

Student Handbook

Dayton High School

2025 – 2026



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Inspire - Engage - Grow

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The Mission of Dayton Middle/High School is to INSPIRE, ENGAGE, and GROW each of our Students.

We believe that....

- **High expectations promote academic achievement.**
- **Encouraging positive behavior and providing support fosters perseverance and integrity.**
- **Education is a partnership among home, school, and community.**
- **All students will learn and achieve in a safe, disciplined environment in which they feel trusted, supported, and have a sense of belonging.**
- **Celebrating individual and school accomplishments encourages continuous improvement.**
- **Differentiated instruction promotes student mastery.**
- **Integrating technology into the classroom will optimize student learning. Education is lifelong learning and learning for life.**

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

All Dayton High School classes teach the Kentucky Academic Standards. The Kentucky Academic Standards help ensure that all students across the Commonwealth are focusing on a common set of standards and have opportunities to learn at a high level. The Kentucky Academic Standards contain the minimum required standards that all Kentucky students should have the opportunity to learn before graduating from Kentucky high schools. The standards address what is to be learned, but do not address how learning experiences are to be designed or what resources should be used

ENERGY BUS PROGRAM

Dayton High School will continue implementing The Energy Bus Program based on Jon Gordon's international best-selling book, *The Energy Bus*. The program covers the five main principles to help unify everyone in collective, positive belief and common language. It is this belief that will help to collectively deal with negativity and focus on building a positive, engaged, and vibrant campus culture. Ultimately, this program will help our campus to achieve positive results as you shape and mold the next generation of leaders. The five rules that we will cover and discuss throughout the school year are:

1. Create a Positive Vision
2. Fuel Your Ride with Positive Energy
3. No Bullying Allowed
4. Love Your Passengers
5. Enjoy the Ride

SITE BASED DECISION MAKING COUNCIL (SBDM)

Mr. Scott Meyers Principal
Mr. Kyle Fitzgerald Teacher
Mr. Tom Ratterman Teacher
Mrs. Angela Kohrs Teacher
Ms. Kim Townsley Parent
Mrs. Rose Bihr Parent

All students, visitors and other people who have entered upon property of the Dayton Independent School District or who are attending any event involving the Dayton Independent School District must fully abide by and adhere to all Federal Laws, State Laws, and the Policies and Procedures of the Dayton Independent School Board of Education. The Policies and Procedures of the Dayton Independent School Board of Education can be accessed at <https://policy.ksba.org/Search.aspx?distid=18>. In the event of a conflict between this Handbook and the Policies and Procedures of the Dayton Independent School Board of Education, the Policies and Procedures of the Dayton Independent School Board of Education shall control.

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VISITORS

All building visitors must receive permission from the Principal's Office to visit the school. Visitors must wear a Visitors Badge and have the office hold their driver's license when they are in the building. Visitors wishing to attend a class, assembly or just look around may be permitted at the principal's discretion.

STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL DEVICES & FEES

We are a 1:1 district and each student will be provided with a school device. Each student will be required to sign the 'DHS Use of Technology Agreement.' Any damage to student devices may result in fees.

CLASS FEES

Art Class Fee \$10.00 per student (consumable art supplies)
Science Labs \$10.00 (consumable materials for experiments)
Class Fee \$5.00 per class per high school Student
Summer School \$50.00 (High School and Middle School)
Yonder Bags Fees \$35 (For damaged bags in need of replacement)

DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL PERIOD SCHEDULE

| FLEX Schedule | | Early Release Schedule | | Non-FLEX Schedule | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 st Period | 8:00 – 8:55 | 1 st Period | 8:00 – 8:52 | 1 st Period | 8:00 – 9:00 |
| 2 nd Period | 8:59 – 9:51 | 2 nd Period | 8:56 – 9:48 | 2 nd Period | 9:04 – 10:04 |
| 3 rd Period | 9:55 – 10:47 | 3 rd Period | 9:52 – 10:44 | 3 rd Period | 10:08 – 11:08 |
| 4 th Period (Lunch) | 10:51 – 12:24 | 4 th Period (Lunch) | 10:48 – 12:08 | 4 th Period (Lunch) | 11:12 – 12:47 |
| FLEX | 12:28 – 1:03 | 5 th Period | 12:12 – 1:04 | 5 th Period | 12:51 – 1:51 |
| 5 th Period | 1:07 – 1:59 | 6 th Period | 1:08 – 2:00 | 6 th Period | 1:55 – 2:55 |
| 6 th Period | 2:03 – 2:55 | | | | |

ABSENCES

- Student attendance is based on the minutes a student is in school. Any time away from school less than 145 minutes is considered absent. Any time away from school over 145 minutes is considered a half-day or whole-day absence.
- A parent/guardian must inform the high school office of the student's absence prior to the start of the school day by phone (859-292-7486) or email (melissa.sams@dayton.kyschools.us).
 1. Student's name
 2. Date of absence(s)
 3. Reason for absence
- Four (4) absences will be excused per semester with parental notes. After four (4) per semester, absences are unexcused unless a doctor's excuse is brought in or the principal excuses the absence. Notes for

excused absences must be provided within the end of the semester in which the student was absent. Unused days may not be carried over to the next semester.

- Vacations are excused if the absences do not exceed the four (4) absences per semester. Legitimate doctor excuses do not count towards the four (4) days per semester rule.
- A student may go on up to ten (10) Educational Enhancements Opportunities throughout the school year. An Education Enhancement Opportunity is participation in an educational foreign exchange program or an intensive instructional program in one (1) of the core curriculum subjects of English, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Foreign Language or the Arts. All Educational Enhancement Opportunities must be approved by the administration before going.
- Release time for funerals of non-family members will not be granted unless parents/guardians pick up and return the student to school.
- The administration may also grant excused absences for family emergencies and/or other extenuating circumstances.
- Students and parents/guardians are requested to make outside appointments after regular school hours.
- It must be understood that school officials will make the final decisions on all absences regarding excused or unexcused.
- **After a total of fifteen (15) unexcused absences at any point in the school year will result in the student's name being turned into the County Attorney's office per state law.** Students being reported to the County Attorney's office will also result in students being ineligible to participate in athletics and attend school dances for the remainder of the school year. This will not include graduation for seniors.
- Students are required to make up work when absent from school unless excused by the assigning teacher(s). Teachers shall encourage and assist students in making up work missed during absences, however it is the student's responsibility to arrange with the teacher for make-up work. It is up to the teacher's discretion when and how students are able to make up quizzes, tests, and other assignments when absent.
- In order to participate in any school activities, including athletics, students must be in school for half a day-the start of 4th period. Administration discretion may be used in final determination of eligibility to participate in school function on that specific day.

TARDIES

- ALL Students who are not in class by 8:00am are tardy to school and therefore must sign in at the office before reporting to class. Students will receive a tardy slip that must be presented to the teacher in the class he/she is entering.
- Excessive tardies to school beyond ten (10) per semester will result in students being placed on EOP for the remainder of that week, plus the following. While on EOP, students will not be permitted to compete in any athletic events, attend dances, or participate in any other extracurricular activities.
- Excessive tardies to class will result in school consequences such as detention and placement on EOP.

STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

- The principal shall not permit any child to be sent out of the school building during school hours.
- No student under the age of 18 may leave school during school hours without parent/guardian permission or without supervision from school staff.
- Students who are 18 years or older may be allowed to leave school grounds without the accompaniment of a parent/guardian up to **three (3) times a school year** during the active school day if the principal/office staff has verbal confirmation from a parent/guardian over the phone before the student exits.

ADMINISTERING PRESCRIPTION AND OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

- School personnel selected by the principal shall dispense medication to pupils only if the medication has been prescribed or ordered by a physician or dentist. Antiseptic and other emergency medications

shall be maintained in the first-aid kit.

- Pupils may take medicine brought from home once a completed authorization form from the parent/guardian and physician is on file, provided the conditions required by administrative procedures are met. If a student brings any medication to school without completing the approved authorization form will be subject to disciplinary action (see Level III Infractions: Drugs).
- Except for emergency medications (including, but not limited to, Diastat, Glucagon, and EpiPens) and medications approved for students to carry for self-medication purposes, all medications dispensed to pupils by authorized school personnel shall be kept in the school in a safe, secure place designated by the principal. In addition, authorized school personnel shall document approved forms for the dispensing of medications to pupils.
- Under procedures developed by the Superintendent, a student may be permitted to carry medication prescribed or ordered by a physician to stay on or with the pupil due to a pressing need.
- Provided the parent/guardian and physician files a completed authorization form each year as required by law, a student under treatment for asthma shall be permitted to self-administer medication.
- Students shall not share any prescription or over-the-counter medication with another student. Each year, the District shall notify students in writing of this prohibition and that violations shall result in appropriate disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension or expulsion.
- When possible, all medications should be given at home.
- No medication will be given unless the required form has been filled out and is returned to the office by the parent/guardian and/or physician. (**FORMS** are available in the office.)
- No medication will be given unless it is in the proper container; no envelopes, baggies or anything except the original container will be accepted.
- Non-prescription medications will only be given for three consecutive days. At that time, a physician's note will be required to continue the medication.
- Prescription medications must have a medication form filled out before dispensing; the parent/guardian is responsible for notifying the school nurse with any changes of dosages. A new medication form must be filled out with the new dosage.
- **NO** medication will be kept with the child during school unless a physician has written that it is necessary that the child keep the medication on them at all times (i.e. inhaler) • **NO** medications will be sent home with the student unless he/she is 18 years old, or the bottle is empty.
- If you have any questions, call the school nurse at [859-292-7492](tel:859-292-7492).

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

(902 KAR Chapter 2, 902 KAR 2:020E, 902 KAR 2:220E, 902 KAR 2:060 AND 902 KAR 2:090)

No child shall be eligible to enroll as a student in Dayton High School unless there is a current, up-to-date immunization record or certificate on file in the principal's office. This is according to Kentucky State Law: KRS 214:034, which places upon the parent, guardian, or person having custody of the child the duty to see that the child is properly immunized.

Notification

A parent, legal guardian, or other person or agency responsible for a student shall notify the student's Principal if the student has any medical condition which is defined by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services in administrative regulation as threatening the safety of the student or others in the school, including the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS CoV-2) (the virus that causes COVID-19). The notification shall be given as soon as the medical condition becomes known and upon each subsequent enrollment by the student in a school. The Principal or designee shall notify the student's teachers in writing of the nature of the medical condition. Parents/guardians,

legal guardians, and other persons or agencies responsible for students shall review the Kentucky Administrative Regulations promulgated by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, including 902 KAR Chapter 2, 902 KAR 2:020E and 902 KAR 2:220E.

Infection Control

If any student is known or suspected to have or be infected with a communicable disease or condition for which a reasonable probability for transmission exists in a school setting, the Superintendent may order the student excluded from in person instruction. The time period the student is excluded from in person instruction shall be in accordance with generally accepted medical standards which the Superintendent shall obtain from consultation with the student's physician, the local health officer, or the Kentucky Department for Public Health.

School to Report

Local school authorities shall report immediately all known or suspected cases of communicable disease to the local health department. Diseases to be reported shall not include those considered confidential, such as HIV/AIDS, as set forth in Kentucky Administrative Regulations.

Epidemics and Pandemics

In the event of an epidemic or pandemic, the Dayton Board of Education or the Superintendent may close the schools or take other actions. Students and the parents/guardians, legal guardians, and other persons or agencies responsible for students shall abide by all directions of school personnel regarding the conduct of any students and the parents/guardians, legal guardians, and other persons or agencies responsible for students relating to measures to be taken relating to contagious diseases.

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

To enroll as a student, you must have the following items available:

- Up-to-date immunizations record or certificate
- Birth certificate
- Social security number
- Proof of residency and proof of custody, if applicable
 - [McKinney-Vento Act](#) - See Ericka Huff - ericka.huff@dayton.kyschools.us
- Students coming from out of state must have a new physical completed.
- Nonresident Students/Out-of-District Students
 - Students out of district must complete [district form](#) on school website under enrollment.

PROGRESS / REPORT CARDS

Progress Reports are given to students **four (4)** times, at the midpoint of each quarterly grading period. These reports contain information related to academic averages.

Report Cards are issued at the end of each grading period; of which there are four (4) in the school year. Parents/guardians are encouraged to carefully look over the report cards. DMS/DHS teachers welcome requests for parent/guardian-teacher conferences.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Education decides on the total number of acceptable credits for graduation. Of these, four (4) credits must be in English, four (4) credits in mathematics, three (3) credits in science, three (3) credits in social studies, one (1) credit in the arts/humanities concentration, one (1) credit in practical living/vocational studies, one-half (½) credit in physical education, and one-half (½) credit in health. Twenty-three (23) total credits are needed to graduate for the Class of 2026.

Students who have completed the minimum number of high school credits and all other specified graduation requirements, including payment of applicable student fees, shall be eligible to participate in Commencement exercises. Seniors who have not completed all graduation requirements may participate in all senior activities except Commencement exercises and senior awards night.

A student must have an average of 60% to pass the class and earn the credit for the year.
For graduation from various Dayton High School programs see the Dayton High School course description guide.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

| | Total Credits Needed for Graduation | To Be Promoted to Senior Year | To Be Promoted to Junior Year | To Be Promoted to Sophomore Year |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2026 Seniors | 23 | 17 | 11 | 5 |
| Underclassmen | 22 | 16 | 10 | 4 |

GRADING SYSTEM

- Courses taken on a yearly basis receive a yearly average.
- Semester courses receive one grade and are not averaged with any other grade.
- All grades are recorded numerically. Grade point averages are reported using a standard 4.0 scale and class rank is reported using a numerical 100-point scale for final grades in all courses.
- Honors classes and dual credit college classes are weighted with 10 percent added to the students' final grade each semester and a weighted 5.0 scale for GPA calculation.
- See SBDM Policy 8.04 for graduation ceremony, awards and recognition.
- See SBDM policy 8.06 for details regarding valedictorian and salutatorian.
- See SBDM Policy 8.07 below for GPA and class rank.
- SBDM policies can be found on our school website at [DHS SBDM Policies](#)

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- Students with all grades of 80% or above are listed on the Honor Roll.
- Students who have all grades of 90% or above are listed on the Super Honor Roll.

DRESS CODE

All workplace environments have expectations for dress. The following section establishes minimum expectations for student dress while involved in their work of acquiring a public-school education. The dress code ensures modest and appropriate clothing that is not offensive or disruptive and that reinforces safe behaviors and a safe and orderly environment. Except for students who, on a voluntary basis, attend schools or programs, which require special prescribed attire, students have the right to freedom of dress and appearance so long as the dress or appearance does not present health or safety hazards or cause disruption of the educational process.

- Strictly prohibited are clothing and accessories that promote alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gangs, violence, sexual behavior, profanity, or discrimination through words, pictures, or innuendo.
- See-through clothing of any kind, clothing which reveal midriffs, cleavage, backs, shoulders, sides, naval, or allow undergarments to be visible are not permitted. • Jeans may be worn if there are no holes in private areas on the jeans.
- Shorts are permitted if they cover the bottom and private areas.
- Pants are to be worn at waist level.
- Yoga pants, elastic pants, leggings, jeggings, form fitting pants, tight pants, biker shorts, pajama pants may be worn at the administrations' discretion.
- Students may not bring blankets to school.
- Hats, caps, visors, sunglasses, bandanas, gloves, or scarves must be stored in lockers during the school day.
- Jewelry that may be distracting to other students is not permitted. For safety and hygiene reasons, jewelry may not be removed.
- Students are to only use earbuds in the classroom at teacher direction. Students may wear ear buds in the cafeteria during breakfast/lunch time.
- High School and Middle School students must keep backpacks/purse/nurse bags/fanny packs in their locker.
- No outside coats may be worn in school.
- Students may wear Dayton High School letterman jackets in the building.

In instances involving clothing or accessories not specifically included in the above regulations, the principal or his/her representative shall [have final authority to determine compliance or noncompliance](#).

DUE PROCESS

KRS 158.150: This statute covers the suspension or expulsion of students. It outlines grounds for suspension/expulsion (e.g., possession of controlled substances for sale, physical assault) and due process procedures, including notice of charges and an explanation of evidence.

A pupil may be suspended from the common schools after the following due process procedures have been provided:

- a. The pupil has been given oral or written notice of the charge or charges against him which constitute cause for suspension.
- b. The pupil has been given an explanation of the evidence of the charge or charges if the pupil denies them.
- c. The pupil has been given an opportunity to present his own version of the facts relating to the charge or charges.
- d. In cases that involve students with disabilities, the procedures mandated by federal and state law for handicapped students shall be followed.

DEFINITION OF SUSPENSION

Suspension shall mean a denial of attendance at any single subject or class, or any full schedule of subjects or classes, or at any other type of activity conducted by or on behalf of the particular school for the stated period of time. Students placed on suspension will not be allowed to make up any class work for the duration of the suspension unless special permission is granted by the student's teachers. Note: All suspensions shall apply only to days school is in session.

DEFINITION OF EXPULSION

Expulsion shall mean a denial of attendance at any single subject or class or at any full schedule of subjects or classes, a denial of attendance at any other type of activity conducted by or on behalf of the Dayton Independent Schools, and any combination of the foregoing, for a period of time not to exceed the current school term. An expulsion also may include a denial of admission to or entry upon real or personal property owned, leased, rented, or controlled by the Dayton Independent Schools.

DEFINITION OF GREENDEVIL SUCCESS ACADEMY (GSA)

The Dayton High School Greendevil Success Academy (GSA) is a program that helps students recover high school credits in an environment that is most advantageous and inclusive to their learning. Based on administration's discretion, students are placed in GSA for a specific amount of time based on their academic needs, attendance record, and behavior. GSA utilizes an online learning platform that students complete at their own pace. All rules and expectations are under the discretion of the GSA instructor.

DEFINITION OF IN-SCHOOL DISCIPLINE (ISD)

In-school Suspension will serve as a possible disciplinary action for students defying the rules and expectations outlined in the Dayton High School Code of Conduct. ISD may only be assigned by an administrator and will be dealt with on a case-to-case basis by the assigning administrator. Students in ISD are not permitted to participate in any extracurricular activity during their assigned days in ISD.

LOCKERS

- Lockers are provided for the convenience of the students.
- **The school is not responsible for any item that may be stolen or lost.** Students may bring a combination lock to school for their locker, but they must give the combination of their lock to the principal prior to placing the lock on their locker. Otherwise, they will use the combination lock built into their locker.
- Students must use the lockers they are assigned to all year.
- Going to your locker is not an excuse for class tardiness.
- Students will not be permitted to go to lockers during class unless the teacher feels it is extremely necessary and then only with a proper pass.
- Mechanical problems with the lockers should be reported to the main office.
- Desks and lockers are school property and school authorities may make regulations regarding their use and administration may open lockers without notice at any time.
- Lockers are not a good place to store items students do not want others to see.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Athletics:

In order to participate in athletics, students must qualify by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association rules. Students must also adhere to any policies developed by the Dayton High School SBDM Council regarding extra-

curricular activities, which includes athletics. Each individual coach may also develop rules and regulations concerning his/her sport, and participants are required to follow these rules.

Any student who is failing more than one subject is deemed ineligible and may not participate in his/her respective sports for at least a one-week period. Eligibility will be checked every week.

(KHSAA Sec. 2) On Tuesday of each grading period, a student shall also be passing (cumulatively for the credit period) in at least four hours of instruction as defined by Kentucky Board of Education regulations (of the six hours of instruction required) or the equivalent of four hours of instruction acceptable to graduation in order to be eligible to participate in athletics during the next seven-day period (Saturday through Friday). No special tests or recitations are to be given for the purpose of making the student eligible.

Student athletes are required to adhere to the guidelines written in the Interscholastic Student Athlete Policies and Agreement, which they have read and signed. This signed document is kept on file with the coaches.

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| Fall | Winter | Spring |
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| Cross Country Football Girls Volleyball Girls Soccer Cheerleading | Basketball Bowling ESports Cheerleading | Baseball Softball Track Esports Boys Volleyball |

following is a list of the sports usually available to our students during the school year:

Clubs and Activities:

Students benefit from involvement in extra-curricular activities. Dayton High School offers a variety of clubs and activities for the students to become involved in. Some activities that have been offered include, but are not limited to, the following:

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| Student Council | Art Club | Robotics Club |
| Drama Club | National Honor Society | Academic Team |
| I'MPORTANT | Drug Free Club of America | Chess Club |
| FBLA | | |

If you are ever interested in starting a new school club or activity, see administration for direction.

EOP (Eligibility of Privileges)

Eligibility of Privileges Policy addresses student-athletes' attendance, behavior, and grades. Based on this SBDM policy, students may lose the right to participate in or attend extra curricular activities and events. EOP will be run school wide and be applied to ALL students during weeks of Middle School Dance, Fall/Winter Homecoming, and Prom. Administration reserves the right to apply EOP on an individual basis dependent upon student's actions in/outside school.

It is the policy of Dayton High School to hold students accountable to high standards in the areas of academics, attendance, and behavior. Therefore, to be eligible to participate in any school organized, non-educational activity before, during, or after school hours, students must meet the following standards:

Academic Requirements

- Grades will be checked weekly on Tuesday morning. Students who appear on Tuesday's EOP list will be ineligible to participate beginning Tuesday morning, and they remain ineligible through the following Tuesday morning.
- At the beginning of each quarter the EOP grade check will be run after the first two weeks of the quarter. EOP for attendance and behavior will still be in effect.
- Any student with failing grades in more than one class/credit will be ineligible to participate that week. This includes any online courses or courses outside of Dayton High School, such as Gateway, ATC, YSA, and Enzweiler courses.
- **Coaches may still require athletes to attend practice or games, but athletes may not participate in games.**
- EOP will also apply to marching band and pep band.

Attendance/Tardiness Requirements

- Excessive unexcused absences that lead to school turning a student's name into County Attorney's office per state law (a total of fifteen unexcused absences) will result in students being ineligible to participate in athletics and attend school dances for the remainder of the school year. This will not include participating in graduation services for seniors.
- Excessive tardies to school beyond ten (10) **per semester** will result in students being placed on EOP for the remainder of that week, plus the following.
- Excessive tardiness to class beyond ten (10) **per quarter** will result in students being placed on EOP for the remainder of that week, plus the following.

Behavior Requirements:

- The following situations will result in a student being ineligible for one week:
 - Currently serving an out-of-school suspension or placed in in-school discipline as a disposition from a principal will result in ineligibility for remainder of the day(s) suspended or spent in in-school discipline.
 - Any other actions considered inappropriate or incorrigible at the discretion of the school administration.

A school generated email will be sent to a student's email notifying students they are on EOP for that week. An automated email will be sent to each student's parent/guardian notifying them their student/s is on EOP for that

week.

DANCE POLICIES

EOP: EOP will be run weekly. The dance sponsor will check the EOP listing as tickets are purchased to ensure student is not on the EOP during the week of a school dance (i.e. Homecoming).

ATTENDANCE: Students will not be allowed to attend any school dances once they have reached fifteen (15) or more unexcused absences during the school year.

NON-DAYTON ATTENDEES: Attendees must be in at least 9th grade. No attendee may be over the age of 20. All attendees, not students from Dayton High School, must submit the permission form, signed by their principal, for approval to the dance sponsor/school administration at least two weeks before the dance. Tickets may not be purchased until the approval has been received by school administration.

TICKETS: Tickets will **not** be provided. A list will be kept by the dance sponsor. If the attendee is not on the list, they will not be permitted to enter the dance.

- **Prom:** Underclassmen are not permitted to attend prom unless they are the date of an upperclassman. Students' dates may not be their siblings. The upperclassman and their date must arrive together at the dance.
 - Students will not be permitted to attend prom if they are on EOP 3 of the 5 weeks prior to the prom or the week of prom.

BEHAVIOR: Students suspended, expelled or placed into In-School Discipline (if placed in ISD by a school administrator) may not attend school events, including dances. Unused tickets due to behavior violations will not be refunded. Any behaviors such as drinking, drug usage, or physical altercation will result in students being unable to attend any future dances for the remainder of the school year.

JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM: Students must be a current junior or senior with the proper number of credits to attend the prom. Underclass students may attend the Junior-Senior prom if they are the guests of a current junior or senior and not below the 9th grade. In addition, everyone attending the prom and their parents/guardians must sign the student agreement form. Any student wanting to attend prom cannot be on EOP the week of prom or 3 out of 5 weeks leading up to prom – the 5th week being the week of prom.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONFERENCES AND INFINITE CAMPUS

Parents/guardians and students desiring a conference with a teacher should arrange it either before or after the regular school day or at those times when the teacher is not scheduled for a class. This can be arranged through the main office or with the teacher personally.

Parents/guardians and students can check a student's grades, attendance, and discipline by accessing Infinite Campus via Dayton High School's website with your child's student I.D. number and Personal Identification Number (available in the front office).

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Personal property, such as money, clothing, jewelry, notebooks, books, musical instruments, etc., is the responsibility of the individual student. These possessions should be locked in your locker or kept in your personal possession. Do not bring large amounts of cash or expensive items to school. The school will not be responsible for personal possessions monetarily or otherwise.

TRAFFIC/PARKING

- In the school area, it is asked that all who drive do so slowly and carefully. Pedestrians are asked to use caution also.
- Students should not park in the spots designated for visitors or spots along Binkley Way, between the high school and Board of Education buildings.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

Dayton High School serves a hot breakfast every morning beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Late arriving students will be able to have a grab-&-go breakfast up to 8:20 a.m. Any outside food and drink must be stored in lockers until their assigned lunch time. It is not permitted in classrooms or the hallways. There will be no food delivery services permitted at any time during the school day (i.e. UberEats, DoorDash, fast food establishments, etc.). Students are encouraged to bring a clear water bottle with water only but may bring Yeti cups with water. Dayton HS will not allow coffee cups, soft drinks, Polar Pop cups, Starbucks, etc. Students who do not comply with school policy will have food/beverage confiscated and receive a school consequence.

CELL PHONES AND OTHER COMMUNICATION DEVICES

****Please refer to the Responsible Use Policy for guidelines concerning proper use of school technologies, email, and internet.**

- Personal devices such as cell phones, iPads, iPods, Kindles, laptops, etc. may not be used during school hours-from when students enter the building for breakfast until they dismiss at 2:55pm. To ensure this policy, all student cell phones will be kept in their personal YondR bags that will be distributed as students enter school.
- Students will pick up a YondR bag as they enter the building each day, turn their cell phone to airplane mode, and place their cell phone in their own personal YondR bag.
- Students keep their phone on their person the entire day, however, the bag will allow ZERO use of the student's phone when in the Yondr bag. Therefore, students are completely responsible for their own device.
- If a student presents a phone that is not locked in a Yondr bag, then it will be confiscated and locked safely in the office until a guardian can pick it up.
- If a Yondr bag is damaged, destroyed, or lost, then a fee to replace the bag will be added to the student's fees.
- At the end of the school day, unlocking devices will be located around the school for students to 'tap' their Yondr bags on to unlock them and regain use of their phones. Students will return their YondR bag before exiting the building - YondR bags may not be taken home.
- Staff and administrators will have access to devices to unlock phones at their own discretion.
- Remember that parents/guardians will always have access to their child by calling the front office at 859-292-7486.

SCHOOL SAFETY

The safety of students is a serious concern at all times. To assure the safety of students while attending school or under school supervision, school buildings and equipment, including buses, will be regularly inspected for health, fire, and safety hazards.

Dayton High School has an extensive camera monitoring system to improve the overall safety and well-being of students and staff. [However, not all areas are captured by the cameras at all times.](#) Cameras are placed at outside entrances, hallways, stairwells, and in the cafeteria. The camera system allows us to continuously monitor these areas. The public is alerted to this monitoring system by the following warning, which is posted

at the school entrance:

"WARNING: These premises are being videotaped by the Dayton Board of Education."

In addition to the use of technology for safety, Dayton High School deters students from bringing illegal drugs into the building by using K-9 dog units, which perform unannounced locker searches. The K-9 units have the ability to smell illegal drugs if they are present in student lockers. Dayton High School works closely in cooperation with the local police and fire departments in assessing, maintaining, and improving school safety.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

1. **Fire Drill**-Clear the building. Students should leave the building in a quick, quiet, and orderly manner. Exit procedures will be posted in all areas of the building.
2. **Tornado/Storm Drill**-Do not leave the building. Students should go to assigned shelter areas. First floor rooms will merge together.
3. **Earthquake Drill**-Students will move toward interior walls and seek shelter under sturdy furniture.
4. **Lockdown/Intruder Drill**-Students and teachers are to remain in the classroom with the doors locked, shades drawn, and windows covered on the door until they receive further instructions.

DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL CODE OF CONDUCT

All student behavior in the Dayton Independent Schools is based on respect and consideration for the rights of others.

Students shall have the right to receive a publication listing the rules and regulations to which they are subject. These rules shall be developed cooperatively by the faculty, administration, and representatives of the student body, and approved by the Dayton Board of Education. Any restrictions on student behavior must be concerned with speech or action, which disrupts the work of the school or interferes with the rights of other students.

Students have a responsibility to know and respect the rules and regulations of the school. Students have the further responsibility to behave in a manner appropriate to good citizenship everywhere.

The following is a list of major behavior infractions and the disciplinary actions for each infraction. This is not a comprehensive listing and the Dayton Board of Education and the Administration of Dayton High School shall reserve the right to administer other corrective measures for other offenses that might occur.

This code shall be enforced in a fair and equitable manner without regard for race, gender, or disability at Dayton High School, at all school related events, on school field trips, and all instances that affect the school day.

DISCIPLINE CODE

- **Level 1 Offenses** – While serious in nature, they do not cause harm to individual students or significantly disrupt the educational process.
- **Level 2 Offenses** – More serious in nature causing harm to students/staff and significantly disrupting the educational process. Because of the seriousness of these offenses and their impact on instruction, these referrals will be considered in combination with one another in their severity.
- **Level 3 Offenses** – Suspension, Expulsion, (KRS 158.150) and Law Violation

LEVEL 1 INFRACTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

1. DRESS CODE

Please refer to the Dress Code located in the front of the agenda for specific information. In the event of a dress code infraction, students will be asked to change attire. Parents/guardians will be called to bring a change of clothes; if parents/guardians cannot be reached, the student will be isolated for the rest of the day. Repeat offenders will face further disciplinary actions.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 1 (Repeat offenders: Level 2)

2. FAILURE TO ATTEND SCHOOL/PRINCIPAL DETENTION

The willful absence from assigned detention without notifying a principal.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 1 (Repeat offenders: Level 2)

3. FAILURE TO ATTEND TEACHER DETENTION

The willful absence from assigned detention without notifying the teacher.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 1 (Repeat offenders: Level 2)

4. PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Any overt act that is not deemed to be socially acceptable.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 1 (Repeat offenders: Level 2)

5. MISUSE OF CELL PHONES & TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES

All students (Grades 7 - 12) are required to utilize Yonder Bags for cell phones. Refusal to comply with Yonder Bags will result in school discipline.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 1 (Repeat offenders: Level 2)

LEVEL 2 INFRACTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

◆ A combination of 4-7 Level 2 infractions will result in a 1-3 day suspension in addition to individual consequences, including, but not limited to, placement into GSA. ◆ A combination of 8-11 Level 2 infractions will result in a 2-4 day suspension in addition to individual consequences, including, but not limited to, placement into GSA. ◆ A combination of 12-15 Level 2 infractions will result in a 3-5 day suspension in addition to individual consequences, including, but not limited to, placement into GSA. ◆ A combination of 16 or more Level 2 infractions will result in a 5 day suspension in addition to individual consequences, including, but not limited to, placement into GSA. After several failed disciplinary interventions, the administration will utilize the juvenile court system for assistance if warranted.

1. ACADEMIC CHEATING/PLAGIARISM/INAPPROPRIATE USE OF AI

Documentation of offense and parent/guardian contact informing parent/guardian of the consequence(s). Students will receive a zero for the assignment, serve a teacher or school detention and redo the assessment.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 2

2. CLASSROOM/SCHOOL DISRUPTION

Any disruption for which a student is referred to the office, including profanity, obscene behavior, excessive talking, unnecessary comments, out of seat, etc. Conduct and/or behavior which is destructive to the orderly educational procedure for the school or scuffling and horseplay which may lead to more serious conflicts, is not allowed in the hall, classroom, on-campus, buses, or on the way to and from school.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 2

3. DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY (Insubordination)

Any act, or behavior, in which the student willfully defies the lawful authority of reasonable direction of school personnel.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 2

4. DISRESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR

Any act, or behavior, in which the student disrespects a teacher, school employee, ~~or~~ another student or another person.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 2

5. EXTORTION

The solicitation of money, or something of value, from another student or other person, regardless of the amount, in return for protection, or in connection with a threat to inflict harm.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 2

6. FAILURE TO ATTEND ISD (IN SCHOOL DETENTION)

The willful absence from ISD

CONSEQUENCE: Level 2

7. GAMBLING

Participating in games of chance for the express purpose of exchanging money.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 2

8. HARASSMENT/ BULLYING

In order to effectively participate in the democratic process as adults, students must learn to respect the rights of others and to interact with them in a civil manner. Therefore, students are required to speak and behave in a civil manner toward students, staff, visitors to the schools, and other persons.

Actions not tolerated:

- The use of lewd, profane or vulgar language is prohibited.
- Behaviors such as hazing, bullying, menacing, taunting, intimidating, verbal or physical abuse of others, or other threatening behavior. This handbook provision extends to any/all student language or behavior including electronic or online methods.
- Such behavior is disruptive of the educational process and interferes with the ability of other students to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered.

This handbook provision shall not be interpreted to prohibit civil exchange of opinions or debate protected under the state or federal constitutions where the opinion expressed does not otherwise materially or substantially disrupt the education process or intrude upon the rights of others.

Students who violate this handbook provision shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Examples of harassment/bullying that will lead to disciplinary action:

- Striking, shoving, kicking or otherwise subjecting another person to physical contact or attempts or threatening to do the same.
- Making offensively coarse utterances, gestures, displays, or addressing abusive language to any person present.
- Following a person in or about a public place or places.
- Engaging in a course of conduct or repeatedly committing acts which alarm or seriously annoy such other persons, and which serve no legitimate purpose.
- Damages or commits a theft of the property of another student.
- Substantially disrupts the operation of the school:
 - Creates a hostile environment by means of any gestures, written communications, oral statements, or physical acts that a reasonable person under the circumstances should know would cause another student to suffer fear of physical harm, intimidation, humiliation, or embarrassment.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 2 or Level 3

9. INTIMIDATION OF WITNESS

Any physical, or verbal intimidation, of a witness to any school violation [or unlawful conduct](#).

CONSEQUENCE: Level 2

10. LEAVING CLASS/SCHOOL GROUNDS WITHOUT PERMISSION/SKIPPING

CLASS Willfully leaving class or school premises without permission; skipping class

CONSEQUENCE: Level 2

11. MALICIOUS REMARKS

To willfully intimidate, insult, make false statements, or abuse verbally or in writing any member of the school staff or student body.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 2

12. MISREPRESENTING FACTS

Knowingly deceiving school administrators and/or staff.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 2

13. TOBACCO, LIGHTERS, E-CIGS, Vaporizers

The possession of tobacco/lighters/E-CIGS and Vaporizers or illegal products, on school grounds or bus is prohibited during normal school hours.

The items will be confiscated, the offense will be documented, and the parent/guardian will be contacted regarding the consequence(s).

CONSEQUENCE: Level 2

14. UNAUTHORIZED AREAS

[When a](#) student is [guilty of being](#) in an unauthorized area (i.e. faculty workroom, lounge, maintenance areas, boiler room, parking lots, etc.) without legitimate reason or permission.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 2

15. VIOLATION OF CONDITIONS IN THE ISD PROGRAM

Any willful violation of the conditions of the In-School Detention Classroom Program.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 2

LEVEL 3 INFRACTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

1. AGGRESSIVE MISBEHAVIOR TOWARDS ANY SCHOOL EMPLOYEE Any physical contact or threat of physical contact towards school employees with the intention of doing bodily harm to [any person or](#) a student or group of students.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

2. ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND/OR “LOOK ALIKE” SUBSTANCES

- a. Use of, in any manner or to any extent, sale of, possession of, or under the influence of alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages include any beverage with alcoholic content. Possession of items found in the locker assigned to the student, in vehicles and any other place where deposited by the student.
- b. Use of, in any manner or to any extent, sale of, possession of, or under the influence of drugs, illegal, controlled or dangerous substances. A controlled/prescribed substance for a student's current medication is not a violation of this regulation. Illegal substances

include glue, dangerous drugs, narcotics, marijuana, amphetamines, and any other material that has a harmful or unnatural effect on the person using them.

- c. Use of, in any manner or to any extent, sale of, or possession of vanilla flavorings, vitamin, saccharine, caffeine or other pills or substances appearing or represented to be controlled or the drug substances such as "speed" or any other commonly used name to designate a controlled or other drug substance.
- d. Possession of paraphernalia related to the use of a controlled or illegal substance (paper, clips, etc.).

CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

3. ARSON

The starting of fire within the school, on buses, or on school grounds for any purpose that results in destruction or disruption or attempted destruction or disruption.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

4. ASSAULT

Physical attack of one person, or a group of persons, upon one or more persons, ~~who do not wish to engage in the conflict~~. Any provocation, (verbal or physical), may be considered a mitigation of the charge. A person, who finds himself the victim of an assault, has the right to defend himself against the attack and use such force in defense as to be reasonably necessary.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

5. BOMB THREAT

To falsely alert emergency services, or school to a non-existent bomb, weapon or other destructive device.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

6. DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Includes-affray, unlawful assembly, disturbing the peace, disturbing meetings, blasphemy, profanity, obscene language, desecrating the U.S. flag, refusing to assist an officer, all attempts to commit any of the above.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

7. FORGERY

The act of falsely using the name of another person, or falsifying documents, or correspondence, such as (absences, excuses, bus notes, permission to leave school, agenda books).

CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

8. MISCHIEF (CRIMINAL)

A person is guilty of criminal mischief when having neither the right to do so, nor reasonable ground to believe that he/she had a right, he/she intentionally or wantonly defaces, damages, or destroys any school property, or the property of another, so as to knowingly endanger the person or property.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

9. NOXIOUS SUBSTANCE (POSSESSION, USE, IGNITION)

The possession, use, or ignition of any noxious substance on school grounds, within the building, or any school vehicle, any stink bomb, device, or irritant with the intent to interfere with another's use of the school facilities, materials, land, building or vehicle.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

10. SEXUAL HARASSMENT

~~A person is guilty of "sexual harassment" w~~When a personhe/she subjects another person(s) to

“unwanted” touching, sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, spreading sexual rumors, etc.

~~A person is guilty of “sexual misconduct” while under school supervision.~~

CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

11. SEXUAL MISCONDUCT/INAPPROPRIATE SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

~~A person is guilty of “sexual misconduct” while under school supervision.~~ When a person/he/she engages in any act of sexual activity while under school supervision. Possession, development, and/or use of pornographic material. CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

12. TERRORISTIC THREATENING

~~A student is guilty of terroristic threatening while under school supervision.~~ When a person:

- He/she threatens to commit a crime likely to result in the death or serious physical injury to another student or likely to result in substantial property damage to another student or school personnel; or
- He/she intentionally makes false statements to cause the evacuation of a building, place or assembly, or facility or public transportation.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

13. THEFT

Taking the property of others (teachers, students, visitors, etc.) without their consent; or possession of stolen property, or possession without the owner’s permission, or selling school property.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

14. VANDALISM

The defacing of school property at any school sponsored activity.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

15. WANTON ENDANGERMENT

~~A student is guilty of wanton endangerment while under school supervision.~~ When a person/he/she wantonly engages in conduct, which creates a substantial danger of physical injury to another person.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

16. WEAPONS (Possession does not include firearms)

The possession of a weapon (i.e. knives, mace, clubs, chains, laser pointers, martial arts paraphernalia, brass knuckles, pocket knives, fireworks, explosives, etc.) that can be used to inflict bodily harm to another person

CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

17. WEAPONS POSSESSION/FIREARMS

The possession of a firearm, (loaded or unloaded), on school premises, either in one’s immediate possession or within one’s car or locker.

CONSEQUENCE: Level 3

18. FIGHTING

The willful engagement, or participation in, physical contact, between two or more students or other persons. CONSEQUENCE: Level

Dayton Independent School District

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 School Closed/Non Instructional
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 Family Engagement Day

 PD Day (Staff Only/No School for Students)
 Opening/Closing Day (Staff Only/No Students)
 Holidays

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 First and Last Day of School for Students

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| Aug 6-7 | PD Day-Staff Only |
| Aug 8 | Family Engagement Day |
| Aug 11 | Opening Day-Staff Only |
| Aug 12 | No School |
| Aug 13 | First Day of School for Students |
| Sep 1 | No School/Labor Day |
| Oct 10-14 | No School/Fall Break |
| Nov 3 | PD Day-Staff Only |
| Nov 4 | Family Engagement Day |
| Nov 26-28 | No School/Thanksgiving Break |

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| Dec 22-Jan 2 | No School/Winter Break |
| Jan 19 | No School |
| Feb 13 & 16 | No School |
| Mar 13 | PD Day-Staff Only |
| Mar 16 | Family Engagement Day |
| Apr 6-10 | No School/Spring Break |
| May 19 | No School |
| May 22 | Last Day of School for Students |
| May 26 | Closing Day-Staff Only |