one activity suspension. The student will also sit down and review all alcohol, drug and tobacco policies with the coach of the activity in which the student is involved.

Second Offense: The student will be suspended from participating in extra-curricular competition for a period of 1/3 of the activities. The suspension will carry from one sport to another sport.

Third Offense: The student will not be allowed to participate in any extra-curricular activities for a calendar year.

All cases will be reviewed by a committee composed of the coach/sponsor involved, athletic director, and building principal involved and may result in alternate punitive action. Depending on the severity of the case, early offenses/punishment may be skipped over.

III. Extra Curricular Grade Policy

Students' grades will be checked at both the midpoint and end of each quarter. If the student has a grade of a "D", a warning letter will be sent to the parents and the coach/sponsor will be notified. If the grade is an "F", a letter will be sent and the student will be put on probation. This means that he/she may still practice or rehearse; however, the student will not be able to compete in contests.

Probation lengths are for one week after mid-quarter reports and for two weeks following the end of a quarter. At the end of any probationary period, all grades must be above an "F" if the student wishes to compete in contests. If grades are not acceptable, the student will be on probation for an additional week. Following this week, the student will again be required to have all grades above an "F". This process will be repeated until the student reaches passing levels in all courses.

If a student receives a "D" on a mid-quarter or end of quarter report, he/she will be required to recheck their grades at the end of the probationary period. At this time all grades must be above an "F" or the student will begin the one-week academic probation process until all grades are passing.

At the mid-term grade check, if a student has earned a grade point average of 3.0 and above the preceding quarter, they can maintain eligibility as long as that student doesn't have more than one F.

All students will also be required to meet MSHSAA eligibility requirements. 8th graders advancing to high school will fall directly under high school eligibility rules.

IV. Transportation Policy

All students must ride on school sponsored transportation to and from activities. Students will be allowed to return with parents as long as the parents talk to the sponsor before leaving.

Any other transportation arrangements must be made prior to the event. (This must be made by phone to the school office, notes will not be accepted.) Students will be allowed to ride home with the parents of another participant only if that student's parents have contacted the office in advance and the coach has been notified by the administration.

V. Attendance Policy

Students will be required to attend school a minimum of four-class periods during the day to be able to participate in extra-curricular activities. (This includes contests and practices.) For activities on a week-end, the student must have attended four academic class periods on the previously scheduled school day.

If the situation arises that the student can not attend four class periods, it must be cleared in advance through the building principal for the student to be able to participate. If the student misses a full day prior to the scheduled weekend activity, it must be cleared by the building principal before the student can participate in the activity.

VI. Other Policies

- A. Play fair at all times, showing proper respect for opponents.
- B. Obey all officials' decisions in a courteous and sportsmanlike manner.
- C. Maintain the highest standards of conduct on the field or court, both at home and away.
- D. Observe completely all training rules. Violations of training rules will be handled by the coach/sponsor.
- E. Conform to the dress code of the athletic or activity department. Any tattoo must be covered. Coaches have the discretion to decide what is or is not a good representation of our school.
- F. Recognize that the privilege of being on a team carries with it the responsibility of setting a good example and the realization that it is an honor and privilege to represent one's school.
- G. Students will be responsible for equipment issued to them and must return said equipment when requested by the coach/sponsor.
- H. Students will not be able to participate in a contest in another activity until all equipment is returned or paid for in their previous activity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BULLETINS

Daily announcements will be read for the benefit of the student body and staff. Items for the bulletin must be approved by the principal. Weekly bulletins for the benefit of students and parents are sent home on Thursdays.

CLOSING OF SCHOOL

The school website will have school closings due to inclement weather or other emergencies posted as soon as a decision has been made. The radio stations KYYS 1102-FM, KBEQ 104-FM, KMBZ 980-AM, KISF 107.73-FM, WDAF 610-AM, KPRC 98.9-FM, KCMO 810-AM, KFKF 94.1-FM, KCUR 89.3-FM, KFEQ 68-AM, KKJO 105.1-FM and KUDL 98.1-FM along with T.V. channels 2, 4, 5, 9 and 41 will also carry all school closing announcements.

LUNCH/BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Lunch or breakfast charges will not be allowed. Prices are \$1.10 for student breakfasts and \$1.60 for student lunches. Prices may be increased as the need arises. Applications for free and reduced breakfast and lunch are available through the school office.

LOCKERS

All students will be assigned a locker. A student may request a lock from the office. Once lockers have been assigned students may not move to another locker without permission from the office. Students are encouraged to **keep lockers locked**. Students are not to place "stickers" or make marks of any kind on their lockers.

Student lockers are school property, not private property. Lockers may be subject to search at any time if there is reason to suspect that a student's locker contains an article which is in violation of a federal, state or local law, or is in violation of school district rules or regulations. (Board Policy JFG)

CARE OF BUILDING AND SCHOOL PROPERTY

The assistance of each and every student is sought in keeping buildings and grounds clean and neat. Students are expected at all times to take care of school property. In case of an accident (such as breaking of glass in a window or door) the student will report it to the office so that attention may be given to prevent others from being injured. Repair costs for damage done by students through neglect, carelessness, or harmful intent will be the responsibility of the students and/or his/her parents.

LOST AND FOUND

Articles found in and around the school should be turned in to the main office where the owners may claim their property by identifying it. Parents may also claim articles lost by their children.

MEDICATION

If it becomes necessary for a student to take any form of medication at school, a signed note from a parent/guardian must be presented in the office. All medication must be in the original container. It will be kept and dispensed through the high school office or school health nurse. (Board Policy JHCD)

NORTH PLATTE JUNIOR HIGH GRADING SCALE

95-100	A	73-76	C
90-94	A-	70-72	C-
87-89	B+	67-69	D+
83-86	B	63-66	D
80-82	B-	60-62	D-
77-79	C+	BELOW 60	F

NORTH PLATTE JUNIOR HIGH RETENTION POLICY

In order for a student to progress to the 8th and 9th grade levels, the student must attain a passing grade in 6 out of 8 subject areas. The student must pass 4 out of the 5 core subject areas. (This includes language arts, math, science, social studies, and technology). Tutoring is available for junior high students Monday - Thursday from 7:15 - 7:45 a.m.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Generally at the end of the fifth week of each quarter, or when necessary, teachers may send home student progress reports for students who are not working up to their ability. Reports may also be sent home when students have made marked improvements or for those who are doing exceptional work. Parents should review the report with the child, sign it, and return it to the teacher the following school day.

HONOR ROLL

High academic achievement is recognized at North Platte Junior High School by three honor rolls. These honor rolls include: (1) 4.0 or straight "A" honor roll, (2) 3.5 honor roll, and (3) 3.0 or "B" average honor roll.

TARDINESS

A student is tardy if he/she reaches his class after the ringing of the tardy bell, puts himself in a position where he is forced to run to class in order to be on time, or does not reach class with classroom materials.

ABSENCES AND LEAVING SCHOOL PREMISES

Absence from school will be excused for (1) illness, (2) emergency family matters, (3) death in the family, (4) dental and medical appointments, when appointments at other times are not possible, (5) observances of religious holidays, and (6) other matters not stated, if parents call the school. Students are responsible for requesting make-up assignments which are to be completed immediately following the absence. **Parents should request assignments before 9:00 a.m. so teachers have ample time to prepare them.**

Any absence not specifically excused by the school will be considered an unexcused absence. No credit will be granted for the work missed during the unexcused absence.

Students who become ill at school must check out at the office. Students leaving school for any other acceptable reason must be cleared in advance by a telephone call from the parent or guardian.

Excessive absences, excused and/or unexcused, interfere with the learning process and may need to be referred to the office and/or juvenile authorities.

On the day of the absence or by 9:00 the day the student returns to school, the parent or guardian must call (notes will not be accepted). The student will receive an admission slip stating whether the absence is excused or unexcused.

FIELD TRIP

In order to attend the year end field trip, each student must complete three book tests from the electronic book shelf and also meet one of the following criteria (electronic bookshelf tests must be over books that were not used in language arts class):

1. Must be at least on the B honor roll three consecutive quarters.
2. Must not miss more than 6 days of school. This includes excused and unexcused absences.
3. Must have a letter of recommendation from at least two core subject teachers and this letter must be approved by the principal.

GENERAL SCHOOL POLICIES

The purpose of discipline is to protect everyone's right to an education!

1. When passing to and from classes, students are to respect each other as well as the other classes which may be in session.
2. Chewing gum will be at the discretion of the teacher. Teachers, however, have the option of rewarding classes with candy as long as the candy is consumed during their class period.
3. Fighting, profanity, harassment, and public displays of affection, are forbidden and may result in a Saturday detention or suspension from school.
4. Students are not to run, push, shove, or make excessive noises in the school.
5. Throwing of objects (paper wads, etc.) or other similar devices will not be allowed at school and may result in suspension from class or school.
6. Students riding the bus are not to leave the school premises upon arrival at school or before boarding the bus to go home.
7. A student who is absent from school will not be allowed to attend an extra-curricular activity that day or night, unless the absence is unavoidable and special arrangements have been made with the principal in advance.
8. Students are responsible for bringing pencils, paper, and other needed supplies to each classroom.
9. Radios, C.D. players, tape recorders, i-pods, etc. are not allowed in school unless special permission has been given by a teacher or the principal.
10. Students who walk to school are not to arrive before 7:45 a.m.
11. **All walkers are to report to the junior high commons area at the end of school. Walkers will be dismissed at 3:15. Walkers are not to return to school until the late buses leave. (Approximately 3:25 p.m.)**
12. Toys, water guns, mini-cars, etc. are not allowed in school.
13. Students are to walk quietly to and from the lunchroom. Some classes will be in session.
14. Students are not to bring aerosol cans (hair spray, etc.) to school unless they have permission from a teacher or the principal.
15. Students are not to bring athletic equipment to school. These items will be furnished by the school.
16. No cell phones or pagers are allowed in the school building during the school day.

ATTIRE AND GROOMING REGULATIONS

Any apparel worn by students must be neat and clean and in no way distracting or disruptive to the academic process. The administration has the responsibility of determining what is unacceptable and/or disruptive. Students whose dress is not proper for school will be required to change clothing to acceptable attire. If the problem involves a top, office personnel will issue a shirt for the remainder of the school day. To insure that the shirt is worn for the remainder of the school day, an accompanying sheet must be signed by each of the student's remaining teachers. The following items are guidelines for dress: (Board policy JFCA page 1)

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1. Clothing or articles which are excessively soiled, torn, or ragged are not to be worn.
2. Clothing displaying vulgar writing or symbols, or sexual inferences is not to be worn.
3. Clothing that is revealing is not to be worn.
4. Clothing with alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substances advertisements or references is not to be worn.
5. Hats, caps, and/or sunglasses will not be worn in the building during the school day unless a special day has been specified.
6. Droopy drawers-shorts and pants cannot sag below the waist.
7. Any other apparel which a staff member determines to be unacceptable by community standards is not to be worn.
8. No pajama bottoms or house slippers may be worn.
9. All tank tops must have a 2" strap.
10. Any clothing or grooming that is distracting from the learning process in the classroom is not to be worn.

DISCIPLINE

(Board Policy Section J)

Classroom Discipline

Class control is the responsibility of the classroom teacher. The teacher will utilize all available, legal means to insure the smooth and efficient operation of the class. When all appropriate means have been exhausted, the student may be referred to the principal's office for further action. When this is necessary a "Discipline Referral" sheet should accompany the student, with a recommendation.

Any student who fails to go to the office when sent by a teacher will be considered insubordinate. Students may be sent to the office to prevent foreseeable problems or make up missed work without a "Discipline Referral."

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

The following student code of conduct is designed to foster student responsibility, respect for the rights of others, and to insure the orderly operations of the district. No code can be expected to list all offenses that may occur. However, it is the purpose of this code to list certain offenses which, if committed by a student, will result in the imposition of a certain penalty.

The violations listed below will incur the listed corrective measures. Subsequent offenses in each group will result in the increased corrective measures listed.

The seriousness of any of the offenses listed may require that corrective measures be bypassed to insure that the punishment more appropriately matches the offense. The school administration reserves the right to make that determination.

Obscene, disparaging, or demeaning language, disruptive speech or conduct, public display of affection, Failure to follow instructions

First Offense: Warning

Second Offense: 9th hour

Third Offense: Saturday School

Fourth Offense: 3 days In School Suspension

Fifth Offense: Suspension/Expulsion

Excessive tardies (more than three/semester)

First Offense: 9th hour

Second Offense: 9th hour

Third Offense: 9th hour

Fourth Offense: Saturday School

Fifth Offense: 2 days in school suspension

Fighting, Harassment (verbal, physical, sexual), Truancy, Leaving campus, Possession or use of tobacco

Willful damage to school property (includes restitution)

*Harassment, Bullying (verbal/physical) (Board Policy JFCF)

First Offense: Saturday School

Second Offense: 1-10 day In School Suspension

Third Offense: Out of School Suspension-Expulsion

Theft, assault, verbal or physical abuse to a staff member, insubordination, defiance of authority, inappropriate language to a staff member, extortion

First Offense: 1-10 day Out of School Suspension

Second Offense: Expulsion

(Punishment includes return of property/restitution)

Cell Phone, I-pods, and Electronic devices

(Board Policy JG-A, EHB and KKB)

First Offense: Turn in to office, Student can pick up after school hours.

Second Offense: 9th Block – Parent pick up device

Third Offense: Saturday School –Parent pick up device

Fourth Offense: 3-5 Days In School Suspension – Parent pick up device. No extra curricular activities during this suspension.

Academic dishonesty

(Board Policy JG-R)

Cheating on tests, assignments, projects or similar activities; plagiarism; claiming credit for another person's work; fabrication of facts, sources or other supporting material; unauthorized collaboration; facilitating academic dishonesty; and other misconduct related to academics.

First offense: No credit for the work, grade reduction, or replacement assignment.

Subsequent Offense: No credit for the work, grade reduction, course failure, or removal from extracurricular activities.

Technology Misconduct

(Board Policies EHB and KKB)

Attempting, regardless of success, to: gain unauthorized access to a technology system or information; use district technology to connect to other systems in evasion of the physical limitations of the remote system; copy district files without authorization; interfere with the ability of others to utilize district technology; secure a higher level of privilege without authorization; introduce computer viruses, hacking tools, or other disruptive/destructive programs onto using district technology; or evade or disable a filtering/blocking device.

First offense: Restitution. Principal/Student conference, loss of user privileges, detention, in-school suspension, or 1-180 days out-of-school suspension.

Subsequent offense: Restitution. Loss of user privileges, 1-180 days out-of-School suspension, or expulsion.

Use of audio or visual recording equipment in violation of Board policy KKB.

First offense: Confiscation, Principal/Student conference, detention, or in-school suspension.

Subsequent offense: Confiscation, Principal/Student conference, detention, or in-school suspension, or 1-10 days out-of-school suspension.

Possession or use of alcoholic beverages, indecent exposure, drugs or weapons, hazing

(Board Policies JFCH and JFCJ)

First Offense: Suspension-Expulsion

Second Offense: Expulsion

Sale of Controlled Substances

First Offense: Expulsion

For out-of-school suspensions, parents will be notified by a telephone call and mail. Re-admission will be by the principal after a conference with the student.

ANY STUDENT WHO IS SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL, WHETHER IT BE IN SCHOOL OR OUT OF SCHOOL, IS PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING OR ATTENDING ANY EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY, HOME OR AWAY, FOR THE LENGTH OF THE SUSPENSION.

9TH HOUR POLICY

The 9th hour is a formal after school detention program established to address minor infractions of rules. It may also be utilized by teachers for academic problems.

The 9th hour detention will be conducted in the library from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. one day a week, usually Wednesday. A teacher will be assigned on a rotating basis to supervise the 9th hour. If a student is assigned for academic problems, the teacher making the assignment must be available to assist that student.

The student must be seated in the room by 3:15 with enough class work, not magazines or games, to occupy the full time. Sleeping or disrupting 9th hour will not be tolerated. **Any student dismissed from 9th hour for violating 9th hour policies will report to the principal for assignment of a Saturday School detention. Failure to attend a 9th hour without prior arrangements with the principal will result in a Saturday School detention.**

9th hour will be recommended by school personnel in writing to the principal who will make the assignment or discuss alternative discipline measures with the person. A letter informing parents of the nature of the discipline problem and the date the 9th hour is to be served will be mailed to the parent/guardian by Friday of the preceding week. This will allow parents time to make any necessary special arrangements. Once the parents have been notified, the student must serve the entire 9th hour as assigned. Exceptions to this policy may be made only in special situations by the principal. Parents will be responsible to arrange transportation as soon as the 9th hour ends.

SATURDAY SCHOOL POLICY

(Board Policy JGB)

Saturday school will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. as needed. Parents will be notified by mail in advance. Students are to use this time to work on school assignments. Failure to attend the assigned Saturday school without prior arrangements with the principal will result in a 2 day in-school suspension. If a student is dismissed from Saturday school for violating rules, it will result in a 2 day in-school suspension.

If a student receives 3 Saturday schools, they will not be allowed to go on field trips.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION POLICY

(Board Policy JGB)

To assist in correcting certain inappropriate behaviors, North Platte Junior High School will conduct an in-school suspension (ISS).

Students assigned to ISS will report to the principal before the tardy bell sounds. Unexcused tardiness to ISS will result in a one day out of school suspension, plus completion of the ISS.

Students must bring all books and will be isolated from the rest of the student body. Morning and afternoon rest room and water breaks will be conducted during regularly scheduled classes. Students will be escorted to and from the rest rooms and water fountain by the staff member in charge.

Lunch will be served to the ISS students. They will be escorted to and from the cafeteria.

Students will work on appropriate academic work during ISS. They will not sleep or talk.

Students may not participate in extra-curricular contests on days they are in ISS.

Anyone removed from ISS for misbehavior will be suspended out of school for three days.

Failure to attend ISS will also result in a three day out of school suspension.

OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION POLICY

(Board Policy JGD)

Out of School Suspension (OSS) is a final attempt to correct behavior before expulsion is recommended. During the term of the OSS, a student is not to be on any North Platte School property or at any event at another place in which a North Platte group or individual is participating, regardless of the reason. A violation of this will be considered gross insubordination and will result in a recommendation for expulsion.

- I. The principal is granted power to suspend students for a maximum of ten days.
- II. The superintendent is granted power to suspend students for one year. A parent will be required to pick them up.
- III. Before any student can be suspended permanently from school a meeting of the student, parent, principal, superintendent and Board of Education may be requested.

Students and parents must realize that there will be breaches in classroom discipline that cannot be handled in the manner stated in the preceding paragraphs. The method of handling serious and/or unusual discipline problems occurring in the classroom are under the jurisdiction of the principal or superintendent and may be handled at their discretion.

BUS REGULATIONS

Bus or Transportation Misconduct (Board Policy JG-R and JFCC)

Any offense committed by a student on transportation provided by or the district shall be punished in the same manner as if the offense had been committed at the students' assigned school. In addition, transportation privileges may be suspended or resolved.

Regular Routes

Students shall be on time at the approved bus stop. Bus schedules will not permit waiting. Do not cross the road until the bus has completely stopped. Students will board the bus one step at a time.

Rigid standards of discipline must be maintained at all times in order to satisfy requirements. Whenever a driver must direct the attention away from the road, danger exists. Foremost in our minds, is the safety of each passenger.

While riding the bus

1. Except for ordinary conversation, students shall observe quiet conduct on the bus.
2. Students shall stay in their seats while the bus is in motion.
3. Students shall not throw trash on the floor of the bus.
4. No part of the body shall be extended through the bus window.
5. Students must be quiet while the bus is stopped for a railway crossing.
6. Students shall not leave the bus from the emergency door unless an emergency exists.

Discipline and penalties

1. The riding privilege of a student may be revoked for violation of the rules or for conduct that is detrimental to the safe operation of the school bus.
2. The driver is in full charge of the bus and the students.

CONCERNS

If a student or parent has a concern about a school policy or an employee, the following procedure should be followed in order to resolve the problem as quickly as possible:

1. Contact the person concerned to discuss both sides of the story.
2. If the problem still exists, contact the principal.
3. If still unresolved, contact the superintendent.
4. Finally, if unresolved, ask the superintendent to place the concern on the following month's Board of Education agenda for further discussion.

FIRE

Warning bell: ONE LONG CONTINUOUS BLAST

1. Exit building at the assigned exit door.
2. Remain calm, quiet, and under control.
3. Students are to clear the building and group according to class assignment.
4. A counting of all students should take place immediately upon reaching your designated area.
5. Class rosters should be hand-carried by each teacher.
6. Wait for the "all clear" bell before returning to class.

TORNADO

Warning bell: SEVERAL SHORT BLASTS (Three second intervals)

1. Proceed quickly and quietly to designated areas by assigned routes.
2. Students should kneel down with their hands over their head and their head between their knees.
3. Students are to remain quiet and orderly.
4. Stay away from window, glass, and cabinets.
5. Wait for the "all clear" bell before returning to class.

EARTHQUAKE

Warning bell: LONG, SHORT BLASTS

1. Stay in the room until the quake subsides (approximately 60 seconds).
2. Take cover under desks, etc.
3. Stay away from cabinets, windows, etc.
4. Second Bell: students will clear the building according to fire exits.
5. Third Bell: students will return to the classrooms.

Note: Teachers should assign a door/window monitor(s) for each class.