

CONRAD WEISER HIGH SCHOOL

44 Big Spring Road Robesonia, PA 19551

2015-2016 Student Planner

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WHAT IS RENAISSANCE?

Renaissance is a national organization designed to empower students and educators to reenergize the educational atmosphere, and to create and seize new opportunities for success. The mission of Conrad Weiser Renaissance is to join students, educators, parents, administrators, business and community together to motivate and inspire student achievement and to improve school climate. This is the 13th year for Renaissance at Conrad Weiser. Students can earn a Gold, Blue or White card when they achieve the required GPA. Each card carries specific school and community privileges and discounts. If you are a parent or business person, you are invited to become a part of Renaissance. Join us in creating an inspiring school climate in which ALL students THRIVE and SUCCEED. Please contact the high school office for more information.

GPA Requirements

Gold Card	3.75 - 4.00
Blue Card	3.26 - 3.74
White Card	3.00 - 3.25

Cards are distributed in September and are based on the GPA at the end of the previous school year.

Eligibility

In order to qualify for a card, you should:

- have only grades C and above;
- have no school suspensions.

Privileges for All Cardholders

Privileges for all cardholders include the following:

- Discounts at participating stores when you show your card
- Monthly Rewards
- Prom and dance tickets by drawings
- Gift certificates
- Birthday recognition
- Leadership opportunities
- VIP Spring Fling lunch
- One final exam exemption with a cumulative "A" average in that class for Gold Card holders each semester.
- Discounted admission to athletic events.
- May be used as a hall pass (Gold Card holders only).

FIRST FLOOR PLAN CONRAD WEISER HIGH SCHOOL

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

High School Office - (610) 693-8528 Counseling Office - (610) 693-8520 School Nurse - (610) 693-8524 Athletic Office - (610) 693-8528 Information Line - (610) 693-8599 Fax Number - (610) 693-8511

Website - www.conradweiser.org

The daily time schedule is as follows:

Block 1	7:50 to 9:12	Lunch A	10:41 to 11:11
Block 2	9:17 to 10:39	Lunch B	11:11 to 11:41
Block 3 and lunch	10:44 to 12:38	Lunch C	11:41 to 12:11
Block 4	12:43 to 2:05	Lunch D	12:11 to 12:41
Homeroom/MPP	2:10 to 2:34 or 2:36		
Dismissal (grades 1	11 and 12) 2:34		
Dismissal (grades 9	and 10) 2:36		

CONRAD WEISER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Robesonia, Pennsylvania

District Mission Statement

The Mission of the Conrad Weiser Area School District is to provide an educational environment which enables ALL students to acquire the abilities to profit from the past, to contribute to the present, and to succeed in the future.

Daily Schedule

Conrad Weiser Area High School follows an intensive schedule, with semester courses, on a six-day scheduling cycle. The school year is divided into 6 six-week marking periods. All students are expected to be in their Period 1 class by 7:50 a.m. each morning.

Students will have a 25 minute Multi-Purpose/Homeroom period at the end of the day for starting homework, doing make-up work, tutoring, or club activities. All students will report to homerooms. Students who want to use the library or see a teacher will need to get a pass earlier in the day to present to the homeroom teacher.

Weiser Reads

Every Wednesday all students will spend 20 minutes reading something of their choice from 7:50-8:10 in their first block class. The daily schedule will be as listed below.

Students may read a book, magazine, or newspaper, but may not read a textbook. Headphones, music and/or earbuds may not be used during this time and passes will not be allowed. Students who arrive late will report to the library until the end of Weiser Reads.

(Wednesday)

School Contacts/ Student Message

Conrad Weiser High School has a voice mail system. Parents may call when the office is closed and leave a message. Some teachers can be contacted directly. Others can be contacted by calling the Information Line at 693-8599 and the teacher's voice mail extension. This will not ring into the classroom but will go directly to the teacher's voice mail.

If a parent needs to get a message to a student during the day, please contact the office. We will get the message to the student.

Website and E-mail

The Conrad Weiser School District website (www.conradweiser.org) contains a wide variety of information including this planner, the Program of Studies, a school calendar, lunch menus, etc. Check the website for information, forms and updates.

All staff can be contacted by e-mail through this website. Please feel free to use this to e-mail any member of the staff.

Skyward

Conrad Weiser has an on-line grading system called *Skyward*. Parents and students have an individual log-in and are able to see student grades, attendance and assignments.

Parents or students who need the log-in information can contact the counseling office.

All local libraries have free internet service and parents or students can use the libraries in Wernersville, Womelsdorf, Robesonia or Sinking Spring to check the Skyward information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Assemblies

Students should proceed to the auditorium in an orderly and quiet manner and sit in assigned section and seats. Students should remain quiet and respectful to presenter. Seniors will be dismissed first. Underclass will remain seated until given instructions to depart.

Breathalyzer

Conrad Weiser School District administrators and staff are always concerned about having a safe and supportive environment for all students. At times students do not make the best decisions and we need to gather information to help them and their parents with concerns.

To assist in this, the Conrad Weiser School District has purchased a breathalyzer that can be used to detect alcohol. This breathalyzer would be used if there is a reasonable suspicion that the student may be under the influence of alcohol during school or at a school activity. When students are subjected to a breathalyzer analysis, parents will be notified as part of the process.

The breathalyzer would be used as a screening device. If there is a positive reading indicating that the student is under the influence of alcohol, the student will face school consequences. In addition, the police will be contacted but they will have to do their own separate test before pressing charges.

We also would work with our student assistance team to help the student and parents with any drug or alcohol concerns.

Building Security

Students should normally arrive at school between 7:40 and 7:50 a.m. Students will be dropped off at the cafeteria and are to wait there until 7:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria, and any students may go there for breakfast before 7:30 a.m.

Students who walk or drive to school and arrive before 7:30 a.m. should report to the cafeteria. Students should usually not be in the building (except the cafeteria) before 7:30 a.m. unless there for a specific purpose. The library, computer lab, and offices are available to students beginning at 7:30 a.m.

There are several cameras in the building which records video for security purposes. The tape may only be viewed by administrative personnel or, if needed, in their presence or with their permission.

Bus Regulations

The rules concerning pupil behavior while being transported by bus/van are to be followed. Students are asked to display self-discipline for the

safety of all. The following rules are designed to achieve the above objective:

- It is important to remember the bus/van driver is in complete charge of the pupils. His/her instructions are to be followed at all times.
- When entering or leaving a bus, there shall be no pushing or crowding.
- For safety's sake do not talk to the driver, distract him or her in any way, or leave your seat at any time while the bus is in motion.
- Smoking and/or eating are not allowed on the busses. The throwing of any objects is prohibited.
- While waiting for a bus, observe rules of good citizenship and respect the property of other people.
- Any violation of suspendable offenses while on the bus will result in loss of riding privileges, as well as suspension from school.
- Normal school rules apply to buses, including the ban on cell phones.
- When students are brought to school, they are expected to go immediately in the building.
- Students waiting after school are not to leave school grounds before getting on the school bus and must board the bus at the high school.
- Video cameras with audio are placed on the buses. The tapes may only be viewed by administrative personnel.

A written report of the bus driver or other authorized person stating a student's failure to observe bus regulations shall result in parental contact and may result in suspension of bus privileges. According to the State School Code of Laws, riding the school bus is a privilege. It can be revoked due to misconduct.

Cafeteria Procedures

Students are to behave maturely and considerately during lunch. Students are to arrive on time for lunch, or are expected to have a late pass upon entering. Students are encouraged to bring necessities only to lunch. The following behaviors are expected from students during lunch periods:

 Students are expected to report to the cafeteria every day. A student may only be excused with permission from a faculty member or an administrator who will be supervising them during that time.

- Students purchasing food shall form a single line and wait their turn to enter the serving area (no cutting in front of others).
- Students who have finished eating shall place food, trash, and recyclables in appropriate bins and return the dishes and trays to the window. Students shall remain at their lunch tables except when purchasing food, returning trays, using lavatories, or using the pay phone.
- Students need a signed pass to leave lunch.

Consequences for misbehavior will include alternative lunch, detention, or suspension depending on the severity of the behavior.

Cafeteria Purchases

Conrad Weiser Area School District has enrolled in an internet-based service called Parent Online. This service is a website where you can pay for School Breakfast and Lunch using your VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Participation in this service is voluntary; you may enroll at any time. Parent Online enables parents to keep track of their child's account balance. To get started, you will first enroll at www.parentonline.net. You will be asked to enter your email address and a password, which will be used each time you log in.

Families who have economic difficulties may apply for students to have reduced or free lunch. You can find that application online at www.conradweiser.org, under the pull-down District Services, then click Food Services, then News, More News (at the end of the column), then click Free and Reduced Meal Application. You may also go onto the COMPASS web site and apply directly at www.compass.state.pa.us and click on apply for services.

Students without money may charge up to two regular meals and then can receive two replacement meals before they can no longer get food without settling their account. Students will not be able to charge ala carte items. Students may not purchase ala carte items if they owe money for lunch.

Child Abuse

The Child Protective Services Law of Pennsylvania requires all school employees to report any incident of child abuse to Childline or Children and Youth Services. By law, the employee does not contact the parent, but must report it to the proper authorities who will then investigate. The law protects children under eighteen years of age from physical or

mental injuries which are the result of intentional harm, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or serious physical neglect.

Computer/Internet Use

Conrad Weiser is privileged to have many computers throughout the building. Students are expected to use the computers responsibly and not add, delete or change any software. Any students using the internet or computers improperly may lose their internet privilege and may face disciplinary action. Students are strictly forbidden to access inappropriate sites or information. The internet use at Conrad Weiser is filtered by Barracuda, which will not allow access to more objectionable sites. If parents do not want their students to use the internet, they can notify the school.

Confidential Communications

Use of a student's confidential communications to school personnel in legal proceedings is governed by statutes and regulations appropriate to the proceeding. Information received in confidence from a student may be revealed to the student's parents, the principal or other appropriate authority where the health, welfare or safety of the student or other persons is clearly in jeopardy.

Counseling Office and Career Resource Center

Each student is assigned a school counselor to assist with academic, career and personal concerns. Students are assigned to counselors by last name. Counselors can be contacted by calling (610) 693-8520.

Assignments are as follows:

Last names beginning with A - G	Mrs. Denise Rathman
Last names beginning with H – O	Mrs. Courtney Zickler
Last names beginning with P - Z	Ms. Kristen Simons
Bethany Coordinator	Mr. Russell Kline
Student Assistance Coordinator	Mrs. Barbara Boland
Career Resource	Mrs. Jeanna Strausser
Counseling Secretary	Mrs. Michelle Cooper

The Career Resource Center is located in the counseling office. Computers are available for students to use the Discover Program to search for college information, determine possible careers, and answer questions. Scholarship information and college financial aid information applications are also available in the Career Resource Center. Students can also get information to register for the ACT's,

SAT's, and PSAT's. The school code is 394265. Additional information can be found online at www/collegeboard.com or www.actstudent.org. NCAA Clearinghouse information can also be found in the Counseling Office. Additional information can be found online at www.ncaa.org.

A transcript release is needed before a transcript can be mailed to colleges and scholarship programs. Please allow five to ten school days for a transcript to be mailed. It is school district policy to mail (and not fax) transcripts.

If requested, the Counseling Office will release to military recruiters a list of seniors, including their names, addresses and telephone numbers. However, any student can have his or her name removed from this list if either the student or the parent contacts the Counseling Office.

Damage

Students should take pride in their school and help preserve it for future students. If they are found defacing, injuring or destroying this public property, they will be held accountable as defined in Section 77 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania.

Dances

All dances will be held in the cafeteria and will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end promptly at 10:00 p.m. All dances will be closed to the general public. The dress for both boys and girls will be school clothes. Students will remain in the cafeteria area. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all times on school property.

There will be no admittance after 8:00 p.m. Students may not leave a dance and return. Students who leave before the dance has ended must sign out at the ticket table.

Guests from other schools will be allowed at dances on a very limited basis following specific procedures. Students who would like to bring a guest to a dance must get a permission slip in the office and return it by the Wednesday before the dance.

The Christmas Dance is for students in grades 9 to 12 and their dates. The Prom will be limited to 11th and 12th grade students and their dates. However, no student below 9th grade will be permitted to attend the Christmas Dance, the Prom, or any other dance. Also no dates who are 21 and above may attend any dance. The dress for the Christmas

Dance and Prom will be semi-formal for the boys and evening dresses for the girls. The dress code for boys does not have to be formal attire; suits and ties can be substituted for the tuxedo at these dances.

Debts

Students are responsible for any financial obligation incurred and will be notified as to their obligations to the school. All obligations must be paid before a student graduates. Obligations that are left unpaid may eventually be turned over to the district justice for collection.

Textbooks will be collected and inspected at the end of the school year. Students will be assessed for damage caused to books. It is recommended that all books be covered. If students lose their books or cannot return them to their classroom teachers at the end of the year, the student will be responsible for the full replacement cost of the book.

Cafeteria Debts – Students are expected to pay for food when they buy it, but may charge a minimal amount. Students owing more than the minimal amount may receive a cheese sandwich for a few days but may not charge any more food. Students with financial concerns should see the information on *Free and Reduced Lunch*.

Although the school will supply some paper, students will need to supply writing utensils, notebooks, etc.

Early Dismissal Program for Seniors

Seniors who meet the needed qualifications will be allowed to leave after fourth block. They must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher in the previous marking period to be eligible. Eligible students must have a signed parental permission slip before they may participate. Seniors who leave early are still responsible for any information distributed during homeroom, for club activities, and for tutoring. They must take responsibility to stay during MPP if they need to do so.

Procedures

- Seniors with permission to leave will not need to sign out and may leave by any normal exit.
- Students who are leaving the building must be out of the building by 2:10 p.m. and are to leave school property by 2:15 p.m.
- If a student remains in a class with a teacher and, therefore, will not be able to leave by 2:10 p.m., the student needs a pass from the teacher.

- Seniors who stay in the building must follow normal rules. They
 must be in homeroom or have a pass to go to another area of the
 school.
- If students are returning for an athletic practice or detention, they may not return to school property before 2:35 p.m.
- Special exceptions will be made to or by the administration if there are things to pick up or distribute in homerooms, such as report cards.

Loss of Privilege

Loss of privilege will be for a length of time determined by the administration. Students will lose this privilege –

- If they do not maintain a 2.5 GPA for a marking period.
- If they do not follow the rules of the program.
- If they are suspended three times in a school year for discipline reasons.
- If a student no longer is going to graduate.
- If a student is unexcused tardy five times in a semester.
- If they have 8 or more unexcused absences in a semester. If this occurs in the first semester, they will be reinstated at the start of the second semester.
- If a senior assists or encourages an underclassman to leave at the same time.
- If for any reason determined by the administration.

Electronic Devices

Portable music players such as IPods may only be used in the cafeteria and hallways but may be audible only to the listener. Any excess audible noise may result in consequences.

Cell phones may be used for texting only from the time a student arrives at school until the day ends at 2:35. Texting is allowed in the cafeteria and in the hallways between class periods or during the student's lunch, but not in the classroom.

All electronic devices are to be turned off and put away when the bell rings to start class.

Portable music players or other electronic devices may only be used in the classroom with the permission of the teacher. If a student cannot use the equipment appropriately, the device may be confiscated by the teacher or an administrator and returned at a later time. Students who need to talk to someone on the phone must use the phone in the office.

Students using any electronic devices inappropriately may have them confiscated and a parent/guardian must pick up the phone during office hours. A second offense results in a detention and a parent/guardian pick up. If a parent does not pick up the phone in five school days, the phone will be returned to the student. Under no circumstances will a phone be returned to a student before the five days have elapsed.

If an administrator does not see the phone but can reasonably assume that a cell phone has been used inappropriately during the school day, a detention will be assigned to the student. If the student is seen using the phone and refuses to relinquish the phone, an in-school suspension will be assigned.

Any video or audio recording of a class or meeting must have the permission of the teacher prior to recording. Any posting of video, photos, or audio taken in school without the permission of all participants is strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary consequences.

Elevator Procedures

Elevators are available for students who, because of a temporary or permanent physical disability, cannot walk the steps. The student may borrow a key from the office to use daily. Students may not allow others to ride on the elevator with them unless given specific permission for one student to assist with books. Students who violate this permission may lose the privilege or face disciplinary action.

Emergency Closing of School

If it becomes necessary to close our schools because of inclement weather, the announcement will be carried on WFMZ-TV (Channel 69), WGAL-TV (Channel 8), and the following radio stations:

WEEU (830) WADV (940) WFMZ (100.7 FM)
WLBR (1270) WRAW (1340)
WRFY (102.5 FM)

The Skylert system will send out a phone message or e-mail to let parents and students know if school is closed.

Parents can update the contact information in Skyward to determine what phone or e-mail will be used by Skylert.

Fire Drills

When the alarm is sounded, students will arrange themselves in single file to leave the room. Those students nearest the windows will close them. Students should walk briskly, but not run. The teachers will leave the room last, close the doors, and follow directly behind the class. The first pupils to reach the main doors will hold the doors open until everyone is out of the building. They will then join their groups away from the building. Exit directions are placed in each room to inform students of the proper exit to use. Everyone must leave the building.

Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance

At the beginning of first period, all teachers are expected to have students pledge allegiance to the flag. It is the responsibility of every citizen to show proper respect for his or her country and its flag. Students may decline to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and may refrain from saluting the flag on the basis of personal belief or religious convictions. Students who choose to refrain from such participation shall respect the rights and interest of classmates who do wish to participate.

Freedom of Expression

Students have the right to express themselves unless such expression materially and substantially interferes with the educational process, threatens immediate harm to the welfare of the school or community, encourages unlawful activity, or interferes with another individual's rights.

Gambling

Gambling in any form is strictly forbidden on school property. Card playing is forbidden during school hours unless under the direct supervision of a faculty member. The punishment for violating this rule is confiscation of the gambling device, assignment to the Alternative Room, or in extreme cases suspension to the Superintendent.

Gum Chewing

Gum chewing is permitted if permitted by the classroom teacher.

Student Attire and Appearance

Conrad Weiser High School is responsible for providing a safe and secure educational atmosphere for all students. Student appearance must reflect this belief and therefore students' attire should not disrupt the educational atmosphere, processes or create a threat to the health and safety of the Conrad Weiser school community.

School officials can impose limitations on dress if the attire causes the disruption of the educational process or constitutes a health/safety hazard.

Student attire and appearance is to be appropriate for the school environment. It is at the discretion of the principals to have students change or take other appropriate measures if students are inappropriately dressed.

Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education classes, shops, extracurricular activities (i.e. school activities and dances), or other situations where special attire may be required to insure the health and safety of the student.

You have violated the dress code if:

- You are wearing attire that has messages or pictures with reference to drugs, alcohol, suicide, sexual innuendoes, ethnic references, profanity, violence, or weapons.
- You are wearing clothing with holes or tears in inappropriate places.
- You are wearing halter-tops, tube tops, or showing your midriff.
- You are wearing a sleeveless shirt of any kind or your back, cleavage and shoulders are *not* covered.
- Your undergarments are visible.
- Your shorts or skirts are not an appropriate length as determined by the CWHS staff's discretion.
- You are wearing a hat, bandanna, headband/sweatband, or if your head is covered for reasons other than religious or medical purposes.
- You are wearing a coat that extends below your knees.
- You are wearing a coat that is intended for outdoor wear (as determined by the CWHS staff's discretion).

Lavatory

Students are encouraged to use lavatories between classes so as not to miss class time. Passes to the lavatory are required at all other times. Under no circumstances are students to loiter in the lavatories. Students who abuse their lavatory privileges (i.e. spending too much time in the lavatory, making excessive trips to the lavatory, wandering the halls to or from the lavatory, etc.) will be referred to the Principal's office. Disciplinary action that may be taken includes pass restriction and/or detention.

Library Media Center

The library media center is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and any student is welcome to use the library media center before and after school. In order to visit the LMC during the multi-purpose period at the end of the day, students must get a pass from the library media center staff sometime during the day. This is the only acceptable pass for the LMC during MPP. Because of the large number of students who need to use the library during this period, students should sign up only if they need to use the resources in the library. Students will be dismissed from the library at the end of the day.

All students will be issued an ID card at the beginning of the second marking period. In order to obtain this card, students must have their photograph taken during picture day whether a portrait package is purchased or not. There is no charge to have your photo ID taken on picture day. Students must have their ID card to check materials out of the LMC. There will be no exception to this rule. For your own protection, students should not check materials out on their card for another student. There will be a \$3.00 replacement charge for lost cards. The ID card is also the student's hall pass and ID for other school activities.

Most books are checked out for two weeks and may be renewed for an additional two weeks. There is a \$.05 fine for each day the book is kept out past the due date without being renewed. All reference books, including encyclopedias, may be taken out overnight. There is a \$.10 fine per day if these materials are overdue. All reference and overnight materials are due before the start of the next school day. Video and digital cameras may be taken out overnight. There is a \$.25 fine per day if these materials are overdue. All equipment is due before the start of the next school day. Kindles are available upon return of the Kindle

permission slip. Kindles will be checked out for a two week loan period. The fine for an overdue Kindle is \$1.00 a day.

Interlibrary loans are available to all students at Conrad Weiser. These are available on the electronic catalog under ACCESS PA. Materials are available from libraries across the state. These materials also circulate for two weeks. Because it is necessary to return these materials promptly to the lending library, these materials generally cannot be renewed and a \$.25 per day fine is charged for overdue materials.

Students are responsible for returning all overdue materials and paying all fines. Students failing to do this may be restricted from taking additional materials out. Students are charged replacement costs if a book or magazine is lost.

The following databases are available for student use at school or home access: EBSCO, JSTOR, NoodleTools, Teen Health and Wellness, Grove Music Online, Gale Virtual Library. Additionally at the CWLMC web site, access can be attained to the senior high library catalog, ACCESS PA, POWER library and many other informational sites.

To access the library media center website:

On campus shortcut: Look for LMC icon on all computer desktops or open internet explorer in the library media center!

Off campus: https://sites.google.com/site/cwhslibrarymediacenter/or go to district Edline > High School > High School Library and then click on: check out our new website

Book bags, knapsacks, gym bags, coats, jackets, etc., are not permitted in the library.

Lockers

All students are assigned a hall locker at the beginning of each school year. It is the student's responsibility to keep the locker clean, in working order, and locked at all times. There is to be no trading of lockers without administrative permission. Each student is to use his or her assigned locker.

Gym Lockers

All students are required to supply a combination lock for their gym locker.

Parking/Driving Rules

Student parking is located in the two large parking lots in front of the high school. The two small lots are for staff and visitors only. . Several parking spots may be designated for faculty, staff, or handicapped drivers. (See map on next page.)

All student drivers must register their cars in the office and will receive parking tags. Seniors wishing to reserve a numbered parking spot may do so by paying \$25.00 by September 1. Individual spots are assigned in a manner prescribed by the administration and student council. Seniors and underclassmen who wish to have general parking will pay \$5.00 and must be registered before driving to school. Student reserved parking and general parking will be marked with colors corresponding to their tag color.

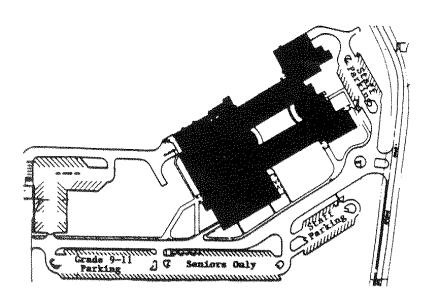
The parking lots do not have enough spaces for all student cars. Some students will need to park in the middle school parking lot.

Cars are not to be left on the lot overnight unless permission has been granted. If a car is inoperable, the office personnel need to be notified. The following rules apply:

- Any student who wants to park on school property must register all vehicles he or she will drive to school.
- Do not park on the lot before 7:00 a.m., except for special meetings.
- Park the automobile on the proper student parking lot and in a designated space.
- Display the parking permit on the inside mirror or dashboard when parked on the school lot.
- The maximum speed allowed on the parking lot or school property is 15 miles per hour.
- Keep the doors of the automobile locked while it is parked at the school.
- Understand that students park at their own risk. The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage.
- Once a student arrives on the school property, he/she may not go
 out to the car during the day. Students may not leave unless they
 are part of a special program or have some other permission from
 the principal's office.
- Parking privileges may be suspended or revoked for parking violations, excessive tardiness and/or absences, and disciplinary issues.

If any of the above regulations are violated, driving privileges will be suspended for a period of time, and any further violation may mean denial of the privilege for the remainder of the school term. Illegal parking may result in the owner being fined under Section 779 of the Public School Laws.

HIGH SCHOOL PARKING PLAN



Pass System

Students are to have a signed pass with them when not in scheduled class period AT ALL TIMES except during change of class periods.

There are four passes available. They are:

- Student Library/I.D./Pass Card provides 12 student-initiated pass opportunities.
- Colored pass provides teacher the opportunity to direct the student somewhere.
- Medical Pass a red medical pass will be issued to students providing documentation indicating a medical condition requiring the student to be dismissed from class unconditionally.
- Multi-Purpose Period Pass a pass that allows a student to be dismissed to another location in the building for the 25 minute multi-purpose period concluding each school day (example - to computer lab, library, counseling office, etc.).

SAP

The Student Assistance Program (SAP) is a state mandated program designed to help students and their families deal with drug and alcohol issues as well as other emotional concerns. Anyone can refer a student to the SAP Team by speaking with a counselor, a SAP team member or by completing a form in the library. When a student is referred to the SAP Team, information is collected from teachers. Parents are contacted if additional counseling services (assessments) are requested. Additional information is available online at www.conradweiser.org/cwasd/sap/sap.html.

Searches

All lockers, both hall and gym lockers, remain school property and are loaned to students for their use. School officials retain the right to search these lockers at any time. Materials found may be used as evidence against the student in disciplinary proceedings. Prior to a locker search, students may be notified and given an opportunity to be present. However, where school authorities have a reasonable suspicion that the locker contains materials which pose a threat to the health, welfare and safety of students in the school, student lockers may be searched without prior warning.

If reasonable suspicion exists, school authorities have the right to search a student's possessions, including coats, book bags, pocketbooks, or a student's person, including pockets and socks. The ability to search

depends on the amount of suspicion and the danger to the health and welfare of other students.

School officials may use sniff dogs to search inanimate objects on school premises, including student lockers, cars, bags, coats, purses, and other such belongings, for drugs or other illegal contraband. The administration may periodically invite law enforcement agencies to search school property with dogs trained for the purpose of finding illegal substances and materials. All school property, such as lockers, desks, classrooms, storage areas, parking lots, athletic fields, and facilities, may be searched at any time. All vehicles parked on school property may be searched. Individuals shall not be subjected to a personal body search by dogs. Actual times and dates of planned searches will not be released in advance.

Senior Celebration and Awards

The purpose of the Celebration and Awards held each spring is to honor seniors for outstanding contributions to the school in the area of student activities and to present special awards established by the school and/or community. All seniors will be invited to participate in the events of the evening. The parents of special award winners may be notified prior to the event.

Signs

With the permission of advisors, student activities groups or classes may post signs related to school events throughout the building. Other signs may only be posted with administrative permission. Students should use scotch tape to post signs.

Sign-out Policy

To be excused from multi-purpose period or class for any reason, a sign-out form shall be signed by the pupil. Each room will have a form easily accessible. Students are encouraged to remain in class during class time and use the five minute passing time for other errands.

Skateboarding

By school policy, skateboarding is not allowed on school property. This ban includes the high school, middle school and both elementary schools.

Traffic Pattern

Traffic may flow in both directions in the driveway in front of the high school. People driving through the middle school parking lot to Route

422 should exit by the east exit (by the sign) and should not cross in front of the middle school.

At the end of the day, the buses will block the driveway between the senior parking lot and the school. Students may exit by driving through the parking lot and exiting on to the road near that entrance. Students going east should exit on to Big Spring Road.

Two-Hour Delay Schedule

When school is delayed for two hours for a weather emergency, the following schedule will be used:

Block 1	9:50 to 10:51	Lunch A	12:00 to 12:30
Block 2	10:56 to 11:57	Lunch B	12:30 to 1:00
Block 3	12:02 to 1:30	Lunch D	1:00 to 1:30
Block 4	1:35 to 2:34 (gr. 11 &	12) or 2:36 (gr.	9 & 10)

AM Tech (West) - students will go to AM Tech, leaving at 9:50 a.m. and returning at approximately 11:30 a.m. and wait in the cafeteria until the end of block 2.

PM Tech (West & East) - students will report to the bus at the end of block 2 and leave for Career Tech at approximately 12 noon.

Valuables

Pupils should not bring valuables or large amounts of money to school. If in an unusual situation this has to be done, go to the office and ask to keep them in the vault. Do not store valuables in your lockers.

Visitors

All visitors are to report to high school office for an I.D. tag upon entering the school building.

Weight Room

The weight room is available for student use from 2:35 to 5:30 p.m. daily. Physical education classes may also use the weight room during the day. For more information, contact the Strength and Conditioning Coach.

Working Papers

The Pennsylvania Child Labor Law requires minors to obtain work permits prior to beginning work. Working papers can be obtained from Conrad Weiser High School Counseling Office for all students residing in the Conrad Weiser Area School District. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM – 4 PM. <u>Please see below items</u> needed for the working paper application process.

Students may pick up the work permit application in the high school counseling office. They will need to have it signed by a parent/guardian and return it to the counseling office with a copy of one of the following: student Birth Certificate, Learner's Permit, Driver's License, or Passport, to verify age. The regulations are online at: http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/child_labo r law/7508.

ACADEMICS

Program of Studies

In February, each student in Grades 8 to 11 receives a Conrad Weiser High School Program of Studies detailing the graduation requirements, curriculum, class rank, career pathways, weighted grades, etc. Extra copies are always available in the counseling office and the document is on the website.

Community Service

Conrad Weiser High School is committed to having all students participate in community service. Students are required to have a minimum of twenty hours of community service to receive a diploma, and awards are given to students who complete over 100 hours of community service.

Students may volunteer at a wide variety of community organizations. Packets of information and forms will be available in the counseling office. Announcements about service opportunities will be posted and often listed on the daily bulletin. Questions may be directed to the Community Service Coordinator.

Graduation Project

All seniors are required to complete a graduation project on a topic of their choice. The project consists of a research paper, which can also be used for English class, a portfolio and an oral presentation.

Each student will receive detailed information and be assigned at least one faculty advisor in eleventh grade. The students will meet with their advisor in groups four times a year and also need to set up individual meetings in their junior and senior year. We recommend that students find an outside mentor with knowledge of their specific project to assist them.

During the semester of their senior year when they have English, students will complete and present the senior project. Presentations will be scheduled in late November or early December and April and should be approximately ten to twenty minutes in length.

Possible ideas for a graduation project are endless but could include building a cabinet, researching a career, carrying out a scientific experiment, designing a house, developing an educational game for children, writing and drawing a comic book, doing a landscape design, writing a piece of music and recording it, etc. Students will need to interview and/or meet with people knowledgeable in their field of study.

Projects will be evaluated by faculty, administration, and volunteers from the community. Students must successfully complete all portions of the project to receive a diploma. Questions about the graduation project should be directed to the Graduation Project Coordinator. All forms and information necessary for the graduation project are on the school website (www.conradweiser.org).

Grading System

Conrad Weiser High School has six-week grading periods. Report cards will generally be issued six to eight days following the end of the marking period. A report card will be issued to each student unless it is being withheld because of outstanding obligations.

Grading Range and GPA (grade point average)

93-100	A	4.00	70-72	C-	1.67
90-92	A-	3.67	56-69	F1	0
87-89	B+	3.33	Below 55	F	0
83-86	В	3.00	Passing	P	
80-82	B-	2.67	Outstanding	O	
77-79	C+	2.33	Unsatisfactory	U	
73-76	C	2.00			

No "D" will be given in a CWHS course. Students who attend Career Tech and receive a "D" will receive a "D" at CWHS. However, no courses at CWHS will award a "D".

Students who fail required courses may repeat the course at CW or, if they receive at least 55% for a final grade, he/she may make up the course at an approved summer school. If a student qualifies for summer school, the final grade will be an "F1".

Skyward

Conrad Weiser School District uses Skyward for student attendance, grades, etc. All parents and students have a login and password to enable them to see the student's information. Parents and students can contact the counseling office to get their login and password.

Information that is available through Skyward includes the student's attendance, schedule, community service hours, etc. The gradebook for each class is available which will show the student's grade at this point and scores on each assignment.

Parents can set up their Skyward account to receive e-mails if a student is absent or if a student's grades have dropped below a certain point.

Access to Skyward is available through the Conrad Weiser website.

Homework

If a student is absent for only one day, the student is responsible for obtaining homework from a classmate. It is suggested that each student choose a responsible "buddy" for this purpose. Students and/or parents should also check the website and could e-mail this teacher to get assignments. If the student is absent for two or more days, parents may request the homework that day and call the high school office between 7:45 and 8:10 a.m. We will make every effort to secure work by 2:30 p.m. If parents call beyond that time, the homework will be secured the next day. Teachers will fill out assignment sheets and return them to the office by 2:30 p.m. Any student who is aware he will be absent from school for a reason such as an educational family trip is responsible for informing the teachers prior to the date of such absence and for getting permission from the office.

Physical Education Rules and Regulations

If a student has an injury or other physical problem preventing participation, the student needs to get an adaptive physical education form (available from the physical education teacher or on CW High School website) signed by a doctor. The student or parent should talk to the student's physical education teacher or the school nurse for more

information. (See Medical Problems and Physical Education on page 38).

Changing into the proper attire is an important requirement for physical education class. Proper class attire consists of a T-shirt, shorts (no cut-offs), socks and sneakers (no-mark sneakers).

Students in physical education class are assigned a locker and can put a lock on it. All personal belongings should be locked during physical education class. The school can take no responsibility for belongings left in the locker room.

Honor System Requirements

High Honors - 4.0 in all graded subjects

No C, D, F, or I

Honors - 3.5 in all graded subjects

No D, F, or I

Principal's List - 3.0 in all graded subjects

No D, F, or I

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, has 20,000 chapters across the United States. This society gives recognition and honor to outstanding juniors and seniors. Students maintaining grade averages of 3.5 or better in grades 9 through 12 may be invited to join the Conrad Weiser Chapter. To be endorsed by the faculty they must meet certain standards of character, leadership and service.

Promotion to Next Highest Grade

Promotion to the next highest grade in grades 10, 11 and 12 shall be governed by specific credit requirements outlined in the Program of Studies given to each student in February.

Students and/or parents are reminded that it is his/her/their responsibility to check several times with a counselor to insure that they are meeting all course and credit requirements needed for promotion and/or graduation.

Graduation

Any senior who does not meet the minimum requirements for graduation will not participate in commencement exercises. Seniors involved in a serious discipline problem or an ongoing series of discipline problems may be prohibited from participating in the commencement exercises.

Graduation Speakers/Recognitions

At high school commencement exercises, four students will speak and represent the class. The class president will give a farewell address. The other three speakers will be chosen from the top twenty ranking students at the end of the first semester. The senior class will vote to determine the three speakers.

At the graduation exercises, the top ten ranked students in the class will be recognized. Those students will be determined based on the weighted GPA, using final grades in grades 9-12. For more information about class rank, see the *Program of Studies*.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS

We invite students to participate in any of our many sports or activities.

Fall

Football	Soccer (Girls and Boys)	Cheerleading
Jr. High Football	Cross Country (Boys)	- Football
Field Hockey	Cross Country (Girls)	- Soccer
Golf		Volleyball (Girls)
Tennis (Girls)		

Winter

Basketball (Boys)	Bowling (Girls)	Intramural Bowling
Basketball (Girls)	Cheerleading	Jr. High Wrestling
Wrestling	- Basketball	

Bowling (Boys) - Basketbal - Wrestling

	Spring	
Baseball	JV Softball	Tennis (Boys)
JV Baseball	Track (Boys)	Lacrosse (Girls & Boys)
Softball	Track (Girls)	

Clubs and Activities

AlgorithmicsDrama ClubRenaissanceArt ClubFBLARoboticsBandFFASADDSymphonic BandGay Straight AllianceSki Club

Marching Band German Club Social Studies Club Brass Ensemble Journalism Club Stage Crew Junior Classical League Jazz Band Student Council Berks Academic Challenge Key Club Tolkien Club Meditation Club Wellness Club Choraleers Colorguard -indoor & outdoor Musical Yearbook

CWTV National Honor Society

Absence from School and its Effect

on Practice or Participation in Sports/Extracurricular Activities

In order to participate in extra-curricular activities, students must be in school for the entire day if at all possible. If late to school, they must be in by 9:00 a.m. If leaving during the day, students should be in school for 2½ to 3 periods. Students who miss school for a medical or dental appointment may participate if they bring in a note from the doctor or dentist and only miss school for the time needed for the appointment. Other exceptions can be granted for extenuating circumstances by an administrator.

Students who miss more than 20 days of school in a semester may not participate in any PIAA sports. Regaining eligibility depends on individual situations. See the athletic director or the high school principal for clarification.

Awards

Athletic awards are left to the discretion of the coaches. The awards will be letters of achievement and commendation, as well as major and minor letters.

Eligibility

The purpose of our academic eligibility program is to encourage our students to maintain a good scholastic standing. A student who is academically ineligible may practice during the period of ineligibility but may not participate in any extracurricular activity, interscholastic event or the equivalent. Academically ineligible students may attend a home or away event with the team or club at the discretion of the coaches, advisors and parents except as listed below. The ineligible student may not be in uniform and may give no semblance of participation in the event.

At the end of the marking period, if a student has two F's, the student will be ineligible for ten school days of the next marking period starting when grades are available. If a student has one F, the student remains eligible.

Example

Ending of 1	Marking	Period
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Student A		Student B	
Course 1 -	В	Course 1 - A	١
Course 2 -	C	Course 2 - C	7
Course 3 -	C	Course 3 - F	7
Course 4 -	F	Course 4 - F	7
Eligible		Ineligible	

At the end of the year, the student's final course grades, not marking period grades will be used to determine eligibility. However, at the end of the first semester the student's marking period grades, not final averages, will determine eligibility.

At the end of each week, student eligibility will be checked.

The following percentages with letter grades have been established for weekly eligibility:

Percentage	Letter Grade	Description	
70% to 75% 65% to 69.9% 60% to 64.9%	W EF F1 or EF at Teacher's Discretion	W= Warning EF= Eligible but failing with 65-69 or a student who's grade is between 60-65 but is doing everything possible to pass the course	
< 60%	F1 or EF	F1 or F= Failing	

Teachers will be required to give a W to any student that has a 70% to 75% on the weekly eligibility.

- If a student has two or more F's in any week, the student will be ineligible for the following week.
- If a student has an F in two consecutive weeks (FF) in the same subject the student will be ineligible for the following week.
- If a student has two EF's, the student remains eligible.
- If a student has an F & an EF, the student remains eligible.

- If a student has an EF in two consecutive weeks, the student remains eligible.
- If a student has 3 EF's in any one week, the student is ineligible.
- If a student has 1 F and 2 EF's they are ineligible.
- If a student is receiving either an F or an EF the student will be required to attend mandatory tutoring or be required to do extra credit work if available (based on teacher's discretion).
- A student may not be ruled ineligible for the first weekly eligibility report of the new semester unless 3 or more F's are recorded. (This is not to be confused with the end of semester eligibility.)
- F1 counts same as an F
- If a student has an EF with a 65-69 more than two weeks in a row, the teacher may change it to an F1.

Weekly Eligibility Student C

Mark Pd. Wk. 1	Mark Pd. Wk. 2	Mark Pd. Wk. 3	Mark Pd. Wk. 4	Mark Pd. Wk. 5
Course 1 P				
Course 2 P	Course 2 P	Course 2 P	Course 2 P	Course 2 EF
Course 3 F	Course 3 EF	Course 3 EF	Course 3 EF	Course 3 F
Course 4 F	Course 4 EF	Course 4 F	Course 4 FF	Course 4 EF
Ineligible	Eligible	Eligible	Ineligible	Ineligible

Locker Facilities

Students involved in activities can use the locker room. Students should bring a lock and lock their personal belongings in an empty locker.

Smoke-Free School

Conrad Weiser High School and grounds are tobacco and smoke free. Spectators may not use tobacco or tobacco products at any sporting event. People violating this rule are subject to removal from the event and prosecution.

Extracurricular Code of Conduct

The Conrad Weiser School District, including its Board, administration, teachers, coaches and staff in general have a moral responsibility to effect positive behaviors by setting standards and enforcing consequences for not performing to those standards. District participation in interscholastic athletics and all other extra-curricular activities is an integral part of the educational experience. However, student participation is a privilege, not a right, and discipline, including suspension and/or dismissal of students from athletic teams and activities may result from violation of school and/or team rules and regulations. Revoking the privilege of extra-curricular participation based on the association of students with illegal activities should be viewed by the school district as an effective tool influencing positive social behaviors for the student's long range benefit. Each team or activity may have its own rules, but the following rules and regulations apply to all students on Conrad Weiser athletic teams and in extracurricular activities.

 The use or possession of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages and drugs is prohibited. Violation of Rule #1 is determined by a police citation resulting in a fine, a conviction or a plea of no contest or an admittance of guilt. In addition to all applicable disciplinary measures available to the district under its Disciplinary Guidelines, the following procedure will occur if this rule is violated.

First offense: Referral to in-school Student Assistance Program (SAP), removal of all leadership roles, an apology to teammates and loss of activities, practices and games for one week.

Second offense: Same as first offense, except the student is now suspended for three week's worth of activities and games. This suspension will carry over into the next sports season if the suspension was not completed in the previous season. Resuming participation after the three week's suspension is contingent upon family agreeing to follow-through with drug and alcohol evaluation facilitated by the Caron Treatment Center or a similar facility, and the initial evaluation being completed.

Third offense: Ineligible for all athletic events and extracurricular activities for one year from the date of offense. 2. The Board prohibits the use of anabolic steroids by students involved in school-related athletics, except for a valid medical purpose. Body building and muscle enhancement of athletic ability are not valid medical purposes. Prescribed Human Growth Hormone (HGH) shall not be included as an anabolic steroid. Sanctions for use of steroids, according to state regulations, are as follows:

First violation: Suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season and a referral to the in-school Student Assistance Program (SAP).

Second violation: Suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season and for the following season.

Third violation: Permanent suspension from school activities for one calendar year. No student shall be eligible to resume participation in school athletics unless a medical determination has been submitted, verifying that no residual evidence of steroids exists.

- 3. Any student/athlete who engages in any activity with criminal intent and receives a criminal citation may be suspended from participation after his/her case is reviewed by a panel consisting of the advisor or athletic director and two of his/her designees.
- 4. Conduct by a student/athlete which dishonors or embarrasses the participants, team, or the school is prohibited and will be subject to the District Discipline Guidelines and Team Guidelines.
- Hazing or bullying, or an initiation ritual causing mental stress, embarrassment, or physical harm is prohibited and will be subject to the District Discipline Guidelines and Team Guidelines.
- Jewelry is not permitted at practice or during the games in accordance with National Federation of High Schools and/or PIAA Regulations.
- 7. Participation in games and activities is limited to those students/athletes who are academically eligible according to the Conrad Weiser academic eligibility list.

- 8. Students suspended or expelled from school are ineligible for activities, practices or games for the period of the suspension.
- 9. All athletes and students must abide by the written rules of each coach and advisor as well as all rules and regulations found in the Conrad Weiser Student Planner.
- 10. Athletes are responsible for all athletic equipment issued throughout the season and must return such equipment at the conclusion of the season or pay the current replacement cost for any of the equipment not returned. Athletes will not be permitted to wear uniforms except at meets/games/contests or as directed by the coach. The athlete will not be allowed to participate in another athletic season until the issued equipment is returned or replaced.
- 11. Students and parents are expected to cooperate fully with school officials in the investigation of an alleged violation of this athletic code of conduct.
- 12. Enforcement of the policy once finalized and in place must be carried out faithfully by all District staff. Failure to enforce suspensions under the policy may result in significant consequences for staff members.

Coaches and advisors shall initially be responsible for discipline. Students suspended from activities in excess of ten school days may appeal their suspension to the athletic director or building principal.

Spectator Rules and Guidelines

Spectators play an important role in our total athletic program. The habits, language, and general reaction of all spectators, students, and adults alike go a long way in showing the quality and sportsmanship of our school and community.

All spectators are encouraged to:

- provide positive cheering and other moral support for team members.
- show respect for game officials and refrain from any unsportsmanlike act directed toward them.
- cooperate with and respond enthusiastically to our cheerleaders.
- censure fellow students whose behavior is unbecoming.

- show respect for any injured player when he or she is removed from the playing area.
- refrain from heckling or jeering members of opposing teams.
- refrain from applauding errors by opponents or penalties inflicted upon them.
- refrain from criticizing players or coaches for loss of a game.

The following actions shall constitute grounds for removal from the particular event and/or restriction from attendance at further events:

- disrespect to either home or visiting cheerleaders.
- disrespect to school or security officials.
- abuse of school property.
- use of profane language, obscene gestures or similar behavior.
- violating school rules
- actions which are a potential hazard to health, safety, or well-being of spectators or participants.
- other inappropriate behavior deemed sufficiently repetitive, flagrant, or severe by the staff.

Students should remember that all high school rules and regulations are in effect at all school events.

Berks County Interscholastic Athletic Association Spectator Rules and Guidelines

The rules listed below are in effect at all athletic contests:

- 1. The Berks County Athletic League encourages spectators to cheer and support their respective teams in a positive manner. Spectators are asked to exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, and refrain from cheering negatively against the opponents.
- 2. Abusive language, negative gestures or taunting directed towards players, coaches, officials, cheerleaders or spectators is prohibited.
- Spectators are to remain in their seats. No prolonged standing is allowed.
- 4. Anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be admitted.
- 5. Game management will enforce school dress code when deemed necessary.
- 6. Sirens, towels, signs, banners, props, whistles, portable stereos or noisemakers are not permitted at games.
- 7. During basketball games, spectators behind the baskets are not to wave or distract foul-shooters.
- 8. Throwing foreign objects of any kind is prohibited.

- 9. Only cheerleaders or persons authorized to promote school spirit are permitted on the sidelines or playing surface.
- 10. At the end of games, spectators are not allowed on the playing surface for safety reasons.

Violators of these rules may be escorted from the facility.

HEALTH INFORMATION

School Health Services: Preventive services, health education, emergency care, referral, state mandated health screenings, and management of acute and chronic health conditions. Designed to promote the health of students; identify, prevent, and manage health problems and injuries, and ensure care for students and staff.

Nurse's Office

The primary role of the school nurse is to support student learning. The nurse accomplishes this by implementing strategies that promote student and staff health and safety. The school health service provides health supervision and emergency care for all students. *Medical examinations* are required for 11th grade students. Parents have the opportunity and are encouraged to have this exam done by the family physician. For those not completed, an exam can be scheduled with one of the school doctors with written parent permission. Each student will be given an annual vision screening and height and weight measurement along with BMI calculation. Students in 11th grade will also be given a hearing screening. Students who come to the nurse's office for illness or injury must have a pass unless it is an emergency. This applies to injuries sustained in school or on the way to school. The school does not assume responsibility for treatment of accidents or injuries that occur outside of school.

The nurse's office maintains a collection of reference materials related to health and wellness issues. Students are welcome to visit before school or during MPP to review this information.

Immunization

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Health Immunization Regulations, all students in all grades are required to have completed the immunization mandates for their grade. Parents are reminded that all students in all grades (K-12) must have received a

second dose of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or notified the school nurse in writing if the student has a history of having had the chicken pox disease. <u>Please provide a written update to the school nurse any time your child receives any vaccination.</u>

Medication

Any student who is in need of medication (prescription or over the counter) during school hours shall have the district medication form (which can be obtained in the Nurse's office or on-line) completed and signed and present the form to the school nurse with the medication. The completed medication form is valid for one year. Medication must be in its original container. If there are medication changes, including dosage, a new medication form will need to be completed, and the medication must be in the original container and clearly identifiable. Unidentifiable medications and/or medications without written physician orders will not be administered. Medications such as many antibiotics ordered to be taken three times a day ("tid"), generally do not need to be given during the school day. Parents are expected to assume responsibility for tid medications. Each student must also have a current, completed, and signed Emergency Contact Form on file in the Health Office before any medications can be given. A new Emergency Contact Form must be submitted at the start of each school year.

All medication (prescription or **over the counter**), including prn "as needed" medication, short term medication, and emergency medication, will be kept by the school nurse in the nurse's office. The nurse shall in turn dispense the medication from the office at the appropriate time. If your child has an inhaler or Epi-pen that the physician has deemed necessary for them to carry, the top and bottom portions of the medication permission form need to be completed and signed by the parent and physician in **both sections**. The district is not responsible for problems that occur with students who are carrying their inhalers or Epi-pens. All students needing to use inhalers during the school day (stored in the health room or carried on person), must bring a completed medication form to the school nurse. All inhalers and Epipens need to be in their original containers (boxes) with the prescription Unidentifiable medications and/or medications (including inhalers) without written permission will be treated as unauthorized substances and will be confiscated and a parent/guardian will be contacted for pick up. Please contact the nurse if you have any questions about this policy as it relates to your child's specific needs.

The district health offices do NOT stock or dispense cold or allergy medications. If your child is in need of either, please discuss with the child's physician and consider administering the appropriate long-acting medication prior to school. If needed for the course of an illness, cough drops or throat lozenges should be provided by the parent/guardian for the student to carry and self-administer as directed.

Medical Problems

The parent/guardian of any student with chronic (long-term) medical problems should notify the school nurse each fall by making comments where indicated on the student's emergency notification form. These forms must be updated and completely filled out at the beginning of each school year for every student. Specific medical concerns affecting a student's participation in normal school activities will be handled on a case-by-case basis in accordance with school and state policies by the school nurse and administration. Students who are absent from school for an extended period of time for medical concerns or who develop a health problem that was not noted on the emergency form at the start of the school year should notify the school nurse immediately. This will insure that the student's health record is up-to-date and that any special needs for the student at school can be addressed. HIPAA allows the school nurse to discuss a student's health concerns with the doctor or health provider.

Medical Problems and Physical Education

Students who have a medical problem that prevents them from participating in some or all of a physical education class must provide a parent note to the teacher at the beginning of class. All notes are subject to verification by phone and should contain the student's full name, the date, the reason for non-participation, the duration of the excuse, and a parent's signature and daytime phone number. A parental note may only cover up to 2 physical education classes; anything requiring a longer duration must be covered by a doctor's note.

For illness or injury requiring an extended period of recovery, the student must have the treating physician complete a "Medical Note for Physical Education" form. This form is available from the physical education teachers, nurse's office, and district website. Students are reminded that non-participation in a physical education class on a given day also makes the student ineligible to participate in extracurricular sports on that day.

Reasons to Keep Your Child At Home and Reasons Your Child May Be Excluded From School

- Fever (100 degrees or above) within the last 24 hours.
 Temperature should be under 100 degrees for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school.
- Vomiting or diarrhea Child should be well for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Reddened eyes with purulent drainage (watery, itchy eyes usually denote allergies so exclusion is not necessary) Before returning to school, the student needs: a) physician-prescribed eye drops, ointment or oral medication for 24 hours or b) a physician's note stating it is a non-infectious condition.
- Chicken Pox All pox marks should be dried and have scabs before the child returns to school.
- Head Lice (Pediculosis) Children may return to school after they have been treated with an anti-lice shampoo and the nits (eggs) have been removed from the hair. The school nurse must check all children who have had lice before being readmitted to school and may recheck their hair periodically once returned based on the nurse's discretion. Please contact the school nurse for treatment guidelines. Your child may be checked for lice at school when a sibling or close friend has had lice.
- If a child has an infectious condition, such as strep throat, that requires antibiotic treatment, the child should receive antibiotics for 24 hours at home before returning to school.
- Common colds associated with excessive nasal drainage, persistent cough, or low grade fever (99-100 degrees) that interfere with student's ability to learn.

ATTENDANCE

Free Education and Attendance

All persons residing in this Commonwealth between the ages of 6 and 21 years are entitled to a free and full education in the Commonwealth's public schools. Parents or guardians of all children between the ages of 8 and 17 are required by the compulsory attendance law to ensure that their children attend an approved educational institution, unless legally excused. Students who have not graduated may not be asked to leave school merely because they have reached 17 years of age if they are fulfilling their responsibilities as students.

General Guidelines

Students should be in school if at all possible. Although some class work can be made up outside of class, duplicating the explanations, lectures, class discussions and group work that is part of any class is impossible. For students to gain the ultimate educational benefit, they need to be in school.

Legal Absences

Legal absences are defined by the state as illness, family emergency, death of a family member, educational travel with prior approval, court hearings, and medical or dental appointments.

Written excuses must be submitted by the parent/guardian for each day of absence. When using a doctor's or dentist's note, the student must be seen in their office and must be the patient. Excuses should be submitted to the office within three days of the absence. Parents can submit the note electronically using Skyward.

Illegal/Unexcused Absences

Any days without a legal excuse submitted to the high school office will be coded as illegal or unexcused.

If a student is 16 or under, the day will be coded as illegal. If a student is 17 or over, the day will be coded as unexcused.

Penalties for Illegal Absences

By state law, students who are 16 or under are required to attend school unless a student has a legal absence.

Once a student has three illegal absences, the parent will be notified. For every additional illegal absence, a citation may be filed with the district justice.

Penalties for illegal absences will be determined by the MDJ (Magisterial District Justice). The parent may be required to pay a fine, attend parenting classes or do community service, etc. The MDJ may instead fine the student or require the student to do community service or other alternatives. The district justice may also suspend the student's driver's license for 90 days or, if a second offense, six months. A child who does not yet have a driver's license shall be ineligible to apply for a driver's license for that same length of time.

Excessive Absenteeism

Whenever a student has missed 10 days or more that are only excused by a parent note, a letter will be sent to the parent requiring a doctor's excuse for any and all subsequent absences.

Once that letter has been sent, any absence not excused by a doctor will be illegal/unlawful.

Extended Absences

Students who are absent consecutively for one week or more should be in contact with the school regarding assignments and submit a medical reason for the absence. If appropriate and proper documentation is provided, homebound instruction may be available.

Penalties for Excessive Unexcused/Illegal Absences

When a student is 17 or over and is required to submit a physician's note because of excessive absences, the student may not make up any work unless the absence is determined to be excused. This penalty will likely affect the student's grade and could cause the student to fail the course.

Truancy/Class Cutting

Students who are absent from school without a parent's permission are considered truant. The absence will be considered illegal/unlawful. The penalty for truancy or class cutting includes a disciplinary consequence and the student will receive a 0 for any work missed.

Late Arrival and Tardiness

Students are to report to class by 7:50 a.m. Students arriving to school after 7:50 a.m. are late to school and must report to the high school office for a pass. Students arriving after 10:00 a.m. will also be coded with one-half day absence.

Lateness will either be excused or unexcused following the same guidelines as full day absences. Students who have a legal reason for being tardy must bring in a parental note or a note from a doctor or dentist when arriving late or within three days.

Penalties for illegal lateness will be assessed each semester as follows:

1 and 2
no penalty (two allowed each semester)
3, 4 and 5
one hour detention (each offense)
two hours detention (each offense)

8, 9 and 10 - one day in-school suspension (each offense)
11 and 12 - two days in-school suspension (each offense)

13 and over - out-of-school suspension

Students who are required to bring in a doctor's excuse for an absence to be considered legally excused must also bring in a doctor's excuse for a tardy to be legally excused.

Early Dismissals (Leaving School during School Hours)

A student who must leave school early for an appointment must have parental permission and office approval. The student should bring a note signed by a parent to the high school office in the beginning of the day. The note should include the student's name, the time the student needs to leave, and the reason. The student will be given a yellow pass to show the teacher and allow the student to leave class.

At the proper time, the student may leave class and must then come to the office to sign out. If the student returns to school that day, the student must sign in at the office and will be given a pass to return to class. A student who leaves school prior to 1:00 p.m. and does not return will be coded with 1/2 day of absence.

Trips

Family Trips

Students wishing to have excused days for a family trip must obtain an "Educational Trip" form from the office and follow the directions. The form is to be completed and submitted to the office at least a week before the trip. Approval of trips is at the administration's discretion based on a student's attendance, discipline and academic records. No more than five school days are usually ever approved during a school year.

Students are required to make up all missed work. Any student planning an extended absence for a family trip should notify teachers as soon as possible, at least three days prior to leaving, to obtain advance assignments.

Field Trips

All students planning to participate in an educational field trip must meet the eligibility requirements. Students may be refused participation for the following reasons: excessive absenteeism, cutting class, excessive lateness to class, and/or suspensions and other discipline violations which caused the student to miss a lot of class time.

A student's privileges to participate in class trips and field trips will be evaluated on an individual basis if he/she is suspended. Students who are suspended and who have experienced a series of discipline difficulties during the year <u>may</u> not be allowed to go on class trips or field trips. Any student who has been given a full ten day suspension <u>will not</u> be allowed to participate on a class trip.

The high school does not routinely send a school nurse on field trips or with students when they attend off-campus classes or activities. If a student receives medication during the school day or has a medical issue/need, a parent should contact the school nurse to discuss at least 2 full weeks prior to the trip/activity so arrangements can be made if necessary and appropriate. Students that have a current medication form on file in the Nurse's Office granting permission to carry an inhaler or Epi-pen should carry it with them at all times including any time they leave the school campus.

Parent Signatures

Excuses for absences or tardies are required to have a parent signature unless a doctor or dentist note is provided. Even if a student is 18 or

older, a parent signature is required unless the student is living on his or her own and has administrative approval to sign his or her own forms.

College Interviews

Parents must supply a written request for a legal absence from school for a college visit. This written request must be given to the high school office prior to the date of the interview. After the visit, the student must submit to the high school office confirmation from the college that they were there to be marked legally absent from school.

DISCIPLINE

Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

The Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities is a detailed document that affects all public schools in the State of Pennsylvania. All public schools in the state are required to comply with the documents. Students may obtain information on this document from the Guidance Department.

Student Responsibilities

Student responsibilities include regular school attendance, conscientious effort in classroom work, and conformance to school rules and regulations. Most of all, students share with the administration and faculty a responsibility to develop a climate within the school that is conducive to wholesome learning and living.

No student has the right to interfere with the education of his fellow students. It is the responsibility of each student to respect the rights of teachers, students, administrators, and all others who are involved in the educational process. Students should express their ideas and opinions in a respectful manner.

It is the responsibility of the students to conform with the following:

- be aware of all rules and regulations for student behavior and conduct themselves in accordance with them. Students should assume that, until a rule is waived, altered or repealed in writing, it is in effect.
- volunteer information in matters relating to the health, safety and welfare of the school community and the protection of school property.

- dress and groom to meet fair standards of safety and health, and not to cause substantial disruption to the educational processes.
- assist the school staff in operating a safe school for all students enrolled therein.
- comply with Commonwealth and local laws.
- exercise proper care when using public facilities and equipment.
- attend school daily and be on time at all classes and other school functions.
- make up work when absent from school.
- pursue and attempt to complete satisfactorily the courses of study prescribed by Commonwealth and local school authorities.
- report accurately and not use indecent or obscene language in student newspapers or publications.

Rules and Regulations

Conrad Weiser High School rules and regulations apply from the time a student is at the bus stop until a student returns home after school unless the student is traveling by personal vehicle. The regulations then apply once a student enters school property until the student vacates school property. In addition, the regulations apply whenever a student is on school property or is involved in any school related activity at school or on a trip. This includes athletics, club activities, field trips, etc.

Detention

Conrad Weiser School District has an after-school and before-school detention program. Students may be assigned to detention from 2:40 to 3:25 p.m. or from 7:00 to 7:45 a.m. Any assigned detention will be served by the end of the following calendar week. Available days and times are listed on the detention. A detention notice will be given to the student. The students and parent are responsible for the student's transportation to and/or from the detention assignment. Parents should pick up students promptly at 3:30 p.m. A missed detention will result in an In-school Suspension. Any further missed detentions will result in In-school Suspension and serving the original detention.

Detention may be assigned in conjunction with or in place of the other discipline policy provided to the staff and administration. Detention may be assigned for any of the reasons outlined as discipline policies in the Student Planner.

Teacher Assigned Detention

After-school detention may be assigned by teachers directly to students for the following unacceptable behaviors:

- unexcused lateness to class
- unprepared for class
- unacceptable verbal/written language
- disrespectful/discourteous behavior
- disruptive/uncooperative behavior

Affection

Students are to behave respectfully to one another. Displays of affection in any form are considered to be private and are not to occur within the school building, on school grounds, or during school activities.

Bullying and Cyber Bullying

All forms of bullying and cyber bullying by school district students are prohibited. Anyone who engages in bullying or cyber bullying in violation of this policy will be disciplined. Students who have been bullied or cyber bullied shall promptly report such incidents to the designated employees or can submit a concern through SAP (Student Assistance Program) (see page 21). Cyber bullying includes, but is not limited to, the following misuses of technology: harassing, teasing, intimidating, threatening, or terrorizing another student, teacher or employee of the School District by sending or posting inappropriate or derogatory email messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures or images, or Web site postings (including blogs). All forms of cyber bullying are unacceptable and, to the extent that such actions are disruptive of the educational process of the School District, offenders will be disciplined.

Cheating

Any student caught cheating, or assisting a student to cheat, will receive a 0 for the work in question. The parent/guardian and administrator will be notified. Any offense may result in referral to the administration for further disciplinary action.

Plagiarism is a type of cheating when a person uses information from another source without giving credit and instead presents it as the student's own work. Consequences for plagiarism are the same as cheating.

Fighting

Any fighting will usually be punishable by suspension. After investigation, the administration will determine the amount and type of suspension. Additionally, any fight may result in criminal prosecution.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in the school building or school grounds. The term smoking includes possession of a lit cigarette, cigar, electronic cigarette, or any other materials that a person might smoke, chew, or inhale. It also includes the possession of smokeable material or disposing of a lit smokeable item. Cigarettes, other smoking materials, or tobacco products are not to be carried in the building. Violations of this rule will result in the confiscation of the cigarettes or other smoking material by any member of the staff. Students may be asked to empty pockets, pocketbooks, etc., by the administration. Violators of the nosmoking policy will receive fines through the office of the district justice. In addition to the fine, any second or subsequent offenses may result in an administrative hearing or disciplinary action.

Theft

Any student found stealing in school or away from school on a school-sponsored activity, or from lockers or gym lockers, will immediately be suspended from school and from any team, club or activity for the duration of the suspension. Theft may also result in criminal prosecution.

Weapons

Weapons are not permitted in school. Weapons or any instrument used as a weapon on school property will result in immediate suspension. Referral will also be made to the police and may result in immediate placement in the youth detention facility. By state law, possession of a weapon on school property will result in expulsion for one full calendar year unless the superintendent chooses to make a different recommendation for extenuating circumstances and the school board concurs.

Suspensions

Suspensions generally will be "in-school" with the pupil assigned to the Alternative Room. Any student who has been suspended at any time during the year will not be allowed to attend any functions on the school campus during the duration of the suspension. The student may not participate in or attend activities on any day the student is suspended in or out of school.

Suspensions and Expulsions

A student may be suspended for various reasons. Some reasons for suspension are as follows:

Assault on another student

Class misconduct

Continued unpreparedness for

class

Continued unpreparedness for

physical education class

Cutting class

Cutting detention

Defiance

Disrespect and/or

insubordination

Excessive unexcused lateness Excessive unexcused absences

Fighting

Food throwing/violation of

cafeteria rules

Improper use of technology

Leaving school grounds/building

without permission

Physical assault on staff member

Physical/verbal threats or

harassment to a student or staff member

Physically acting out behavior Possession, sale, or being under the influence of drugs or

possession of drug paraphernalia on school

property

Smoking or intent to smoke

Theft Truancy

Use, possession, or being under the influence of alcoholic

beverages on school property

Vandalism

Violation of parking lot

regulations/driving privileges

Violations of laws

Vulgar, racist, or profane

language or gestures Other behaviors considered by

administration to warrant

suspension

Full Suspension

In all cases of full suspension, the student shall be suspended out of school until the results of the hearing are known. The following discipline violations will lead to full-time suspension of up to ten days, which may lead to a hearing before the Board of Education:

- Possession, sale, or being under the influence of drugs on school property.
- Physical assault on a member of the staff or student body.
- Use, possession, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages on school property.
- Chronic and/or excessive discipline violations within the school.
- Possession of weapons.
- Chronic violation of cafeteria rules.
- Any serious legal violation or other behaviors considered by administrators to warrant a full suspension.

Exclusions

Exclusions from school may take the form of suspension or expulsion.

Suspension is exclusion from school for a period of from one to ten consecutive school days.

- Suspensions may be given by the principal or person in charge of the public school.
- No student shall be suspended until the student has been informed
 of the reasons for the suspension and given an opportunity to
 respond. Prior notice of the intended suspension need not be given
 when it is clear that the health, safety or welfare of the school
 community is threatened.
- The parents and the superintendent of the district shall be notified immediately in writing when the student is suspended.
- When the suspension exceeds three school days, the student and parent shall be given the opportunity for an informal hearing.
- Suspensions may not be made to run consecutively beyond the ten school day period.
- Students shall have the responsibility to make up exams and work
 missed while being disciplined by suspension and shall be
 permitted to complete these assignments within guidelines
 established by the board of school directors, and available to the
 students in the Counseling Office.

Expulsion is exclusion from school by the board of education for a period exceeding ten school days and may be permanent expulsion from the school rolls. All expulsions require a prior formal hearing.

During the period prior to the hearing and decision of the board of school directors in an expulsion case, the student shall be placed in his normal class except as set forth below.

If it is determined after an informal hearing that a student's presence in his normal class would constitute a threat to the health, safety, morals or welfare of others and it is not possible to hold a formal hearing within the period of a suspension, the student may be excluded from school for more than ten school days, if the formal hearing is not unreasonably delayed. Any student so excluded shall be provided with alternative education which may include home study.

Students who are less than 17 years of age are still subject to the compulsory school attendance law even though expelled, and they must be provided an education.

- The initial responsibility for providing the required education rests with the student's parents or guardian, through placement in another school, through tutorial or correspondence study or through another educational program approved by the district's superintendent.
- If the parent or guardian is unable to provide for the required education, he/she must within thirty days submit to the school district written evidence so stating. The district then has the responsibility to make some provision for the student's education. If thirty days pass without the district receiving satisfactory evidence that the required education is being provided to the student, it must again contact the parent and, pending the parent's or guardian's provision of such education, the district must make some provision for the student's education, or proceed according to the following paragraph, or do both.
- If the approved educational program is not complied with, the school district may take action in accordance with Chapter 63 of the Juvenile Act (42 Pa.C.S., Sections 6301 to 6308), to ensure that the child will receive a proper education.

Hearings

Education is a statutory right, and students must be afforded all appropriate elements of due process if they are to be excluded from school. In a case involving a possible expulsion, the student is entitled to a formal hearing, which is a fundamental element of the process.

A **formal hearing** is required in all expulsion actions. This hearing may be held before the board of school directors or a duly authorized committee of the board, or a qualified hearing examiner appointed by the board. Where the hearing is conducted by a committee of the board or a hearing examiner, a majority vote of the entire school board is required to expel a student. The following due process requirements are to be observed with regard to the formal hearing:

- Notification of the charges shall be sent to the student's parents or guardian by certified mail.
- Sufficient notice of the time and place of the hearing must be given.
- The hearing shall be held in private unless the student or parent requests a public hearing.
- The student has the right to be represented by counsel.

- The student has the right to be presented with the names of witnesses against the student, and copies of the statements and affidavits of those witnesses.
- The student has the right to request that any such witnesses appear in person and answer questions or be cross-examined.
- The student has the right to testify and present witnesses on his or her own behalf.
- A record must be kept of the hearing, either by a stenographer or by tape recorder. The student is entitled, at the student's expense, to a copy of the transcript.
- The proceeding must be held with all reasonable speed.

Where the student disagrees with the results of the hearing, recourse is available in the appropriate court of the Commonwealth. If it is alleged that a constitutional issue is involved, the student may file a claim for relief in the appropriate Federal district court.

The purpose of the **informal hearing** is to enable the student to meet with the appropriate school official to explain the circumstances surrounding the event for which the student is being suspended or to show why the student should not be suspended. The informal hearing is meant to encourage the student's parents or guardian to meet with the principal to discuss ways by which future offenses can be avoided. The following due process requirements are to be observed in regard to the informal hearing:

- Notification of the reasons for the suspension shall be given in writing to the parents or guardian and to the student.
- Sufficient notice of the time and place of the informal hearing shall be given.
- A student has the right to question any witnesses present at the hearing.
- A student has the right to speak and produce witnesses on his or her own behalf.
- The district shall offer to hold the informal hearing within the first five school days of the suspension.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Preface

This policy, including its rules, regulations and guidelines, is a coordinated effort by the Conrad Weiser School District to openly and effectively respond to the potential and current uses and abuses of drugs, alcohol, and mood-altering substances including any synthetic drugs by members of its student population (K-12).

Statement of Policy

The Conrad Weiser School District will work to educate, prevent, and intervene in the use and abuse of all drug, alcohol, and mood-altering substances including any synthetic drugs by the student population (K-12), through the use of a revised curriculum, classroom activities, community support and resources, a strong consistent administrative/faculty effort, as well as rehabilitative and/or disciplinary procedures.

As an extension of this policy, the following rules, regulations, and guidelines shall be used by all school district personnel when responding to drug, mood-altering substance including any synthetic drugs, and alcohol-related situations.

Rules and Regulations

A student on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or mood-altering substances including any synthetic drugs or who possesses, uses, dispenses, sells or aids in the procurement of alcohol, narcotics, restricted drugs, mood-altering substances including any synthetic drugs, or any substance purported to be a restricted substance or over-the-counter drug shall be subject to discipline pursuant to the provisions and procedures outlined in these administrative regulations.

As an integral part of the Conrad Weiser School District Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program, these regulations represent one component in a district-wide effort to respond effectively to drug, mood-altering substance including any synthetic drugs and alcohol-related situations that may occur at school or at school-sponsored activities. These regulations are intended to provide a consistent minimum disciplinary means to respond to drug, mood-altering substance including any synthetic drugs and alcohol-related incidents. The Conrad Weiser School District will provide a safe and healthy

environment for students with due consideration for their legal rights and responsibilities. The Board has the right to use any extraordinary measures deemed necessary to control substance abuse even if the same is not provided for specifically in any rules or regulations enumerated herein.

Regulations for Drug/Alcohol Disciplinary Action

The use, sale, or possession of drugs/alcohol will not be tolerated by the Conrad Weiser School District and will result in disciplinary action being taken against the offender.

Upon being found to have committed a violation of the aforementioned, the student will be scheduled for an immediate conference with the principal, in the presence of his parents and/or guardian. The police may also participate in the conference with the principal, student, and parents and/or guardian if the infraction warrants police intervention. In terms of resolving the particular offense, the principal will choose from one or several of the dispositions as follows:

- Referral to the Core committee (committee to meet during the day of the incident or infraction).
- Filing of criminal charges and/or referral to Children and Youth Services.
- Youth Diversionary Program
- Suspension to the Superintendent which may result in exclusion or expulsion from the Conrad Weiser Area School District.
- Require the student to submit to a drug/alcohol evaluation at COCA, BYCC, or Caron Counseling and comply with recommendations resulting from that evaluation.

Any failure on the part of the student or parents and/or guardian to cooperate with any treatment program as agreed to at the conference will result in suspension and/or filing of criminal charges, whichever is appropriate.



Conrad Weiser Alma Mater Ruth Ann Watson Rissinger To Thee, Oh Al - ma Ma - ter, we sing our songs of praise. Since the days of our youth, teach-ing wis-dom and truth, you re-main in our hearts al-ways. Then, "Hail to Thee, Con-rad Weis - er, the school we love so well! Hail, to Thee, our Al-ma Ma - ter," our

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