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## 2009-2010

**SAYREVILLE WAR MEMORIAL  
HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENT HANDBOOK 2009-2010**

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## FOREWORD

On behalf of the Sayreville Student Council we would like to wish you the best of luck during the four years you will be spending here at Sayreville War Memorial High School.

We proudly present this new planner in order to help you familiarize yourself with the school and all it has to offer. We are sure that you will find the listings and descriptions of all co-curricular activities as well as the rules and regulations quite helpful. The Student Council office is open to you at all times and we encourage you to stop by if you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions.

We, the executive committee, are very proud to serve the high school. We hope that you will join us in our efforts to continue the SWMHS tradition of excellence in academics, sports, and school spirit. We would like to extend to you our best wishes in making your four years at SWMHS a fulfilling and memorable time of your life.

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### To the Students:

Welcome back to school! I hope that you had a safe and enjoyable summer. The beginning of the new school year is always an exciting time! It is a time to look ahead, re-adjust your short and long term goals, and begin to work towards their achievement.

The Student Council, working with the faculty and administration, has prepared this handbook in an attempt to pull together a wide variety of information, which we hope will be useful to you in your dealings with the school. Ninth grade students and students that are new to the school will do well to spend time carefully reviewing these pages. Each year there are changes to the handbook, so we recommend a re-reading of it to those of you who have seen it before. The handbook represents a starting place for information. Feel free to contact appropriate members of the school staff if you need additional information. We will be glad to help you.

We hope that you will have a good year and we look forward to working with you. So get involved in your school.

James J. Brown, Principal

## **PHILOSOPHY**

Education is a process that society employs to perpetuate social order. An educational system must provide future adult citizens with a foundation for orderly, progressive, intellectual growth. Students need to learn the responsibilities of citizenship and adulthood. Therefore, the philosophy of Sayreville War Memorial High School deems education to be the means through which students acquire skills essential to all learning processes and attitudes necessary to fulfill growth potentials for a society which is the continual sociological and technological change.

The professional staff of Sayreville War Memorial High School offers a comprehensive and diversified curriculum based on sound educational principles and current instructional techniques, and formulated to meet the needs of both the community and the individual students. Through cooperative interaction and effort on the part of both faculty and administration, an opportunity for personal fulfillment is afforded each student. Participation in curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities provides the means through which students can learn and practice the diverse skills necessary to function in a complex society.

Every citizen privileged to live in a democratic society has the right to a public education. It is the acknowledged responsibility of the faculty and administration of Sayreville War Memorial High School to provide an appropriate climate for this education. Students are given the opportunity to develop a thorough appreciation of American ideals and customs and to recognize and understand diverse cultures.

The Sayreville War Memorial High School is proud of its diversity and does not discriminate based on race, creed, or religious affiliations.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

**Terms of Agreement**

**I have read the rules and regulations stated in the 2009-2010 Sayreville War Memorial High School Handbook. I understand that failure to comply with these decrees set forth by the Administration will result in the necessary disciplinary actions.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name – Please Print**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name – Please Sign**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Period 1 Teachers – After students have signed the Terms of Agreement, please have students remove this page from the handbook. Please collect and return completed forms to the Student Council Office, located in A53.**

**SAYREVILLE DISTRICT  
SCHOOL GOALS  
IN PRIORITY**

1. Develop skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening.
2. Gain a general education.
3. Learn how to examine and use information.
4. Develop a desire for learning now and in the future.
5. Develop a pride in work and a feeling of self-worth.
6. Develop good character and self-respect.
7. Learn to respect and get along with people with whom we work and live.
8. Learn how to be a good citizen.
- \*9. Develop skills to enter a specific field of work.
- \*10. Gain information needed to make a job selection.
11. Appreciate culture and beauty in the world.
12. Learn about and try to understand the changes that take place in the world.
13. Practice and understand the ideas of health and safety.
- \*14. Learn how to respect and get along with people, who think, dress and act differently.
- \*15. Understand and practice democratic ideas and ideals.
16. Learn how to be a good manager of money, property and resources.
17. Understand and practice the skills of family living.
18. Learn how to use leisure time.
- \* Equal Point Value

## 2009-2010 BELL SCHEDULE

### REGULAR DAY BELL SCHEDULE

Period 1	7:45	8:43 (58 min)
Period 2	8:48	9:35 (47 min)
Period 3	9:40	10:27 (47 min)
Period 4	10:32	11:02 (30 min) Lunch A
Period 5	11:07	11:19 (12 min)
Period 6	11:24	11:54 (30 min) Lunch B
Period 7	11:59	12:11 (12 min)
Period 8	12:16	12:46 (30min) Lunch C
Period 9	12:51	1:03 (12min)
Period 10	1:08	1:38 (30 min) Lunch D
Period 11	1:43	2:30 (47min)

### DELAYED OPENING SCHEDULE

Period 1	9:15	10:05 (50min)
Period 2	10:10	10:51 (41min)
Period 3	10:56	11:37 (41min)
Period 4	11:42	12:12 (30min)
Period 5	12:17	12:23 (6min)
Period 6	12:28	12:58 (30min)
Period 7	1:03	1:09 (6min)
Period 8	1:14	1:44 (30min)
Period 9	1:49	1:55 (6 min)
Period 10	2:00	2:30 (30min)

### EARLY DISMISSAL BELL SCHEDULE

Period 1	7:45	8:30 (45min)
Period 2	8:35	9:15 (40min)
Period 3	9:20	10:00 (40min)
Period 4	10:05	10:35 (30min)
Period 5	10:40	10:45 (5min)
Period 6	10:50	11:20(30min)
Period 7	11:25	11:30 (5min)
Period 8	11:35	12:05 (30min)
Period 9	12:10	12:15 (5min)
Period 10	12:20	12:50 (30min)

## Information from the S.W.M.H.S. Attendance Office

**Welcome to Sayreville War Memorial High School!**  
**The following information is provided to help you and  
your child understand the policies and procedures  
regarding attendance.**

- ✚ If your child will be absent, please contact the Attendance Office by phone at (732) 525-5250 and leave a message with the following information:
  - ✓ Your child's name and grade;
  - ✓ The reason for your child's absence;
  - ✓ The expected date of return;
  - ✓ Your name and your relationship to the student.

NOTE: You will be notified by **ParentLink** on the day your child is absent/late.

- ✚ Upon your child's return to school, please send a note indicating the reason for your child's absence. Kindly include your child's full name and the date of the absence. Parental notes will be held in each student's attendance file in the Office of the V.P.

- ✚ If your child has seen a doctor, dentist or other medical professional, please submit a note from the medical professional indicating the date that the student was seen. These medical notes will be handled by the SWMHS nurses and will be flagged in our computer system as a "medical absence." These notes will be held in the student's confidential medical file.

- ✚ If your child is absent due to a family emergency or funeral, please send in the parental note with an attachment regarding the circumstance, such as a newspaper article, obituary or mass card/program. If your child will be absent due to a court date or other legal proceeding, we must have a copy of the court document indicating your child's presence is required on the specific date set forth for the proceeding. Court dates will be flagged as such in the computer.

- ✚ If your child will be arriving late to school, he/she must sign in before proceeding to class. Sign In is held in the front foyer during period 1 and in the Office of the Vice Principal after period 1 has ended. All late students are required to have a blue pass in order to enter their classroom.

- ✚ If your child is signing out of school prior to normal dismissal time, he/she must sign out in the Office of the Vice Principal, and must be accompanied by a parent/guardian who has the proper authority. Identification is required. It is

recommended that the parent provide a written note to the attendance office in advance requesting early dismissal. Students who are **under 18 years of age may NOT sign themselves out at any time.**

- ✚ Please be aware that the maximum number of absences allowed in a semester course (half-year) is 9 and the maximum allowed for a full year course is 18. Attendance is important and necessary for your child to succeed and perform well in the academic environment at S.W.M.H.S. Students who accumulate several absences without medical explanations will receive warning letters in their semester courses and may receive monthly letters mailed to their home indicating the number of absences on record.
- ✚ **NO EXAM WILL BE PERMITTED TO BE MADE UP FOR ANY ABSENCE WHICH IS NOT COVERED BY PROPER DOCUMENTATION CLEARED BY ONE ON THE VICE PRINCIPAL'S.** Examples include: a doctor's note for a medical absence, written verification for a death in the immediate family, an affidavit for a required court appearance, or some other written verification for an excusable emergency status. **If you are absent, due to illness, you must have a doctor's note to make up an exam.**
- ✚ At any time, you may contact the Attendance Office and inquire as to your child's attendance record. Please direct all calls to Eileen Giovenco at 732-525-5250.

### **SCHOOL HOURS**

Regular school day: 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or until the end of the student's last class.

Delayed opening: 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Bus pick-up at 8:40 a.m.)

Early Dismissal: 7:45 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. or 1:03 p.m. depending on the reason for early dismissal. Seniors are required to remain in school until their last scheduled period is completed.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: On delayed opening days, all seniors must remain in school until 2:30 p.m. Students who have jobs are responsible for informing employers of this requirement**

### **SCHOOL CLOSING/DELAYED OPENING**

If for any reason school is closed or there is to be a delayed opening, information may be obtained by listening to Station WCTC-AM, 1450. Information will also be posted on the district website, [www.sayrevillek12.net](http://www.sayrevillek12.net). You may also be contacted by **ParentLink**, the district automated phone notification system. Parents and students are urged NOT TO CALL THE HIGH SCHOOL WHICH WOULD TIE UP LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS ON THOSE DAYS.

**ATTENDANCE PHONE NO. – (732) 525-5250**

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Freshman Orientation	August 25
UBU Assembly	September 11
Underclassmen 9-11 Portraits	October 2
Homecoming	October 9
Junior Bombers (cheer)	October 16
Acoustic Nite	October 21
Fall Play	November 13-14
Alumni Breakfast	November 25
Breakfast with Santa (Chorus)	December 12
Holiday Concert	December 16
Chorus Tricky Tray	February 12 <b>(Rain Date February 19)</b>
Variety Show	March 12
Spring Musical	March 25-27
Peer Leadership Bowl Mania	April 10
NHS Induction Ceremony	April 14
NHS Spaghetti Dinner	April 15
Mr. Sayreville	April 16
Senior Trip to Disney	April 22-26
Night of One Act Plays	April 30
Instrumental Spring Concert	May 13
Junior Prom	May 21
Spring Choral Concert	May 26
Powder Puff	May 27
Senior Prom	June 4

## **STUDENT RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT**

In order to earn credit for coursework, students must be present for a minimum of 90% of the days the course is in session, i.e.

Full-year course	162 days
Semester course	81 days

Any student who is absent from classes more than the allowed number of days shall be removed from those classes, lose credit and be assigned to study halls. This requirement applies to full-day absences as well as absences from individual classes. All absences, except for religious absences as defined by the State Board of Education, shall count toward the total. Absences shall include legitimate absence from school, truancy, cuts or unexcused **lateness to class of more than 10 minutes**. All absences count equally in calculating the minimum attendance rate. Students participating in authorized and sanctioned school activities during the school day (field trips, theatre productions, etc.) are not considered absent and, therefore, time missed from classes will not count toward the total absence number.

Students are permitted to make up class work for all absences except those resulting from class cuts (**including unexcused lateness of more than 10 minutes**) and **full-day truancy**. All make-up work should be completed within the same number of days as the number of days absent, but not to exceed 10 school days.

**A student who is absent is required to present to the period one teacher a written excuse upon returning to school.** The excuse must be dated, must specify the dates absent and reason for the absence, and must be signed by a parent or guardian. A failure to submit a note within three school days may result in disciplinary actions.

#### **Chronic Medical Condition**

Parents of students with a diagnosed medical problem which may have an impact on attendance should notify the vice principals' office, in writing, at the opening of school in September or as soon as possible if such a diagnosis is made during the school year. On a case-by-case basis, a vice principal will meet with parents and the student to establish procedures for documenting absences for medical reasons, plans for make-up work, etc. Confidentiality will apply as needed and appropriate. No accommodations or 504 requests for home instruction will begin before the date on the doctor's note. The doctor's note must be reviewed each year in September.

#### **Early Dismissal Schedule**

Students will follow an early dismissal schedule on specific conference and testing dates, as well as on those days when an early dismissal or delayed opening are required because of inclement weather. **All Delayed Opening** and some early dismissal schedules require early dismissal seniors to stay beyond their regular 1:03p.m. dismissal time in order to be considered present for the four hours required by state statute. Seniors should inform their employers of this fact, since early dismissals for personal reasons to comply with work schedules will count as absences.

#### **Early Dismissal**

Students must be present in school for a minimum of four hours and otherwise be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 6:20-1.3. (k) to be counted present for the day. Absences resulting from early dismissal shall count toward the student's class absence rate. It is the responsibility of the parent to notify in advance the vice principals' office with a note

specifying the date, time, and reason for the early dismissal. A parent or guardian of a student under 18 years of age is required to report to the vice principals' office at the designated time to sign the student out. No student, regardless of age, will be dismissed without parental or guardian approval.

#### **Attendance Appeal Procedures**

Students exceeding 18 absences in full year course, 9 absences in a semester course, may lose the ability to complete the course for credit. Students will be notified of their impending loss of the course(s) and accompanying credit and their right to request an attendance appeal. In order to be eligible for an attendance appeal, the following requirements must be met:

- Students must submit any documentation supporting corrections to their attendance record within 3 school days of their notification, i.e., Attendance Verification Form.
- A written request for an attendance appeal must be submitted to the attendance office within 5 school days of the student's notification. The request must be made by the parent/guardian or the student if he/she is 18 years old or older.
- Students must confirm their parent/guardian's attendance at the scheduled attendance appeal meeting at least one school day prior to the appeal.

The attendance appeal committee shall consist of an administrator who shall chair the committee, two teachers, and the student's guidance counselor and, when applicable, a representative of the child study team. Parents and students will be notified of the committee's decision within two school days. Should the parents and/or student wish to appeal the decision of the committee, they may do so by submitting a written request to the Superintendent of Schools. This request must be made within 5 school days of the notification by the attendance appeal committee. An appeal of the Superintendent's decision must be made in writing to the Board of Education within 5 school days of that decision.

Students are limited to one attendance appeal per year.

#### **Excessive Absence**

Students exceeding the maximum days out – eighteen (18) may be placed on social probation for the remainder of the semester regardless of the results of the attendance appeal.

#### **Religious Holidays**

Board of Education policies shall never interfere with a student's right to meet a religious obligation. It is noted, however, that many religious organizations offer opportunities to meet such obligations at times other than during school hours. Students are strongly encouraged to avail themselves of such opportunities rather than missing school time. Parents are asked to actively support this position to maximize student's time in school.

#### **Declared Truancy**

This situation occurs when students have been absent from school and have failed to bring in a note. Period 1 teachers will report to the office any student who has not turned in an absence note within three days of his/her return to school. Administration will, in turn, speak with the students and/or parents explaining that if the note is not received by a given date, there will be a declared truancy.

- a. If a note is submitted by the deadline, there will be no declared truancy.
- b. If there is no note, the student will be declared truant and he/she will be ineligible to complete make-up work.

#### **Regular Truancy**

A student is considered truant in any case where there is a full day, unexcused absence from school without the knowledge of his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or without just cause. In these cases, the cut

will be charged to each class, i.e., a zero for any work completed that day. A Saturday Suspension will also be assigned.

### **Extra-Curricular Participation**

Students who are absent from school or who arrive after 9:40 a.m. may not participate in extra-curricular activities that day or evening, e.g., athletic practices or events, music/drama rehearsals or performances, class or club meetings.

### **Class Cuts**

Students who have been in school or on school grounds for any part of the day may not miss any class, unless they have:

1. Signed out with the medical office, or
2. Signed out in the Vice Principals' office, or
3. Obtained, in **advance**, permission to miss class from the teacher of that class. This includes students who have guidance appointments.

In all cases, students must report to one of these three places at the **beginning** of the period to be missed. No excuses will be accepted after the fact. Failure to follow this policy will result in a class cut. Failure to report to period 1 and/or avoiding the sign-in process will also be considered a cut.

Cuts and lates will be consequenced in each class period separately.

**Ex. A student who has two cuts and five lates in period 6 will be at the third cut level in period 6 and therefore would be consequenced with a one day In-School Suspension if period 6 was a full year course. If period 6 was a semester course, it would be dropped from the schedule and no credit would be received for the course and a study hall would be assigned.**

**First Cut** – Will result in two days detention. The student's Vice Principal or designee will confer with the student, review school policies, and discuss the consequences of further cutting.

**Second Cut** – Will result in the assignment of a Saturday Detention. The Vice Principals' office will contact the parent via the Saturday Detention letter. The student's guidance counselor will also meet with the student.

**Third Cut** – Will result in an In-School Suspension for one day and a social probation period of up to fifteen days. The student's guidance counselor will also meet with the student.

Where the third cut is for a particular semester course, the student will lose credit for the class and will be withdrawn from the course. The Vice Principals' Office will contact the parent and the student will meet with his or her guidance counselor and be assigned to a study hall.

As the case in all other course withdrawal situations, the students grade point average will be impacted as credits attempted will be recorded against no grade for those credits. **Students will not be eligible for remedial summer school in that course but may take that course in regular summer school.**

**Fourth Cut** – Will result in the student being withdrawn from the full year course. The Vice Principals' Office will contact the parent and the student will meet with his or her guidance counselor and be assigned to a study hall.

As is the case in all other course withdrawal situations, the students' grade point average will be impacted, as credits attempted will be recorded against no grade for those credits. **Students will not be eligible for remedial summer school in that course but may take the course in regular summer school.**

## LATENESS

### Lateness to Class

Students are considered late to class any time they arrive after the late bell has rung. Lates to class may be excused only upon presentation of a note from a staff member. Lates to class will not be cumulative except for an individual class. Five unexcused lates will be considered the equivalent of one class cut. Unexcused lates to class will result in the following:

1. Teachers will record any unexcused lates and inform the students that they have done so.
2. Five unexcused lates in any specific class will equate to one class cut and consequenced at the appropriate cut level.
3. Ten unexcused lates in any specific class will equate to two class cuts and consequenced at the appropriate cut level. Parents will receive notification from the Vice Principals' Office of the offense and consequence.
4. Fifteen unexcused lates will equate to three class cuts and consequenced at the appropriate cut level. Parents will be contacted by a Vice Principal.

If the fifteen unexcused lates are for a particular semester course, the student will lose credit for the course and be withdrawn from the course and assigned to a study hall for the remainder of the semester. As is the case with all other course withdrawal situations, the student's grade point average will be impacted, as credits attempted will be recorded against no grade for those credits.

5. Twenty unexcused lates – will equate to four class cuts and consequenced as such. The student will be withdrawn from the full year course. The Vice Principals' Office will contact the parent and the student will meet with his or her guidance counselor and be assigned to a study hall for the remainder of the semester.

### Lateness to School

1. Any student arriving after period 1 is required to report for sign-in to the Auditorium Lobby. AFTER PERIOD 2, late students are to report to the Vice-Principals' Office for sign-in. Any student, who reports after Period 1 begins, will be consequenced for being late to class as well as all affected classes.
2. Students with unexcused lateness to class of **more than 10 minutes** shall be considered absent. This absence shall count toward the total school absence rate permitted under attendance policies.
3. Students must be present in school by 9:40 a.m. to participate in extra-curricular or interscholastic activities for the day.
4. Exceptions to basic requirements:
  - a. Student's transported by school bus will be admitted to school without a penalty if the bus arrives late.
  - b. If a student is present within the school building or on school grounds and leaves without permission, he/she will be considered as leaving school grounds and avoiding sign-in. Avoidance of the sign-in/leaving school grounds will result in a Saturday Detention.

### CAFETERIA RULES

1. Students must arrive on time!
2. Student's behavior in the cafeteria should be based on courtesy and cleanliness.
3. Tables and floors must be cleaned and trays returned.

4. Teachers will check all tables prior to dismissal.
5. Any student wishing to leave the cafeteria must have a pass in advance from one of their subject teachers.
6. No more than eight students per table.
7. At no time are students allowed to take food or drinks outside of the cafeteria.
8. A maximum of three students at a time in each bathroom.
9. Students must remain seated while in the cafeteria.
10. Students may go outside the cafeteria in the designated area only. Do not go behind the kitchen area or disrupt classes in session.
11. No activities which are deemed illegal, unsafe or disruptive are permitted (e.g., no gambling, no throwing of food or objects of any kind, etc.).

#### **CORRIDOR PASSES**

It is essential that there be no students in the halls unless they have a corridor pass. Students must have written passes including: a) student name; b) date; c) time; d) destination. Passes should be written in pen, not pencil.

#### **COUNSELING AND PLACEMENT APPOINTMENTS**

Passes are required in order to go to the Counseling and Placement Office during the school day. The student must report to the class to be missed **PRIOR TO** going to the guidance office and have their subject teacher with a signed pass from the counselor documenting the time spent in Guidance. The student must sign-in and sign-out of the Counseling and Placement Office.

#### **CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE**

All students, teachers, and school personnel are responsible for the maintenance of good discipline. Students guilty of general offense in any class will be subject to disciplinary action including detention by the subject teacher of that class.

A student assigned detention by a teacher is expected to report on the date specified by the teacher. According to school policy, teachers must give students **24 hours notice** of an assigned teacher detention. Students who fail to attend an assigned teacher detention will be referred to administration for disciplinary action.

#### **INSUBORDINATION**

Any act of insubordination that does not include profanity, will result in a suspension. The type and duration of the suspension will be decided by administration based on the level of the insubordination.

#### **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

Any Student who accumulates any combination of **15 referrals** will not be allowed to attend the Junior or Senior Prom.

#### **DRESS**

The Board of Education recognizes that each student's mode of dress and grooming is a manifestation of personal style and individual preference. The Board will not interfere with the right of students and their parents to make decisions regarding their appearance, except when their choices affect their safety or the educational program within the schools.

Therefore the manner of dress must not create classroom disorder or distract others. The administration reserves the right to restrict or prohibit any manner of dress or apparel judged to be inappropriate, a distraction to the learning environment, or

apparel that presents a safety hazard. The following guidelines have been established to assist parents and students in selecting the proper dress for school as required by Board of Education Policy #522.

- 1) Students may not wear apparel that promotes or endorses illegal substances (e.g. drug, alcohol, or tobacco products). In addition students may not wear clothing with messages deemed offensive, profane, or inappropriate as judged by the administration.
- 2) Students may not wear thin strap, spaghetti strap, strapless, see-through, one shouldered, off-the-shoulder, or halter tops. Additionally, bustiers, tops with cut-outs or shirts that allow the midriff to be exposed are not permitted. With arms raised, all shirts must cover the midriff. Proper attire should include undergarments. However, undergarments may not be visible or worn as outerwear.
- 3) Sleeveless tops may be worn but the top must fall reasonably close to the neckline and cover the shoulders, as judged by the administration, and fall directly below the underarm to insure the torso and undergarments are not exposed inappropriately.
- 4) No sunglasses may be worn during the school day unless medically prescribed and approved by an administrator.
- 5) Students may not wear short skirts, or short shorts. Shorts and skirts may have a reasonable distance from the knee but should be no shorter than mid-thigh. Ripped jeans are also considered inappropriate.
- 6) Students are not permitted to carry or wear hats or outerwear, such as winter coats, rain coats, heavy jackets, or varsity jackets, during the school day. Windbreakers or lightweight jackets that are part of a uniform or a warm-up suit are permitted.
- 7) Ski masks are not permitted to be worn in school. Any similar types of hats or hood that hide the face are not permitted and will be confiscated.
- 8) No sweatbands, headbands, scarves, bandannas, do-rags, kerchiefs, or large jewelry chains may be worn on any part of the body, on backpacks, or visibly displayed in any other fashion while in school unless approved by the administration for religious or medical reasons.
- 9) Students are not permitted to wear clothing that is clearly pajamas, slippers, or sleepwear.
- 10) Students may not wear gloves of any kind.
- 11) Students may not wear articles of clothing that are inappropriately altered, soiled, ill-fitting, or considered by the administration to be inappropriate and/or unsafe for school activities.
- 12) Any jewelry that is sharp/studded is not permitted in school.
- 13) Footwear may include shoes, sneakers, or sandals that are secure to the foot. Flip-flops are not permitted.

**The administration may permit changes in the policy to address special occasions or emergent conditions.**

#### **RESTRICTED HALL USE**

Students who are involved in any physical act of violence, as well as students who have reached the 3<sup>rd</sup> cut or 15 late level may be subject to a restricted hallway period of 20 days.

Students who are on restricted hallway are not allowed to leave any room without administration approval. Also, students on restricted hallway are required to be on time for all classes. Any violation of the terms of restricted hallway will result in an out of school suspension and one additional period of restricted hallway which will be determined by the administration. All students who are on restricted hallway must be accompanied by a security monitor should they require hallway access.

#### **RESTRICTED LOCKER ROOM ACCESS**

Students who have compromised the welfare of others of themselves, or who have put others' personal property or school property in jeopardy may be subject to restricted locker room status. The duration of which will be determined by the school administration.

Students who are on restricted locker room status will report directly to the gym where their class is scheduled. These students will not enter the locker room for any reason. All students who are on restricted locker room status must use hallway bathrooms, but only after receiving approval from their teacher.

All students on locker room restriction are required to be on time for class. Any violation of the terms of restricted locker room status will result in and out of school suspension and one additional period of restriction which will be determined by the administration.

Students on restricted locker room access will not be allowed to dress for physical education class. Therefore, to recoup the credits lost by not changing into physical education attire, these students will, instead, write a paper. The paper's length and topic will be determined by each individual student's physical education teacher.

#### **HEADGEAR AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

All students are expected to remove any headgear and electronic devices immediately upon entering the building. Headgear includes, but is not limited to, hats, hoods, bandanas, ski masks, sunglasses, do-rags, headbands, and earmuffs. **Electronic devices include, but are not limited to, beepers, cell phones, Ipods, MP3 players, radios, transmitters, CD players, Walkman, disc man, etc.** All headgear and electronic devices MUST BE stored in a student locker before the beginning of the school day (7:45 AM). Failure to comply may result in an In-School Suspension. Headgear and electronic devices may NOT be worn around a student's neck or stored in a student's pocket during the school day. Failure to comply may result in the student's radio, headgear, CD player etc. being confiscated. This equipment will be held until the last day of school in June unless picked up by a parent. **The school will not be held responsible for items, which have been confiscated, lost, or stolen.** Head coverings required for religious or medical reasons are exempt from this policy.

#### **LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS**

- It is the obligation of the student to report any lost or stolen item to the Vice Principal.
- Students must complete an incident report in order to initiate investigation.
- **Administration will only investigate lost or stolen items that are appropriate for the school setting.**

#### **GYM WEAR POLICY**

The Sayreville War Memorial High School student dress code for Physical Education Class is:

1. Sneakers and sweat socks.
2. Shorts or sweatpants, which are loose fitting and allow for free movement (tight shorts or sweatpants of any kind are not permissible).
3. Sweatshirts and tee shirts which are loose fitting and allow for free movement (clothing which is considered a safety hazard, constrictive or distracting is prohibited).

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Students are forbidden from taking any photographs for personal use without prior approval from the building principal. (This includes but is not limited to digital cameras, video equipment, picture cell phones, etc.). Students found in violation of this policy may be subject to suspension and confiscation of the equipment.

### **HOMEWORK**

#### RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

- To know the value of homework in the marking period grade.
- To listen in class and learn how to do the skills in the assignments.
- To write down an assignment and ask questions if not clear.
- To take needed books and supplies home.
- To do neat and accurate work to the best of his/her ability.
- To do his/her own work.
- To use time wisely, set a daily time to complete the homework and complete assignments on time.
- To avoid television viewing and radio listening during studying time.
- To ask for help from parent/guardian(s) only after having given a best effort
- To show your parent/guardian(s) only after having given a best effort
- To take completed assignments to school and turn in to the teacher.
- To arrange to make-up all missed assignments due to absence.
- To know the policy for late work.
- To recognize that homework is an integral part of the educational program.

#### **STUDENT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MID-YEAR AND FINAL EXAMS**

1. Students must report to their assigned exam room on time. Failure to meet this responsibility may result in an exam cut and a zero for the scheduled exam.
2. Early dismissal status must be pre-approved by a Vice-Principal prior to the start of the exam schedule.
3. Attendance and lateness rules for the exam period must be followed.
4. There will be **no student lunches** on exam days.
5. Failure to be present during homeroom without prior teacher notification will result in homeroom cut status and possible loss of exam privileges.
6. **NO EXAM WILL BE PERMITTED TO BE MADE UP FOR ANY ABSENCE WHICH IS NOT COVERED BY PROPER DOCUMENTATION CLEARED BY ONE OF THE VICE PRINCIPALS.** Examples include: a doctor's note for a medical absence, written verification for a death in the immediate family, an affidavit for a required court appearance, or some other written verification for an excusable emergency status. **If you are absent, due to illness, you must have a doctor's note to make up an exam.**
7. Books, pocketbooks, and outer garments should not be taken into an exam room.

8. Bring all necessary pens, pencils and exam materials with you as directed by your subject teacher. Be prepared to work from the first minute of the exam.
9. No exam will be collected until the end of the exam period. Use your exam time constructively.
10. Any inappropriate behavior will result in a zero grade for the scheduled exam, and possible disciplinary action as determined by administration.
11. All school rules and regulations are in effect during the exam period.
12. Any student caught cheating by a proctor will be sent to the Main Office following notification of one of the Vice Principals. All credit for that exam will be lost.
13. No student may leave an exam room. If there is an emergency, the nurse will be called to the classroom.
14. If school is cancelled due to inclement weather, any exams scheduled for that day will be given on the first day that school is in regular session.
15. On any day that school is open and a delayed opening is held, any exams scheduled for that day will be given on the first day that school is in regular session.

### **USE OF STUDENT FACILITIES**

Students may not be in the gymnasiums or other areas of the school unless they are supervised by a teacher for an approved activity. Students may not, for example, have unsupervised basketball games before or after school.

### **SOCIAL PROBATION**

The denial of a student's ability to participate in or attend any extra-curricular activity for a specified period of time. During the period of social probation, students may be excluded from activities including, but not limited to, athletic competitions and practices, dances, plays, and proms. **Students on probation may also be barred from participation in graduation ceremonies.**

For all disciplinary referrals, a period of social probation may be issued subject to administrative review and intervention. A reason to implement social probation includes, but is not limited to:

- Continued, willful disobedience of school regulations
- Violation of the terms of any suspension
- An egregious offense

### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

The use, consumption, possession, sale, purchase, distribution or transfer of alcohol or any controlled/dangerous substance (including anabolic steroids) or drug paraphernalia is strictly prohibited anywhere within Drug Free School Zones or at any school-related activity, such as an athletic event or field trip.

#### **Use or Consumption**

When there is reasonable cause to believe that a student has used, consumed or abused a substance:

1. The administration will arrange for an immediate medical exam and drug screening, with or without parental consent. A failure to comply with this requirement shall result in a presumption of guilt and a ten-day suspension from school.
2. If the screening is positive, the student shall be suspended from school for a minimum of five days and a complaint filed with the Sayreville Police Department.
3. In addition, any student who has a positive drug screen or refuses to comply with drug screening requirements will be required to attend a teen session after care program. Failure to attend the after care program may result in additional disciplinary consequence.
4. If a student, at any time during his/her school career, commits a second such offense, that student will be suspended pending a

Board of Education hearing to determine whether expulsion or additional suspension is in order.

**Sale, Purchase, Transfer, Distribution or Possession**

1. Any student found to be in possession of a controlled dangerous substance or drug paraphernalia will be suspended for a minimum of five days.
2. Any student found to have been involved in the sale, purchase, intent to distribute, distribution, or transfer of a controlled dangerous substance or drug paraphernalia will be suspended pending an expulsion hearing. The principal will notify the Sayreville Police Department of the incident and transfer custody of any seized evidence and a police complaint will be filed.
3. A complaint will be filed with the Sayreville Police Department.

**FIGHTING, ASSAULT AND VIOLENCE**

Fighting, assault and/or any acts of violence are prohibited on school premises or any school sponsored activity. A fight defined as any physical altercation between or among participants where aggressive physical contact is made. This includes but is not limited to slapping, punching, kicking and scratching with fingernails. Penalties for such behavior are provided below.

**Level 1:** Definition: Fight or assault which does not result in any injury requiring medical treatment.

**Penalties:**

**FIRST OFFENSE**

**Fight** – Minimum out-of-school suspension of three (3) days and a period of social probation up to 15 days.

**Assault** – Minimum out-of-school suspension of five (5) days and a period of social probation up to 15 days.

**SECOND OFFENSE**

**Fight** – Minimum out-of-school suspension of five (5) days and a period of social probation up to one school year.

**Assault** – Minimum out-of-school suspension of seven (7) days and a period of social probation up to one school year.

For either a fight or assault, participants will be prohibited from participation in any extra-curricular activity for a minimum of nine (9) weeks. This includes, but is not limited to athletic competitions and practices, dances, plays and proms. Participants may be barred from graduation ceremonies. An appropriate police complaint may be filed at the discretion of the principal for any offense anytime in high school career.

**Level 2:** Definition: Second fight or assault of an individual occurring at anytime during a student’s high school career; or any fight or assault which requires a participant, victim or innocent bystander to obtain medical treatment for any injury.

**Penalties:** Any student determined to have participated in, or instigated, such a violent act will be suspended from school pending a Board of Education hearing to consider a proposed penalty of suspension from school for the balance of the school year. Student suspended under such circumstances:

- May not attend the Junior or Senior Prom.
- May not be on school property for any reason without prior approval of the principal or his/her designee.
- May not participate in or attend any school-sponsored activity.
- Will return to school the following school year on a probationary basis. Involvement in any subsequent violent act or incident will result in the Board of Education hearing to

consider a proposed penalty of permanent expulsion from school.

Given extenuating circumstances, principals may recommend to the Superintendent a reduced penalty and/or waiver of the Board hearing: An appropriate police complaint will be filed in all such cases.

**Level 3:** Definition: Assault on a staff member. “Staff member” is defined as any employee of the Board of Education including but not limited to teachers, administrators, custodians and secretaries.

**Penalties:** Any student determined to have participated in, or instigated an assault on a staff member will be suspended from school pending a Board of Education hearing to consider a proposed penalty of permanent expulsion from school. An appropriate police complaint will be filed in all such cases.

Sayreville War Memorial High School will not tolerate any act of violence against any of its population. Every one of you has a right to a safe school environment. If at any time you hear that a problem is about to get out of control, please inform your teacher or get to your Vice Principal as soon as possible. Let’s work together to keep our school the special place it is – we are all members of the SWMHS family.

### **ILLEGAL WEAPONS**

Weapons of any type are strictly prohibited on school premises or at any Board of Education approved activity.

**Definition:**

For the purposes of this policy “weapon” is defined as any item:

- So defined by State Statute 2C:39-1
- Capable of causing harm or bodily injury for which there is no educational or instructional purpose
- Observed to have been displayed or used as a weapon

This definition includes, but is not limited to firearms, knives, stun guns, mace, tear gas, brass knuckles, and sharp rings and jewelry, blackjacks and martial arts weapons.

**Penalties:**

Level 1: There shall be an immediate suspension pending a mandatory expulsion hearing before the Board of Education, for any pupil:

- Found to be in possession of a firearm or who has displayed a firearm on school premises or at any Board-approved activity.

Level 2: A minimum of ten days suspension and a hearing before a committee of the Board of Education will be required for any pupil found to be in possession of any weapon not defined under Level 1. Given extenuating circumstances, principals may recommend to the Superintendent a reduced penalty and/or waiver of the Board hearing.

In all cases of weapons possession, written notification shall be filed with the Sayreville Police Department. As appropriate, formal police complaints shall be filed.

### **IMPROPER USE OF LANGUAGE**

The use of profanity, racial slurs, bias remarks, intimidation or verbal abuse is subject to disciplinary action, whether directed at a person or overheard. Students are asked to respect the space and learning environment of others and contribute to a safe and orderly atmosphere for learning.

### **ILLNESS OR INJURY**

If a student is ill or injured, that student must report to his/her classroom teacher for a pass or, in an emergency, report directly to the nurse. No student may go to an unsupervised unscheduled area. Failure to follow the above procedure will be treated as a class cut.

### **LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Students who leave the high school grounds at any time prior to their dismissal time will be assigned a Saturday Suspension. Subsequent violations will also result in loss of parking privileges (if applicable).

### **ADMINISTRATIVE DETENTION**

1. Time: 2:40 to 3:20 p.m.
2. Students late to detention will not be admitted without a pass from an administrator.
3. Students are allowed to do individual work.
4. No talking or sleeping is allowed. Any student failing to follow this rule will be dismissed from administrative detention by the teacher in charge and subject to further disciplinary action.
5. If a student cuts an administrative detention, he/she will be assigned two administrative detentions. A second cut will result in a Saturday Suspension. The third cut will result in a Saturday Suspension and a period of social probation until all administrative detentions have been served. Any additional cuts of administrative detentions will result in a Saturday Suspension and a substantial period of social probation that will be determined after administrative review.
6. To be excused from an administrative detention assignment, prior approval must be obtained from an administrator.
7. If a student is absent from school, he/she will be rescheduled upon return to school.

### **SATURDAY DETENTION**

1. Saturday Detention may be assigned for all violations of school policy such as class cuts, chronic lateness, class disruption, and other routine behaviors and incidents except those relating to substance abuse and fighting. The administration reserves the right to assign a Saturday Detention when deemed necessary. Students who wish to participate in the life strategies program (9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) must register through the SAC. Registration is limited.
2. The student is responsible for providing transportation.
3. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Students must enter the building through the doors adjacent to the Cafeteria and report immediately to the Cafeteria.
4. Students who cut Saturday Detention will be reassigned another Saturday Detention in order to fulfill their Saturday Detention obligation. A form of suspension will also be issued. The type of suspension and duration will be determined by administration based on the cut level.
5. Students who have accumulated (2) cuts of their Saturday Detention may be required to meet with the Principal before their return to school. Students, unless age of 18, must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at the time of the meeting. Student's who have accumulated (3) cuts of their Saturday Detention may be requested to meet with the Superintendent of Schools before they return to school. A parent or legal guardian must be available for the meeting with the Superintendent of Schools or their designee.
6. Students who have not satisfied their Saturday Detention obligation will not receive final report cards / schedules until the obligations have been met.

### **STUDENT SUSPENSION**

There are two types of student suspension: In-School and Out-of-School Suspension.

In-School Suspension (I.S.S.) will be held from 7:30 to 2:30. Students must follow all the rules and regulations of In-School Suspension. Students who do not satisfactorily complete their I.S.S. obligations will receive two days Out-of-School Suspension. Students are required to report to the Vice Principals' office at 7:30 a.m. Students need to bring a bagged lunch. Students who receive a free lunch will be provided a bagged lunch that meets state guidelines. These students still have the option to bring a lunch if they are not satisfied with the lunch provided. **Seniors consequenced an I.S.S. are not entitled to the early dismissal schedule on that day.** Seniors who have jobs are responsible for informing their employers of the change in schedule for that day.

Out-of-School Suspension will be assigned in all cases of illegal or violent behavior such as fighting, substance abuse, weapons possession or other serious matters. During an Out of School Suspension, students are not permitted on school grounds before, during, or after school for any reason. Students who have been suspended repeatedly may be subject to a district level hearing concerning their behavior.

Students who have been suspended out-of-school may make up any missed work or tests. Generally, the number of days out will determine how many days a student will have to make up work, e.g., students returning from a three day suspension should complete make-up work within three days of their return. Students who fail to submit make-up work will receive a zero for those assignments.

Any student who accumulates a total of **five (5) separate suspensions** may be ineligible to participate in all extra-curricular events, including, but not limited to: proms, sporting events, school performances, trips, etc.

#### **SMOKING**

Smoking is strictly prohibited in the school building and on school property.

A first smoking offense will result in the assignment of a Saturday Suspension. A second offense will result in the student being charged under NJ Statute SC: 33-13 and 2C-043-3, with the case being heard in Municipal Court. New Jersey statute calls for mandatory penalties, including fines and all court costs.

#### **VENDING MACHINES**

Students are not permitted to use the vending machines during the school day.

#### **BEEPERS**

NJ Statute 2C:33-19 specifically prohibits the possession of beepers in school without the express written permission of an administrator. Any beeper not registered with the Vice-Principals office will be confiscated. Confiscated beepers will be returned to students in June unless parents pick them up.

#### **STUDENT PARKING PERMITS**

Parking on school grounds is a senior privilege and is governed by rules that have been established through school policy. Seniors who drive to school must obtain a parking permit, which must be visibly displayed in vehicles parked in designated student parking areas. Vehicles parked on school grounds without appropriately displayed parking permits may be ticketed and/or towed at the student's expense.

Parking permits are available at no cost to seniors and may be obtained in the Vice Principals' Office before and after school. In order to obtain a permit, students must not have any outstanding school financial obligations. They must also present a current school I.D. card, a valid driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of

automobile insurance. Additionally, students and their parents must complete and sign a PARKING PERMIT APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT, which outlines the school policies governing parking privileges.

Students will be assigned a numbered space, and must park in that numbered space only. Students may not park in spaces labeled for visitors, or in the area in the rear of the C-Wing. These spaces are reserved for faculty, district personnel, and visitors. Extreme caution is to be observed at all times to insure pedestrian safety. Violations of any parking regulations are subject to disciplinary action including the suspension and/or loss of senior parking privileges.

Additionally, students with **ten (10) or more confirmed disciplinary referrals** may be subject to suspension or revocation/denial of parking privileges.

**Students who leave school grounds are subject to loss of parking privilege for the remainder of the school year.**

#### **TELEPHONE CALLS**

Cell phones are not to be used from 7:00 to 2:30. Emergency telephone calls may be made in or authorized by the vice principals' office.

#### **FACULTY WORKROOMS**

Students are not permitted to enter faculty workrooms.

#### **BUILDING EVACUATION**

Students must adhere to the following rules whenever the building is evacuated for a fire drill or other emergency:

1. Students must evacuate quickly and quietly in an orderly manner.
2. Emergency vehicles must have a clear path so students may not block the roadway.
3. Students may not sit on or in automobiles.
4. Students must take valuables such as purses, jackets, etc. to avoid the possibility of theft.
5. Unless directed otherwise, always return to the class or period assignment you were in when the evacuation occurred.

#### **LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER**

- The primary goal of the media center is to provide various types of resources and instruction to help the population of Sayreville War Memorial High School become productive twenty-first century citizens. In addition, these resources support the curriculum goals of the district and NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards.
- Library Webpage:  
<http://teacherweb.com/NJ/SayrevilleWarMemorialHighSchool/MediaCenter/>
- Library Hours: 7:30 – 3:30 Monday – Friday
- Food and Drinks are not allowed in the Media Center.
- If a student is entering the Media Center after school, he/she must report by 2:45 or have a note from a teacher/coach stating the reason for the delay. Bus passes will be issued at 3:20 to students who arrive in the media center no later than 2:45. Student must sign-up with a librarian and remain in the Media Center in order to receive a late bus pass. Students wishing to use a computer after school must check in with a media specialist at the circulation desk.

- During school hours, students need to have passes from their subject teachers **before** they enter the Library/Media Center. Students need to sign in at the circulation and hand in their passes. If they need to use computers, they need to first seek permission from a media specialist. Classes always have priority over students with passes. Computer use is at the discretion of the media specialists. Students who are in the media center with a pass must follow all rules and be aware that they are under the librarians' supervision. Students who are not cooperative will be asked to return to their scheduled period.
- In addition, **early dismissal seniors** may use the Library/Media Center when they finish with their school day *if they are working* on a school related assignment. They need to be mindful that underclassmen are still in school and should act accordingly. They need to arrive before the period's late bell rings. Seniors staying after during this time must seek permission to walk into the hallway because classes are in progress.
- If early dismissal seniors leave the school property before arriving in the library, they must seek permission from the vice principals' office before entering the Library/Media Center.
- Computers – All students will be encouraged to know their passwords before the day they are scheduled to be in Media Center. Students can fill in a form in the media center to secure their passwords. The passwords will be distributed to the students' period 1 teacher within a 24 hour period.
- Circulation – Books may be checked out from the general collection, biography collection, and college & career collection for two weeks. They may be renewed unless on reserve. Please have your student ID card or other credible identification at the time of check-out. A fine of \$.05 per day will occur for each late day, excluding weekends and days off.  
Reference books may be checked out after 11<sup>th</sup> period and must be returned to the Media Center before 1<sup>st</sup> period the following day. A fine of \$1.00 per day will occur for each late day. Students with overdue loans will not be allowed to take materials out until the overdue loan is returned or paid for. Fines should be paid in a timely manner.
- Photocopies are available for students' use. The cost is \$.10 for each copy. Please make sure you have small change to use because the librarians are unable to make change. The photocopiers do accept dollar bills. The photocopier does not make double-sided copies nor can the machine handle legal-size copies. Students can copy for free only when the class is present in the library/media center.
- Students assigned to a study hall in the Media Center must sit in a designated area and must seek permission to use a computer. Students completing gym medical reports must use books or see a media specialist to print out any necessary materials. A laptop computer is available for word processing.

### STUDENT LOCKERS

These Lockers are subject to the following conditions:

1. Based upon a decision by the New Jersey Supreme Court, lockers are deemed to be school property. Consistent with legal guidelines, administrators may open and search lockers at anytime. Lockers should not be marked or defaced in any way. Periodic locker inspections will be made by the high school administration.
2. Students may go to their lockers at anytime during the school day.

However, they are responsible to be in class on time. Going to a locker will not be considered an excuse for lateness to class.

3. Students are to use their assigned locker only.
4. Students are responsible for all articles in their lockers, including their books.
5. **After closing the locker door, students must spin the dial to be sure that the locker is locked. A failure to do so will leave the lockers in an open position and vulnerable to theft.**
6. In the event your locker is broken and/or unsecured, report to the vice-principals' office to fill out a locker repair request immediately. Administration will approve moving your belongings to a secure locker for the short time it will take to complete repairs. Move your possessions immediately to insure their safety.

## **SCHOOL BUS SAFETY**

### **Parent Responsibility**

The Transportation Regulations and the Policy adopted by the Board of Education should be stressed to the student not only for his or her safety, but to protect the lives of all students riding the school bus.

- Help your student(s) to be on time at the bus stop.
- Do not ask the driver to stop at places other than the designated stop.
- Assume responsibility in training your child to cooperate with the driver.
- Insist on correct behavior in waiting for and riding the school bus.
- Accompany very young students to the bus stop each morning and meet the bus in the afternoon.
- Cooperate with school officials in discharging discipline requirements in support of the Transportation Safety Program. Parental attitude in this matter is extremely important.

### **Student Responsibility**

Be aware of the following rules and regulations set down for your safe and efficient transportation. Cooperate by obeying these rules and regulations for your own safety as well as others.

### **Rules and Regulations**

Previous to Loading Bus:

- Be on time at your bus stop.
- Remain at the curb and at least 3 feet back-NEVER stand in or move into the roadway as the bus approaches.
- Avoid crowding or pushing as bus approaches.
- Wait until bus stops before moving toward door.
- Do not destroy or damage property at a bus stop.

While Riding Bus:

- Move quickly to your seat. Do not stand or move from your seat while bus is in motion.
- Driver or school administrator may assign seats.
- Do not open or close windows without driver's permission.
- Keep hands, arms and other parts of the body inside the bus at all time.
- Keep feet, legs and other objects out of the aisles.
- Do not eat or drink on the bus. Help keep it clean.
- No smoking.
- Never throw anything out of the bus window.

- Be courteous, talk softly and “watch your language.”
- Get in the habit of obeying the driver promptly.
- In case of emergency, remain in your seat until instructions are given by the driver. Learn how to evacuate your bus quickly.
- Report any damage to the bus to the driver.
- All students are responsible for any damage they cause to the bus.

After Leaving Bus:

- Move quickly away from side of bus, upon curb or off roadway.
- When necessary to cross street or road, move 10 feet in front of bus, wait for drivers signal to cross, move rapidly to other side. Never go to rear of bus and cross street or road.

**Any violation of school rules while waiting, riding, or departing the bus will be subject to the school disciplinary policy.**

**STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

Student I.D. cards should be carried at all times and presented upon request to any school staff member. This card will be used as identification for the following: school activities and sports events, library privileges, approved bus transportation, and with corridor pass. Refusal to present this card, lending this card, or using another’s is a violation of H.S. regulations and subjects the holder to disciplinary action. A lost or damaged card should be reported or returned to the Student Council office as soon as possible. Replacement fee \$5.00.

**SWMHS COUNSELING and GUIDANCE  
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/COURSES  
PERTINENT INFORMATION  
GUIDANCE PHONE#  
(732)525-5279 (732)525-5280**

Sayreville War Memorial High School is a comprehensive high school which offers a variety of courses to students to enable them to pursue the career direction of choice. These courses include those preparing students for college, the business world as well as technically oriented careers. It is important for each student to select wisely according to his/her aptitudes, abilities, and interests. Each student will be advised by his/her school counselor before the final choice is made; however, students should feel free to consult their subject teachers and homeroom teachers concerning course requirements and contents.

Each student (other than seniors) is expected to select six subjects along with Physical Education and Health for each year.

To graduate from Sayreville War Memorial High School, a student must accumulate 120 credits, which must include courses with the following distribution:

<u>Class of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013</u>	
English.....	4 years
Mathematics.....	3 years
U.S. History.....	2 years
World History.....	1 year
Science.....	3 years
World Languages.....	1 year
Physical Education/Health.....	4 years
Performing or Visual Arts.....	1 year
Practical, Technological or Vocational Arts...	1 year

## **REQUIRED NUMBER OF CREDITS (See page 55)**

### **A. Required Number of Credits**

Students receive credit for each period spent in a course per week for the duration of the course. For instance, if a student has a course that meets one period a day, five (5) days a week for the entire school year, he/she receives five (5) credits provided he/she passes the course. If a course meets one period, five (5) days per week for one semester, the student receives 2.5 credits upon successful completion of the course.

Most courses are either 2.5 or 5 credits, but there are some courses that are valued at 6, 10 or 15 credits. In any case, the credit value of these courses is determined in the manner described above. The Sayreville Board of Education requires that a candidate for graduation shall have earned a minimum of 120 credits at the high school.

### **Please note:**

1. Early dismissal seniors are not permitted study period.
2. To be a junior, a student must have accumulated 50 credits.
3. To be a six-period senior, a student must have accumulated 95 credits and passed all parts of the HSPA.
4. Seniors who have obtained at least eighty-five (85) credits but not 95 must attend school for a full day.
5. Seniors on an early dismissal plan must pass all courses to remain eligible for athletic competition.
6. Each student will be required to pass the state examination in order to receive a high school diploma at the end of grade twelve. Students who do not pass this examination will be given remedial help and the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of the failed proficiencies prior to their expected date of graduation.
7. Basic Skills Improvement programs will be provided to meet the needs of those students who fall below the state mandated proficiencies.
8. The maximum number of attempted credit hours will be capped at 40.

## **COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Most four year colleges in the United States require that prospective students accumulate a minimum of sixteen (16) academic units to qualify for admission consideration. The majority of academic units are comprised of semester, or full year courses taught in the areas in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science and World Language. An academic unit is equal to one full year course. Some colleges require that students have as many as twenty (20) academic units.

Minimum entrance requirements for four year colleges usually include the following:

English – 4 units

History – 2 units

Mathematics – 3 units (Algebra 1, 2, Geometry)

Science – 3 units

World Language – 2 units (same language) many require 4 units

Electives – 2 units (any electives in the above areas.)

Students are strongly encouraged to follow a strong academic program all four years of high school.

## **GRADING PROCEDURES**

Letter grades are assigned based on the class averages listed below.

Numerical Grade	Letter Grade
97-100	A+
93-96	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
<b>73-76</b>	<b>C (minimum course grade p. 36 )</b>
70-72	C-
65-69	D
64 or below	F

### **ARTS HIGH SCHOOL GRADES**

Arts High School grades count toward credit and for the calculation of grade point average. Specifically, a grade of Pass with Honors is calculated as an A, Pass is calculated as a B, and F is counted as an F.

### **SENIOR OPTION PLAN**

All seniors who have earned 95 credits may select one of the following options:

**Plan A** – The traditional school day, this includes eight class periods.

**Plan B** – The early dismissal option, 7:45 a.m. starting time continuing through period 8/9, dismissed at 1:03 p.m. All parts of the HSPA must have been passed.

**Plan C** – The late arrival option, 8:43 a.m. starting time beginning with period 2 and continuing through period 11. May be strongly recommended for juniors who are excessively late to school.

It is our hope that the choices offered give recognition to the fact that today's senior wants a meaningful program that will also allow the time to prepare for adult occupations whether it is through interviews for job placement or college placement or through actual participation in work experience. Since the school has recognized these needs, the student is asked to select the option that best meets his/her needs, so that no special exception will be requested for late arrivals, or early dismissals because of interviews, appointments, driver's tests, etc. School activities belong to school time; all other activities belong to the other hours left to the students.

If Plan B is chosen all early dismissal students must exit building immediately at the conclusion of their scheduled day. Bus transported students will be required to provide their own transportation for dismissal in Plan B. If transportation is a serious problem, then the school recommends Plan A, which allows for full transportation. It must also be understood that the plan selected must be maintained for the entire year.

If Plan C is chosen, students must sign-in the attendance office at 8:43 a.m. to receive credit for the day.

### **STUDENT RECORDS**

According to the Board of Education Policy, parents of students, legal guardians and adult students have the right to review their records. The Board determined that any requests of copies of information including psychological evaluations, but excluding requests for transcripts, will be provided at a fee of \$.50 per page for the first ten pages and \$.25 for pages 11 to 20. Ten cents for each additional page beyond page 20.

### **EXEMPTIONS FROM FINAL EXAMINATIONS**

Exemptions from final examinations will only be granted to seniors. A senior must meet the following criteria to be exempt from taking a final exam: (1) he/she can not have any out of school suspensions, (2) he/she must have marking period grades of 90 or above in each of the four marking periods, and (3) he/she must have received a mid-year examination grade of 90 or above. When exempted, doubling the four marking period grades, adding the mid-year exam grade, and dividing this total by nine will calculate the final yearly average. Seniors who qualify for an exemption, however, may elect to take the final examination.

**No exemptions** are permitted in the following cases:

- a) for one semester courses, and
- b) for students on bedside instruction

### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Progress Reports are sent home to parents through the students, midway through each marking period. Students are required to return the report to the teacher, signed by the parent/guardian. A duplicate Progress Report is sent to the student's counselor.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY**

Students who fail a course must have earned a grade of 60 – 64 in order to be eligible for remedial summer school. Students must complete the course in order to be eligible. Students removed from a course due to excessive absence or class cutting may not attend remedial summer school. They may, however, attend the full course equivalent of 120 hours (5 credit course) or 60 hours (2.5 credit course) if such summer school is available.

### **STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Student Assistance Program is offered to prevent students from using alcohol and other drugs, to increase community awareness about alcohol and drug use, and to eliminate alcohol and other drug use among other students who are abusing by educating them about the consequences of their use. Another goal of the program is to provide prevention in regard to chemical health/substance abuse for the high school. Another objective of the program is to reinforce healthy living and responsible decision-making and positive self-image development. The services offered through the program are individual and group sessions and family consultations are available when needed. The program also provides education and presentations to classrooms throughout the year. The Student Assistance Counselor in the high school is Joseph Schlaline.

### **COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE**

As part of the educational program and services at Sayreville War Memorial High School, you will find available several individuals who carry the title of Counselor. These people are interested in you as individuals, and their main reason for being here is to help you in whatever way they can to make your career at Sayreville a successful one. They can assist you with future plans, career information, study habits, academic or personal problems; and if there is a problem that requires outside assistance, they can refer you to the appropriate people or agencies.

During your school days, the counselors will call you to the counseling office at various times-to get acquainted, to find out how things are going, to help you in your course selection decisions, to interpret tests, and to help you plan your post-high school career. However, you need not wait to be called.

If you would like to discuss something with a counselor, you may come to the Counseling Office and arrange for an appointment.

Remember that counselors are here to help all students; feel free to utilize this service provided for your benefit.

### **GUIDANCE SERVICES**

Counseling is at the core of all guidance services which include:

#### **Career and Academic Planning**

This aspect of counseling services includes consideration of interests, past performance, present potential and future opportunities. It involves helping the student seek out personal life directions, clarifying personal needs, values and goals, assisting the student to establish personal decision-making skills, and dealing with student anxiety and confusion about alternatives.

#### **Personal Counseling**

This aspect of counseling services includes consideration of developmental or situational adjustment problems that may interfere with efficient functioning. It involves dealing with pupil anxiety and confusion about the immediate situation, providing support for the purpose of guided self-examination, understanding the pupil's own behavior and consequences, encouraging the pupil to use new self-understandings in future planning and decision-making and identifying and referring the pupil to other appropriate sources of assistance.

#### **Crisis Counseling**

This aspect of counseling services includes consideration of extreme emotional reactions that disrupt immediate functioning. It involves reassuring the pupil that coping and reducing pupil anxiety and confusion regarding both the self-perception and the environmental forces, and post-crisis planning including possible referral for immediate or continuing treatment.

#### **Consulting Services**

The purpose of consulting is to share professional information and knowledge with others who have an important part to play in the pupil's development. This aspect of guidance and counseling services fosters in others an understanding of human development, in general, and the developmental needs of individual pupils, in particular. Others, therefore, are able to become constructively responsive to the pupil.

Consulting requires that lines of communication be opened and maintained among school counselors and other pupil personnel services, staff, school administrators, instructional staff, prospective employers, student groups, parents and the community at large.

Consulting must be viewed as a significant function of the school counselor's role since it is important to the total educational process. Therefore, school counselors actively engage in consultation services as a means of enhancing the educational experience for pupils.

#### **Tutoring for Course Credit**

All tutors must be pre-approved by the director of guidance and the principal before services begin. Tutors must hold the appropriate standard New Jersey Teacher certification.

### **INDEX OF COURSES**

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>
<b><u>ART</u></b>	
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A.P. Art History	5
Art Appreciation (sem)	2.5
Art Workshop	5
Creative Crafts (sem)	2.5
Digital Photography (sem)	2.5
Graphic Art	5
Jewelry & Metal Enameling 1(sem)	2.5
Jewelry & Metal Enameling 2 (sem)	2.5

Sculptured Ceramics 1 (sem)	2.5
Sculptured Ceramics 2 (sem)	2.5
Stained Glass	2.5
<b><u>BUSINESS</u></b>	
Accounting (Honors)	5
Business Org./Mgt.	5
Career Development (sem)	2.5
Keyboarding Applications (sem)	2.5
Money Management/Personal Finance Lit.(sem)	2.5
Computer Application/Info Processing	5
Microsoft Word (sem)	2.5
Microsoft Office for College (sem)	2.5
Sports & Entertainment Marketing (sem)	2.5
Computerized Accounting 1	5
Marketing Education 1	5
Co-op Marketing	15/10
Co-op Business Ed.	15/10

**ENGLISH**

**GRADE NINE**

English 9 Honors	5
English 9 CP	5
English 9	5
Reading 9	5

**GRADE TEN**

English 10 Honors	5
English 10 CP	5
English 10	5
Reading 10	5

**GRADE ELEVEN**

A.P. English 1	5
English 11 CP	5
English 11	5
Reading 11	5

**GRADE TWELVE**

A.P. English 2	5
English 402	5
English 403	5
English 404	5
Reading 12	5

**ELECTIVE COURSES**

Communications Arts thru Television 1	5
Communications Arts thru Television 2	5
Communications Arts thru Television 3	5
Creative Writing (sem)	2.5
Journalism (sem)	2.5
Mysteries in Literature (sem)	2.5
Mythology (sem)	2.5
Preparing for the SAT Exam (sem)	2.5
Theatre 1	5
Theatre 2	5
Theatre Workshop	5
Speech (sem)	2.5

**WORLD LANGUAGE**

French 1	5
French 2	5
French 3	5
French 4	5
Spanish 1	5
Spanish 2	5
Spanish 3	5
Spanish 4	5

A.P. Spanish	5
<b><u>FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE</u></b>	
Foods & Nutrition 1 (sem)	2.5
Foods & Nutrition 2 (sem)	2.5
Gourmet Cooking (sem)	2.5
Parenting & Child Development (sem)	2.5
<b><u>MATHEMATICS</u></b>	
A.P. Calculus	5
Algebra 1	5
Algebra 1A	5
Algebra 1B	5
Algebra 2	5
Algebra 3 and Trigonometry	5
Calculus	5
Comp. Prog: Visual Basic (sem)	2.5
Comp Prog: C++ (sem)	2.5
Comp Netwrk and Design (CISCO)	5
Math 104	5
Math 204	5
Math 304	5
Math 404	5
Plane Geometry	5
Geometry 9	5
Plane Geometry 11	5
Pre-Calculus	5
Probabilities and Matrix Algebra	5
<b><u>MUSIC</u></b>	
Band (sem)	2.5
Band	5
Band (advanced)	5
Music Appreciation (sem)	2.5
Theory & Harmony	5
Mixed Chorus	5
Mixed Chorus (sem)	2.5
Music Technology 1 (sem)	2.5
Music Technology 2 (sem)	2.5
Concert Choir	5
Concert Choir (sem)	2.5
Varsity Choir	5
Varsity Choir (sem)	2.5
Record & Entertainment Production	5
Voice Training	5
Voice Training (sem)	2.5
<b><u>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</u></b>	
Physical Education 1s,2s,3s,4s,5s,6s	2.5
Health 1s	2.5
Health 2s	2.5
Basic CPR, First Aid, & Injury Management	2.5
Basic Fitness (seniors only)	2.5
<b><u>SCIENCE</u></b>	
A.P. Biology	6
A.P. Chemistry	6
A.P. Physics	6
Astronomy (sem)	2.5
Biology Honors	6
Biology CP	6
Biology	5
Chemistry Honors	6
Chemistry CP	6
Chemistry	5
Earth Science	5
Ecology 1 (sem)	2.5

Ecology 2 (sem)	2.5
Forensics 1(sem)	2.5
General Science Honors	5
General Science CP	5
General Science	5
Physics	6
The Human Experience (sem)	2.5
<b><u>SOCIAL STUDIES</u></b>	
<b><u>GRADE NINE</u></b>	
World History Honors	5
World History CP	5
World History	5
<b><u>GRADE TEN/ELEVEN</u></b>	
A.P. History 1	5
A.P. History 2	5
U.S. History 1 Honors	5
U.S. History 1 CP	5
U.S. History 1	5
U.S. History 2 Honors	5
U.S. History 2 CP	5
U.S. History 2	5
<b><u>ELECTIVE COURSES</u></b>	
Civil Liberties (sem)	2.5
Current History (sem)	2.5
Foundations of Social Change (sem)	2.5
Social Issues in Modern America (sem)	2.5
Street Law (sem)	2.5
World Geography (sem)	2.5
U.S. Immigration (sem)	2.5
Peer Leadership	5
<b><u>INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY</u></b>	
Auto Technology 1 (sem)	2.5
Auto Technology 2	5
Auto Technology 3	5
Engineering Drawing (Basic Course)	5
Elements of Design	5
Architectural Design	5
Advanced Architectural Design	5
Robotics	5
Woodshop 1 (sem)	2.5
Woodshop 2	5
Woodshop 3	5

## **ACTIVITIES**

**Any student who is not with a teacher or coach in a planned supervised activity should not be in the building after 2:30. Students found in the building without supervision could be subject to school discipline.**

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

The Student Council is the basic student government of the school and has as its aim and purposes those listed in the preamble to the Student Council Constitution. More specifically, the Council serves as a link between administration and students, as well as a sounding board for student opinion, fostering good citizenship and democratic principles in a school environment.

The Student Council attempts to make Sayreville High a school of which administration, teachers, students, and community may be justly proud. Included among the organization's projects of greater importance are the following: Freshman Orientation, the sponsorship of

Homecoming, many local and national fund drives of which the flower sales are the most successful, Holiday Hospital Visits, Say No to Drugs Campaign, school assemblies, support of a foster child, the promotion of school spirit through Blue and Gray week, "Activities Fair", spirit rallies, the communication of all events through school calendaring, and the encouragement of good scholarship and sportsmanship. Representatives of Council also participate in the annual events of the New Jersey Association of School Councils, the fall and winter conferences at The College of New Jersey, the Spring Business Meeting at Great Adventure and the Leadership Training Conference at Blairstown. The SWMHS Student Council is also a member of the National Association of High School Councils.

The Student Council of Sayreville War Memorial High School has been recognized as an Honor School with the State of New Jersey for 43 consecutive years. We have also been honored by being invited to elect a student representative as official liaison to the Board of Education.

Any student who would like practical training in leadership and who feels that he/she has something to offer toward the betterment of the school, should, when announcement of same is made, enter his/her name as a candidate for Council membership. Candidacy is open to all students and information about representation and election to Council can be found in the Constitution.

To gain further insight into the working of Council, and to better understand its meaning as an important fundamental of high school life, all students are urged to study the Student Council Constitution, which follows, and to become familiar with it.

### **CONSTITUTION OF THE SAYREVILLE WAR MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL**

We, the members of the Sayreville War Memorial High School Student Council, in order to provide for the best general welfare of the student body, direct the general activities of the student body, encourage school scholarship, promote school spirit, improve school conditions, and encourage the practice of good citizenship by all students, do ordain and establish this constitution for the Student Council of Sayreville War Memorial High School.

#### **Article I**

##### **Name**

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be "The Student Council of Sayreville War Memorial High School."

#### **Article II**

##### **Powers**

Section 1: All powers of this Student Council are delegated to it by the Principal, Superintendent, and the Board of Education.

#### **Article III**

##### **Organization**

Section 1: The Student Council shall be organized into the two following committees:

- a. Executive Committee
- b. Representative Committee and any work shall be delegated to a standing committee appointed by the Executive Committee.

Section 2: The functions of these committees shall be as follows:

- a. Executive – composed of the officers, two executive members, and student representative to the BOE. Appointed members, and advisors, its function is to preside over the preparations of meetings and agendas, to assist in the formulation of project plans and to carry out work where need be.
- b. Representation – consists of all members (excluding officers and advisors). This committee shall work to

interpret fully and correctly the feelings of the student body in regard to school issues.

#### **Article IV**

##### **Members**

Section 1: This organization shall be composed of 50 student representatives.

To be elected among the classes as follows: seniors,15; juniors,15; sophomores,10; freshman,10.

Section 2: All members must be of good character, have a good conduct record and maintain a passing cumulative average in all major subjects. Students seeking candidacy for any **student council position** must maintain a minimum of a C average in each course.

Students will be eligible to run for and continue to serve in a student council role if they do not accumulate more than five (5) discipline referrals in any given school year. Students may also become ineligible to run or serve if they are involved in any acts of physical violence, harassment, truancy, or substance/alcohol related activity.

Section 3: Students desiring to be members must register as candidates during the specified time period, and must return all materials personally to the Student Council office. All forms and time periods are to be set jointly by the advisors and officers.

Section 4: Representative elections will be held in the fall, the number of positions open being determined by the membership at that time.

Section 5: Election shall be held by secret ballot and be intra-class only.

Section 6: Those having the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected-such persons bringing the total number of representatives to equal, but never exceed, the quota as listed in Section 1 in this article.

Section 7: The term of office is two years, or until the termination of high school. The only exception is a person filling an unexpired term of a member who leaves the Council. That student then serves only the remainder of that term.

Section 8: Class presidents if not already serving on Council, become honorary members who attend meetings, but do not have voting rights.

#### **Article V**

##### **Officers**

Section 1: The executive committee of the Student Council shall include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, four executive members, and student representative to the Board of Education.

Section 2: The qualifications for executive office are as follows:

- a. Both the President and Vice President must be seniors when they serve in office, and juniors when they declare themselves as candidates-possible graduates are not eligible for office. They must maintain a C average in all courses, have a good conduct record (MAX 5 REFERRALS), and be of good character.
- b. **Effective for the 2009-2010 school year, all presidential candidates MUST have served at least one year as a representative or executive member to the Student Council in order to be considered a possible contender for this position.**
- c. Both the Secretary and Treasurer must be seniors or juniors when they serve in office, and juniors or sophomores respectively when they register – possible graduates are not eligible for office. They must maintain a C average in all courses, have a good conduct record (MAX 5 REFERRALS), and be of good character
- d. Two executive members must be respectively 1 Sophomore and 1 Junior who will be Freshman and Sophomores when they register. They must be passing all courses, have a good conduct record (MAX 5 REFERRALS), and be of good character.

Section 3: Students desiring to be officers must follow the below procedure as outlined by the executive committee:

- a. All legitimate and potential candidates must submit their names to the Student Council office during the announced time period.

- b. All candidates in order to be so considered must complete all necessary forms, be present for interview purposes, and complete all final declarations during said time period.
- c. No student not personally carrying out all of the above shall have his name placed on the ballot.

Section 4: All eligible candidates (see Section 3, above) must give a campaign speech. Candidates not following the procedure outlined in Article V, Section 3 will not be allowed this privilege.

Section 5: Election for executive office shall be by the student body by secret ballot. Only registered student voters will be allowed this privilege.

## **Article VI**

### **Duties of the Executive Committee**

Section 1: The officers and executive members shall:

- a. Be present at all meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee.
- b. Be members of all committees and participate in all committee work.
- c. Relieve each other of or assume responsibility for the work of another officer when deemed necessary.
- d. Be active participants in all Council undertakings.

Section 2: The President shall:

- a. Preside at all meetings of the Council and of Executive Committee.
- b. Chair the executive committee in its works.
- c. Handle all p.a. announcements, assemblies, and commentaries.
- d. Appoint all sub-committee chairpeople.
- e. Keep abreast of and maintain contact with all Council associations.

Section 3: The Vice-President shall:

- a. Preside at all meetings of the Council and of the Executive Committee in the absence of, or upon request of the President.
- b. Assist the president in morning exercises.

Section 4: The Secretary shall:

- a. Prepare and distribute the minutes of every meeting of both Council and its Executive Committee.
- b. File a copy of the above-mentioned minutes for the official record.
- c. Handle all correspondence of the Council.
- d. Maintain copies and records of all official transactions.
- e. Preside at all meetings of the Council in the absence of the president and vice president.

Section 5: The Treasurer shall:

- a. Maintain a record of all financial transactions and publish a monthly, as well as an annual, statement.
- b. Collect and deposit all monies with the school custodian of funds.
- c. Make payment of all bills incurred by Council.

Section 6: The executive member shall:

- a. Serve as a liaison to the underclassmen.
- b. Assist the officers and all Student Council projects.

Section 7: The role of the student representative is as follows:

1. The Board shall confirm the appointment of a student by the Superintendent upon a recommendation of the building principal via the Student Council and student body as a whole.
2. Serve as a liaison from the student body to the Board of Education and vice-versa.
3. Attend all meetings of the Sayreville Board of Education except those prohibited by law (executive session discussions), of those where the Board President feels his/her presence is not required (i.e. discussion of health benefits, meeting with bond counsels, etc.)
4. The student representative shall have the right to speak on all issues that come before the Board, however will not have a vote in matters that come before the Board.

5. The student representative shall receive all information the Board receives prior Board of Education meetings, with the exception of confidential material.
6. The student representative will sit with the Board at all of its meetings.

#### **Article VII**

##### **Duties of the Representatives**

Section 1: Representatives shall miss no more than one meeting of the Student Council without a valid reason or merit dismissal.

Section 2: Representatives shall post the minutes of the Student Council meetings in their assigned homerooms.

Section 3: Representatives shall convey from any student to the Student Council all business, which should properly come before that body.

Section 4: Representatives shall carry out all other tasks, which are properly assigned to them by the President or advisors.

#### **Article VIII**

##### **Meetings**

Section 1: Meetings of the Student Council shall be held at least twice a month, usually the second and fourth week of the month.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called by the President or by the advisors.

#### **Article IX**

##### **Quorum**

Section 1: A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the members of the Student Council.

#### **Article X**

##### **Dismissal**

Section 1: Any student violating Article IV, Section 2, of this Constitution shall be dismissed from the Council automatically.

Section 2: Any student Council member who does not fulfill their duties in the eyes of the executive officers and advisors will be asked to resign.

Section 3: Students dismissed from the Council are not subject to reinstatement unless approval is granted following a meeting with the executive officers.

#### **Article XI**

##### **Amendments**

Section 1: Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be presented in writing at a regular meeting, read by the secretary, and left on the table without discussion until the next regular meeting, at which time the discussion shall be held and a vote taken. Amendments should require a two-thirds vote of the Student Council for adoption into this Constitution.

#### **Article XII**

##### **Resolutions**

Section 1: Proposed resolutions in regard to Student Council policy must be presented in writing at a regular meeting, read by the secretary, and left on the table without discussion until the next regular meeting at which time discussion shall be held and a vote taken. Resolutions shall require a quorum for final passage. If passed, these resolutions regarding Student Council policy shall go into effect the following school year.

Date of revision: June 2008.

### **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Election to the National Honor Society is the highest honor, which a high school student can receive. Membership is restricted to those juniors and seniors who have maintained a 3.25 grade point average during their high school years, and who exhibit the positive traits of leadership, service and good character.

In order for a student to be considered eligible for National Honor Society membership, a student:

- 1) must maintain a 3.25 grade point average;

- 2) must be active in a least five school sponsored clubs/teams which are registered as such through Student Council and the Board of Education;
- 3) should have at least two consecutive memberships in activities. The greater the numbers for items (2) and (3), the better the chance of selection.

A charge of cheating on tests or any other conduct, including school suspensions, which is not in compliance with National Honor standards may be sufficient to deny acceptance into the National Honor Society.

Any student meeting these requirements will be considered eligible for NHS membership. These students must submit to the Faculty Council an activity form showing specific information regarding activities and offices held. This form however does not guarantee membership. All records of students who submit an activity form will be reviewed by the Faculty Council.

The Faculty Council shall consist of five faculty members appointed by the Principal; the chapter advisor will be an ex-officio member of the council. Each student must receive a 3.5 average of the characteristic ratings of the Faculty Council, according to the established guidelines. This final rating by the Faculty Council will determine those students who will become members of the National Honor Society.

The National Honor Society members are involved with other school activities and aim to improve relationships within the school. Its other functions include fundraising activities, which are aimed at the purchase of NHS supplies, the donation of graduation awards, and the contribution to other worthy causes.

#### **FRENCH HONOR SOCIETY**

Juniors who maintain an A- average in French during a two-year period can be inducted as members in the French National Honor Society. FHS members are involved in various activities such as fundraising to making donations. In the future, the members are looking to going to French plays and restaurants. The formal annual induction ceremony, in French, is conducted by the French officers. It takes place at the end of the second semester, and the new members receive certificates, tassels, and pins. The French colors are bleu, blanche, et rouge. Tout le monde aime le Francais.

#### **MU ALPHA THETA**

Mu Alpha Theta is a Mathematics Honor Society whose purpose is to provide recognition of superior mathematical scholarship. Membership is granted to deserving students who maintain a final average of A in each full year mathematics course taken up to and including Precalculus (Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II: mid-year average of A in Precalculus may be reconsidered for selection in September of their senior year (based upon the final full year average of the previous June).

Members must participate in:

1. Coordination of activities for Math Awareness Week
2. Coordination of activities for National Metric Week
3. NJ Math League tests

Students elected to MAT must be enrolled in Precalculus, Calculus, AP Calculus or Probabilities/Matrices. Students elected in their junior year must maintain a B average in AP Calculus or Probabilities/Matrices or an A average in Calculus in the senior year in order to retain membership for the senior year.

#### **SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY**

La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica recognizes those students who excel in the study of Spanish. The Sayreville Chapter, <<La Esperanza>>or

“Hope”, was established in 1977 and is affiliated with the National Spanish Honor Society, with chapters throughout the nation and the world. A formal Induction Ceremony in Spanish is conducted as prescribed by the National Organization. Invitations to join the society are made following the first semester to students of Spanish III, IV, and Advanced Placement. The requirements are:

Students of Spanish III: a 90 or better mid-year average in III and a 90 or better final average in I and II, if studied at the high school.

Students of Spanish IV: a 90 or better mid-year average in IV.

Students of Spanish AP: an 84 or better mid-year average in AP.

Invitations are also extended in September to former students of III and IV who achieve a 90 or better final average in their course of the previous year. Final grades from I and II do not affect Sept. election.

The goals of <<La Esperanza>> are, in addition to recognizing the academic success of its members, to promote the study of Spanish, to encourage the understanding of the Hispanic culture and people, and to provide opportunities for school and community service to its members. Annual school-wide projects are the Celebration of World Language Week in March, a Tutoring Program, and a world-wide-Pen-Pal Service. Society members also participate in Letter Writing Breakfasts to cheer veterans and hospital patients, the making of Hispanic crafts to be given to out-of-school groups, presenting programs in other district schools, and the opportunity for publication of art and writing in the national magazine. The society also sponsors dinner trips for its members. The officers are president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. The colors are red and gold. The motto is <<Todos a una>> “All for one.”

#### **THE ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS TEAM (ACT)**

The Academic Competitions Team competes in several academic competitions throughout the school year in the state of New Jersey. The SWMHS ACT consists of approximately 50 members, freshmen through seniors, who excel in academic subjects and trivia. The ACT team competes against ACT teams from other schools in NJ. They compete in College Bowl-type tournaments throughout the school year. We attempt to meet 2-3 times each month. These students are proficient in several different academic areas with students competing against other high schools in multiple rounds. Competitions are usually timed halves of toss-up questions, sometimes followed by a bonus question. The toss-up questions and the time formulas tend to make these competitions fast-paced and exciting depending as much on speed as on knowledge. These competitions usually have superb prizes for the winners. *We encourage, recognize, and reward academic effort and excellence.* We compete in the Monsignor Donovan Tournament in November, the Knowledge Master Open on two days in December, and 2 competitions in April. We participate in the BRITE competition at Bridgewater Raritan and the all day Joseph Bookstaber Memorial Academic Tournament at Millburn High School during the school year. Come join us on Monday, September 22, 2008 at 2:45 in A-80 for our first meeting.

#### **THE ART CLUB**

The Art Club is for anyone who has an interest in art or who is looking to learn more about art and different art techniques. Our main goal of the Art Club is to create a student art show at Sayreville War Memorial H.S., where students work can be featured for all to view and enjoy. All are welcome to attend our meetings which are held twice a month after school in room E-03. If you would like further information, please contact advisor Ms. J. Grimm.

#### **BAND FRONT**

The Band Front at S.W.M.H.S. is comprised of any student who wishes to perform with the Marching Band. Members are required to

handle several different pieces of equipment including rifles, flags, streamers, and other visually oriented props. The involvement of dance has become in important addition to the Band Front.

The Members of the Band Front display skill, character, spirit, and a desire to perform. They can be seen during the football season, in parades, competition, and at pep rallies. Membership is open to all students of S.W.M.H.S. who are willing to attend all rehearsals and performances of the Marching Band. Members of the Band Front may also join the Winter Guard, which runs from December through May.

### **BOWLING**

The Sayreville War Memorial High School Bowling team was established in the 2004-2005 school year. The team has competed outside of the conference for the past two seasons and this upcoming season will be the team's first year of competition in the GMC. The bowling team offers a competitive outlet for students of all athletic skill levels. Each team, girls and boys, is made of 15 members. The bowling season begins on November 15<sup>th</sup>, and wraps up near the end of February. Try-outs for the team are conducted during the second week in November. The team competes in matches 2-3 days during the week, has mandatory and optional practices on non-competition days, and travels to tournaments on most weekends during the season. Experience with the sport is not needed to earn a spot on the team. The coach is looking for individuals that have an interest in learning the game, and are willing to dedicate themselves to practicing hard and improving their skills. Mr. Weinert is the coach of the boys and girls bowling team.

### **CHEERLEADING**

Cheerleading has come a long way since 1898 when it began as an all male activity. Gone are the days of cheerleading as a simple social activity and popularity contest. Today, cheerleaders are skilled athletes working to gain the respect of a crowd and successfully create school spirit.

Cheerleading is a demanding activity involving service and support for others. This is a year-round commitment including fall and spring tryouts, summer camp and practices, fall and winter cheering, competitions, and numerous leadership activities.

Sayreville War Memorial High School cheerleaders, accept that their primary job is one of support, yet they continuously strive to improve their skills and seek recognition for their achievements. They are an asset to their school.

### **CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS CLUB**

This science club allows members to explore science in the field of chemistry and physics. Members meet monthly to discover a variety of scientific truths using the techniques of experimentation, group discussions, and analytical reasoning. Some meetings also consist of debates on common issues relating to chemistry and physics. In addition, science club sometimes shows videos or has a guest speaker talk about important scientific issues relevant to today. This club gives students an edge in exploring and interacting with the changing society and encourages students to expand their knowledge of the scientific world.

### **CHORUS**

The Sayreville Mixed Chorus is open to all interested students without mandatory auditions. Various composers and styles are performed, from classical to jazz/pop choral arrangements. Concerts are performed throughout the year. Major performances during the holiday and spring sessions. Chorus members also participate in spring trips, festivals, and competitions. Additional performing groups include Sayreville Singers and Vox Humana. Both groups are selected on an auditioned basis.

### **COOPERATIVE BUSINESS EDUCATION**

CBE is an extracurricular activity structured to serve as part of the Cooperative Business Education classroom instructional program. It is also designed to encourage leadership development and expose the participants to career opportunities and other pertinent information about the world of work.

### **D.E.C.A.**

DECA is a co-curricular organization structured to serve as an integral part of the Marketing Education classroom instructional program. Competitive events are only one of the numerous ways DECA creates learning opportunities for students seeking careers in marketing and merchandising. It also increases civic consciousness, builds social intelligence, encourages leadership development, and utilizes vocational understanding. Furthermore, students are able to travel and meet new people with this organization.

### **SAYREVILLE BOMBER DOWNHILL CLUB**

The Sayreville Bomber Downhill Ski/Snowboard Club is an organization that allows students to learn to appreciate nature and winter sports through outdoor excursions. Our values emphasize camaraderie and the development of skier/snowboard etiquette that is paramount to the maintaining safety on the mountain. Our club plans several ski trips throughout the winter months and is looking forward to expanding to include fall and spring outdoor activities.

### **ECHO LITES**

Published October through June, the school newspaper, ECHO LITES, is distributed to the students free of charge. The major aims of ECHO LITES are to report accurately events that occur within the school as well as in the community, state and country, and to discuss the manner in which those events affect the student and the world in which he or she lives. The school newspaper serves as a forum for the creative and unbiased exchange of ideas and is an integral part of the school community. Anyone who shows interest and ability in writing and in other aspects of publication, such as layout, art, photography, or typing, is welcome to participate.

### **FILM AND VIDEO SOCIETY**

The objectives of the Film and Video Society are to view significant films/videos and critique them. In addition, the Film and Video Society produces original works, many of which have won awards. The Society sponsors the Espresso Café an evening of video, acoustic music, poetry and comedy at Starland Ballroom.

### **FRENCH CLUB**

The French Club is an educational, active, and fun organization that lets students experience French culture and customs. This club has approximately 50 members, who participate in a wide variety of fundraisers, such as bake sales after school! Watching French videos, being involved in a foreign pen-pal program, going on field trips, such as to New York City to view French plays, and sampling exquisite French cuisine exposes the students to a better understanding of the French language and civilization, and most importantly, it makes learning fun!

### **FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA)**

FBLA is an extracurricular activity open to any student who has been enrolled in at least one course offered by the Business Education Department of this high school. The student must receive a recommendation for membership from one on the Business Education teachers. Chapter members are encouraged to participate in all of the activities, and are awarded points for their levels of enterprise within the

club. These endeavors are designed to facilitate intelligent career choices, develop business/computer skills, learn the value of community responsibility, and become well-rounded individuals. Guest speakers, business-related videos, field trips, computer/Internet forums and discussions, and social events will be ongoing features of the monthly meetings. Competitive events are held on the regional, state, and national levels. These competitions allow the students to travel and meet new people who belong to this national association.

#### **HISTORY CLUB**

History Club is an educational, informative, and fun organization that will let students experience the thrill of New Jersey history as well as American. This club has approximately 50 members, who participate in a wide variety of fundraisers, such as candy sales, trivial pursuit tournaments, and working at basketball games, to help bring together students. The History Club will be involved with field trips, discussing history, and watching videos, along with other activities. The goal is to help students realize where they came from and what it took to get them where they are today.

#### **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

The Instrumental Music Program consists of the Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Pit Band and numerous Small Ensembles. The Concert Band is a course and this group performs at all concerts and Graduation. Jazz Band is an extracurricular activity which attends competitions in the spring. The Marching Band performs at football games, competitions and parades. Rehearsals begin in July and are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights as well as weekends through November. The Pit Band performs at the Spring Musical and the Small Ensembles perform in the spring. All groups are open to SWMHS students who meet all requirements.

#### **INTERACT CLUB**

Interact was created by and is an activity of Rotary International. Interact Club is a Rotary club-sponsored organization that provides opportunity for young people to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding.

#### **INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY**

International Society recognizes and respects all cultures and races. This extra-curricular activity introduces students to various cultures and their traditions to broaden students' awareness of the world. Through interaction and activities, such as presentations on featured countries, this club allows students to learn more about themselves and other cultural ideas and customs.

#### **JAPANESE CLUB**

Members of the Japanese Club learn basic Japanese language skills and explore Japanese popular culture through a variety of mediums. The two prophetic alphabets (hiragana and katakana) are covered along with a small sampling of kanji characters. Other language-oriented activities include vocabulary games, role playing with dialogues and learning to pronounce English words with a Japanese accent! Cultural exploration includes viewing of popular animation films, making origami cranes (along with other animals), reading famous Japanese folktales such as Momotaro and trying Japanese food. In the spring, club members attend the Cherry Blossom Festival in Brooklyn. Anyone interested in Japan is welcome to join.

#### **LIBRARY COUNCIL**

Library Council is a group of committed students in grades nine through twelve who have the desire, motivation, and skills necessary to

assist the librarians in the media center with various activities such as circulation, creating displays, shelving books and films, pulling books for classes, and organizing materials. Membership is subject to the approval of the librarians.

#### **LITERARY MAGAZINE**

The school literary magazine, **IMAGES**, is published each spring. It provides an outlet for students' writing and artwork. Membership is open to all students' interested in creative writing, all types of art, and layout work.

#### **MAKE-UP CREW**

The Make-Up Crew works behind the scenes during the Fall Drama and the Spring Musical. In conjunction with the Costume Crew, this group of students is responsible for making the performers look good. All actors must wear full make-up so their expressions can be seen at a distance; some special effects are also needed. This expertise is an essential ingredient to all productions.

#### **COSTUME CREW**

The Dramatic Arts Costume Crew works to create the proper fashion look for the Fall and Spring Theatre performances. Students make, adapt, and alter costumes as needed to create the appropriate time period and setting for each play. Both the Costume and Make-up Crews work closely together to provide the realism necessary for successful productions.

#### **MATH CLUB**

Members of the math club engage in the following activities:

1. Members participate in six Math League competitions where they compete against students from other high schools in New Jersey.
2. Members engage in fundraising activities. Money raised is used to cover the cost of the Math League registration, graduation awards for students who demonstrate excellence in mathematics.
3. Members also have the opportunity to share their mathematical skills with elementary school students. Each year, a group of students are sent to Arleth School to participate in our "Teacher for the Day" program.

#### **ODYSSEY OF THE MIND**

OM is an extracurricular activity designed to enable students to work on creative problem-solving activities. Students who are selected for the team will work in small groups to arrive at solutions to specific problems. These problems are outlined by the national OM association and require original thinking in their solutions. Regional, state, and world competitions are held, and the team competes with the same solutions each time. The try-outs are open to all students in grades 9 through 12 who are creative, quick-witted, and task-oriented, and who possess technical, mechanical, artistic and/or verbal skills.

#### **PEER LEADERSHIP**

Peer Leadership is a five- credit course that meets five days a week. Twelfth grade students can apply for this class as juniors and are put through a vigorous selection process. Chosen Seniors meet with a group of ten freshmen, once a week, to discuss a variety of topics (relationships, academic pressures, drugs/alcohol) that help the freshmen become acclimated to the high school.

The administration reserves the right to review every applicant's disciplinary records. All applicants must be of good character. Any

conduct, including suspensions from school, that is not in compliance with school and district policy may be sufficient to deny access and or continuance in the Peer Leadership program.

#### **PLATINUM SOUNDZ**

Step is originated from African tribal routines involving rhythmic movements such as hand clapping and feet stomping. The Platinum Soundz Step Squad is an extra curricular activity involving coordination skills, discipline, and teamwork. In order to participate in this exhilarating activity, students must complete a two-day tryout and commit to practicing at least once a week. Practices include many exercises in order to build duration, intensity, and stamina. Throughout the step season, the majority of our performances are held at the Boys' and Girls' Varsity basketball games. It is necessary that members of this squad be committed, dedicated, and respectful.

#### **QUO VADIS**

The school yearbook, **Quo Vadis**, is the most complete record of a student's years at SWMHS. The yearbook contains sections devoted to the faculty and administration, seniors and underclassmen. Also included are sections concerning sports and extra-curricular activities.

Working as part of the **Quo Vadis** staff provides the student with an opportunity to develop responsibility, leadership, creativity, and journalistic skills.

Selected in the spring, the new staff begins a rough draft of the book, choosing theme and layout, and book specifications. The students then compile the copy, photography, and layout into the final yearbook form.

#### **REBEL**

"REBEL" stands for Reaching Everyone by Exposing Lies. This club is a youth-led, youth empowered anti-tobacco advocacy group of New Jersey.

High school students don't need adults to tell them smoking is dangerous. They know the dangers. We know for a fact that when young people speak, other young people listen. REBEL members want to be heard and we want Big Tobacco companies to know that New Jersey's young people are "Not for Sale!"

REBEL meets twice a month and we participate in statewide events such as the annual summit at Great Adventure. During the school year, the members hold five events for our students for The Great American Smoke Out, Kick Butts Day, and World No Tobacco Day.

#### **S.A.D.D.**

Originally, the mission of the SADD chapter was to help young people say "No" to drinking and driving. Today, the mission is expanded. Students have told us that positive peer pressure, role models, and other strategies can help them refuse more than drinking and driving. That is why SADD has become a peer leadership organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions, particularly underage drinking, other drug use, impaired driving, teen violence, and teen depression and suicide.

#### **SAVE**

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (**SAVE**) currently serves nearly 170,000 youth across the country. **SAVE** is a student-initiated, student-run program with over 1500 chapters in elementary, middle, and high schools that promote violence prevention within school and community settings. Students learn about alternatives to violence and practice what they learn through school and community service projects. As they participate in **SAVE** activities, students learn crime prevention and conflict management skills and the virtues of good citizenship, civility, and nonviolence.

### **SCIENCE RULES**

Science Rules offers students a wide field of experiences and permits them to explore and interact with the changing society. This extracurricular activity provides students with challenges and encourages members to explore the world of science through videos and guest speakers. Their participation increases their knowledge of the world.

### **2<sup>ND</sup> CITY IMPROV. TROUPE**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> City Improv. Troupe is a student-run acting club. Everyone interested in performing and experiencing improvisational theater is welcome to join. Members explore various acting techniques and act out a host of different characters, emotions, and situations. The group meets at least once a month, performing theater games and improves, such as those done at the original 2<sup>nd</sup> City and "Whose Line is it Anyway?" Members perform improvised scenes for the public each year at the One Act Play Festival.

### **SWMHS THEATER SOCIETY**

SWMHS Theater Society is dedicated to the exploration of Theater Arts. The organization encourages involvement in the school's theatrical productions. Members are actors, as well as backstage (tech.): lighting sound, costuming, makeup, house management, publicity, refreshments, and ticket sales. Most importantly, the SWMHS Theater Society offers personal growth and a better understanding of others, while providing a number of venues to participate in the theatre arts.

Students work on three major productions a year: a Fall play, a Spring musical, and a festival of one act plays, as well as numerous workshop productions. Seniors can also get directing and choreographing experience as student directors, dance captains, and participating in other aspects of theater, as with the One Act Plays.

The Theater Society also sponsors a field trip each semester to provide interested students a chance to see a Broadway play.

### **TIGS-TEEN INTEREST GENERATES SUCCESS**

TIGS provides teenagers with alternate activities to enjoy themselves rather than turning to drugs and/or alcohol. Members of the group are expected to remain drug, alcohol, and nicotine free. They are taught how to get "high on life" rather than on substances that are harmful and addictive. A select group of teens are also chosen to attend a five day summer camp with a series of programs designed to teach them leadership skills and ways to reach other teens in their community.

### **CLUB CHARTERS**

The following policy has been established by Student Council for club and activities' charters:

1. Any group interested in organizing a club or activity within the school must first obtain permission from the administration, and then procure the necessary charter form from Student Council.
2. This form-completed and signed by a faculty advisor-must then be returned to Student Council in order to obtain official sanction.
3. Following such sanction, the Student Council will submit the newly chartered club or activity to the Board of Education for its approval.
4. Based upon such acceptance by the Board of Education as an official club or activity, the organization will then and only then be recognized as an established activity and, at that time, can initiate its program.
5. Finally, any club or activity that disbands is asked to notify the Student Council of its plans so that Student Council might, in turn, notify the administration and remove the organization from its list of recognized activities.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASS OFFICE**

As per the eligibility requirements identified in the Student Council Constitution, the conduct criteria of the National Honor Society, and the “credits earned” requirement for sports eligibility, the following rules have been established for students interested in running for class office:

1. Students must maintain a C average in all courses throughout the year;
2. Students must have a good conduct record. This record allows for a maximum of two (2) suspensions, that is, 2 incidents resulting in suspension of any type, including In-School and Out of School Suspension. This allowance as per the NHS criteria, provides for student growth and behavioral development;
3. Students must be of good character;
4. Students must have a total of 13.75 credits earned mid-year and 27.50 credits earned in June.

#### **Class Advisor’s Statement of Accountability & Responsibility**

Elected officers are required to sign a contract which mandates that he/she attend class meetings and functions/activities. The class advisors reserve the right to remove an officer if he/she misses three class meetings or functions/activities.

## **S P O R T S**

SWMHS offers a wide variety of interscholastic sports, for both boys and girls. By Season they are as follows:

### **FALL**

The following fall sports are available:

BOYS: football, soccer, cross-country.

GIRLS: gymnastics, field hockey, cross-country, girls’ tennis, and soccer.

-All students are welcome to try out for the FOOTBALL team (Varsity or freshman). Anyone interested should see Coach Najjar as soon as possible. Get involved and be a part of Sayreville Bombers.

“Commitment and Character”

-The Varsity, JV, and Freshmen BOY’S SOCCER The season runs from late August through November, consisting of an 18 game schedule plus GMC and NJSIAA tournament games. A boy can earn a varsity letter by playing in at least ½ of the Varsity games.

-GIRL’S SOCCER offers the student-athlete the opportunity for fitness and fun on a competitive level. The program fields Varsity, JV, and Freshmen teams and all girls, regardless of experience, are welcome. The team plays a full conference schedule plus county and state tournaments.

-CROSS-COUNTRY is a challenging outdoor sport. The teams run a 3.1 mile course on trails through the woods. Runners participate in one dual meet and one Saturday Invitational from September through November culminating in the Meet of Champions.

-FIELD HOCKEY is a game incorporating fitness-both speed and endurance-as well as ball and stick-handling skills. It is unique and requires great discipline because only one side of the stick, as well as a small, hard ball is used. Field Hockey allows for individual and team play. It includes a wide spectrum of motor skills and encourages cooperation, confidence, leadership, and poise while developing awareness and understanding. The season begins the last week of August and continues through the beginning of November. We have a Varsity and Junior Varsity schedule of 16 games and we also compete in the Conference and State Tournaments.

-The Varsity GIRLS' TENNIS program begins in August and continues to November. The team competes in 15-20 regularly scheduled matches, plus the county and state tournaments. In each varsity match, there are three singles and two doubles matches. Non-varsity members also play in additional matches. Prior to fall practice, team members and those students wishing to try out for the team regularly play at captain-scheduled meetings.

#### **WINTER**

The following winter sports are available:

BOYS: basketball, wrestling, track, swimming, diving.

GIRLS: basketball, track, swimming, diving.

-The BOYS' BASKETBALL season begins in November and ends in March. Tryouts for the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshmen teams begin on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Those interested in trying out should contact Coach Currie, the head basketball coach. The members of the basketball team showcase the best basketball skills in the school. They learn athletic spirit that can be carried over into their later years.

Discipline      Focus      Heart      Team

-The LADY BOMBERS BASKETBALL Team is becoming a well-known threat in the Greater Middlesex Conference. The team is competitive and hard working. The Lady Bombers won the White Division during the 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003 seasons. The program has three levels of play; Varsity, JV, and Freshmen. Tryouts for the team begin the day after Thanksgiving with the season running through mid-March. All girls are welcome to try out.

-The WRESTLING team at Sayreville is a rapidly growing program. It is a sport for any student who wishes to participate. The wrestling is done according to weight classes, which range from 103 pounds to unlimited. For any boy who plays football, cross-country, or soccer in the fall, wrestling is a perfect choice of a winter sport. Sophmores consistently earn letters in wrestling. If you like contact sports and you are tough, see Coach Denuto, Head Wrestling Coach.

-The BOYS AND GIRLS WINTER TRACK team begins in mid November and ends in February. There are many opportunities for athletes to win medals in the various races throughout the season. Athletes compete in individual competition as well as relay competition. Winter track consists of running events as well as the high jump and shot put.

-The SWMHS SWIM TEAM competes as a winter sport. Practices begin in mid November and can continue through the beginning of March. The team is comprised of Varsity and Junior Varsity members from all grade levels. All students wishing to try out for the team will be asked to complete a variety of different swimming strokes and to demonstrate other swimming techniques. The team is coached by Coach Sarah Rodis-Magaw.

#### **SPRING**

The following sports are available:

BOYS: baseball, track, boys' tennis, golf.

GIRLS: softball, track, golf.

-BASEBALL is comprised of three teams, Varsity, J.V. and Freshmen, who play an interscholastic schedule. The J.V. team is comprised of students who possess the mental aptitude and physical ability to compete proficiently against athletes from other schools. Players exhibiting outstanding required skills may be selected to display their talents on the Varsity team which represents the culmination of excellence in ability and performance and represents the best in athletic competition at Sayreville War Memorial High School.

-There are fast-pitch SOFTBALL teams on the Varsity and Junior Varsity levels. The season begins March 1 and ends by June 10. The Varsity competes in the White Division of the Greater Middlesex Conference. They enter the state and conference tournaments each year.

The players must participate in at least half the total amount of innings played in order to earn a Varsity letter.

-The BOYS SPRING TRACK and FIELD begins in March and ends in June. There are dual meets as well as championship individual and relay events. The events includes short distance sprint races, hurdles, long distance races, shot put, javelin, discus, long jump, triple jump, and the pole-vault.

-The Varsity and J.V. GIRLS' TRACK team starts practice the beginning of March and ends in late May. Girls compete in the 100m hurdles and running events from 100m to 3200 meters. The field events include shot put, discus, javelin, long jump, high jump, pole vault, and triple jump. The girls' team has 6 scheduled dual meets, 5 relay competitions per season, and can compete for individual and team championships in the conference, county, and state meets.

-The Varsity BOYS' TENNIS program begins in March and continues through May. The team competes in 15-20 regularly scheduled matches, plus the county and state tournaments. In each varsity match there are three singles and two double matches. Non-varsity members also play in additional matches. Prior to spring practices, team members and those students wishing to try out for the team regularly play at captain-scheduled meetings.

-The GOLF team begins in March and continues until the end on May. The team is coached by Mr. McCloskey. Players are given the chance to play on many area golf courses. The team has most of their meets at Tamarack golf course.

#### **ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES**

**Section 1.** A student, to be eligible for participation in the interscholastic athletic program of a member school, must be enrolled in that school and must meet all the eligibility requirements of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations, of the NJSIAA.

**Section 2. Amateur-Athlete** An amateur-athlete is one who participates in athletics solely for the physical, mental, social and educational benefits derived from such participation. The amateur-athlete treats all athletic activities in which he/she participates as an avocational endeavor. One who takes or has taken pay, or has accepted the promise of pay, in any form, for participation in athletics or has directly or indirectly used his/her athletic skill for pay in any form shall not be considered an amateur and will not be eligible for high school interscholastic athletics in the State of New Jersey.

The following are the basic interpretations of the principles involved in the amateur code which may lead to the loss of an athlete's eligibility:

- A. Participation in any athletic activity under an assumed name. Being guilty of any act of fraud, subterfuge, or other sharp practice relative to this principle.
- B. Accepting pay or material remuneration for a display of athletic ability.
- C. Any student who signs or has ever signed a contract to play professional athletics (whether for money consideration or not); play or has ever played on any professional team in any sport; receives or has ever received directly or indirectly, a salary or any other form of financial assistance from a professional sports organization or any of his/her expenses for reporting to or visiting a professional team is no longer an amateur as defined by this code.
- D. A Student-athlete may participate as an individual, or as a member of a team against professional athletes, or as a member of a team on which there are some professionals who are not currently under contract with a professional team and are not

receiving payment for their participation; but he/she may not participate on a professional team.

- E. A Student-athlete may work as a counselor in a summer camp, lifeguard, swimming pool attendant and swimming instructor for children with our affecting his/her eligibility under the terms of this principle; he/she may work in a tennis or golf shop provided he/she does not give instruction for compensation, and he/she may obtain employment with a recreation department, his/her duties to include some officiating and coaching responsibilities; however, he/she may not be employed as an athletic coach.
- F. If a Student-athlete's appearance on radio or television is related in any way to his/her athletic ability or prestige, the athlete may not under any circumstances receive remuneration for his/her appearance. Under such circumstances, however, an athlete may appear on a sponsored radio or television program or have his/her name appear in newsprint ads or in player of the week, month or year advertisement promoting products provided he/she does not endorse or imply endorsement of any commercial product.
- G. Individual interscholastic awards and similar mementos to Student Athletes should be limited to those approved by the local Board of Education, in keeping with traditional high school requirements which are basically symbolic in nature, i.e., letters, sweaters, jackets, pins, trophies, other similar type awards, and rings or watches which are properly inscribed. No other award of any monetary value may be granted to any athletes without prior approval by the Board of Education and NJSIAA.
- H. No awards shall be given to an athlete by anyone other than his/her own Board of Education, unless prior approval of the NJSIAA and the Board of Education is obtained.

**Section 3. Eligibility Requirements** – Eligibility and rules herewith stated shall apply to all freshman, sophomore, junior varsity, and varsity teams involved in interscholastic athletic competition.

- A. Age-An athlete becomes ineligible for high school athletics if he/she attains the age of nineteen prior to September 1. However, any athlete attaining age nineteen on or after September 1 shall be eligible for the ensuing school year. A birth certificate, issued at the time of birth, is the normal proof of age; in the absence of this, other proofs may be used. The records used will be baptismal records or the earliest school records.
- B. Athletic Recruitment – The granting of “athletic scholarships,” free tuition, or other assistance of monetary value at any level is forbidden when there is evidence that such grant was offered to induce a student to attend a school for athletic reasons.

C. Credits

- 1. To be eligible for athletic competition during the first semester (September 1 to January 31) of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade or higher, or the second year of attendance in the secondary school or beyond, a pupil must have passed 25% of the credits (27.5) required by the State of New Jersey for graduation (110), during the immediately preceding academic year.

To be eligible for athletic competition during the second semester (February 1 to June 30) of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade or higher, a pupil must have passed the equivalent of 12-1/2% of the credits (13.75) required by the State of New Jersey for graduation (110) at the close of the preceding semester (January 31).

Full-year courses shall be equated as one-half of the total credits to be gained for the full year to determine credits passed during the immediately preceding semester.

2. It is recognized that students may accelerate their academic programs during their first three years of secondary schooling. Consequently, such students may be eligible in the second semester of their senior year even when they carry less than 12-1.2% of the State minimum school district's graduation requirements and are passing all courses in which they are enrolled at the start of the first semester.
- D. Handicapped/Classified Students
1. Course Waiver – All handicapped/classified students, as defined by the New Jersey State Department of Education, shall comply with the athletic eligibility rules and regulations of the NJSIAA (with the exception of Section 4. Of this article V re: Credits), and in addition the student must have evidence of the following:
    - a. Parents, or guardians, must give consent for such competitive experience.
    - b. The Child Study Team must certify that the youth is functioning in school commensurate with his/her ability and is emotionally stable enough to participate in interscholastic athletics. Final approval for participation must be given by the Principal.
    - c. The medical inspector of the school district must certify that the youth has physical ability to compete equally with other participants.
  2. Even though classified students are ungraded, they will only have eight consecutive semesters of eligibility which will start with the first semester of participation in interscholastic athletics at the freshman, junior varsity or varsity level. Guidance Department should provide the Athletic Director with ages of all classified students so they can be assured of four (4) years of eligibility prior to becoming ineligible at age nineteen.
- E. Transfers – After his/her initial enrollment in a secondary school, as provided for in Article V, Section 4. G(2) of the Bylaws, a student is subject to the following transfer rules:
1. A student who transfers from one secondary school to another because of a bona fide change of residence by his/her parents or guardians, or through assignment by the Board of Education, becomes eligible to represent his/her new school immediately upon entrance unless recruitment or transfer for athletic advantage is proven and provided all other eligibility regulations are satisfied. A student who became emancipated shall be deemed not to have made a bona fide change of residence absent proof that the change of residence was compelled by circumstances beyond his/her control. Definition: A bona fide change of residence takes place when the parent/guardian moves with the student from one public high school district to another public high school district.
  2. Transfers – A student transferring from one secondary school to another, without a change of residence by that student's parent or guardian, shall be ineligible to participate for a period of thirty (30) calendar days from the start of the present school's regular schedule for that sport, if that student has earned a varsity letter at the previous school. A student who has not earned a varsity award in a sport at his or her previous school shall be eligible to participate immediately at any level in that sport at the new school. To prevent possible recruitment or transfer for athletic advantage, a Transfer Waiver Form must be executed by the two involved schools and filed with the NJSIAA whenever a bona fide change of residence by the parents/guardians has not taken place.
  3. The Transfer Waiver Form must be processed whenever a student transfers from one secondary school to another without

a change of residence having been made by his/her parents. In cases where a student resides with one parent and elects to change residence for transfer to another secondary school where the other parent resides, said student will be declared eligible immediately since this is considered a parental change of residence provided the parents do not reside in the same public high school district. However, depending upon the circumstances, subsequent retransfer to the school previously attended may be considered a transfer for athletic advantage, which may result in a loss of eligibility.

\*This information and all that follows pertaining to eligibility has been taken from the manual of the New Jersey Interscholastic Association. See Athletic Director for further details.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR PROM**

- No more than 15 disciplinary referrals
- Must be a student in good standing
- ALL DISCIPLINE OBLIGATIONS MUST BE MET PRIOR TO PURCHASING A PROM BID / ATTENDING THE PROM

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL GUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.**

- Guests who have reached their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday will not be permitted.
- All guests are required to submit a valid photo identification card with their guest permission form.

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Ring out its fame  
With praises ever new,  
Extol its name  
Our Alma Mater true.  
With heads upraised  
And hearts that lead us always  
To victory  
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