

PERRY MERIDIAN HIGH SCHOOL



STUDENT PIPELINE

2023-2024

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General Information

PMHS Schedules

2023-2024 BELL SCHEDULES

BELL SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY - PERIODS 1-7		
PERIOD 1 ● Pledge/AM Announcements	7:10-7:54	(44)
PERIOD 2	7:59-8:41	(42)
PERIOD 3	8:46-9:28	(42)
PERIOD 4	9:33 - 10:15	(42)
PERIOD 5	10:20-12:20	(120)
● 42 Minutes - Instruction	LUNCH A 10:20-10:48	Students back in class by 10:51
● 30 Minutes - Lunch	LUNCH B 10:51-11:19	Students back in class by 11:22
● 10 Minutes - Falcon TV	LUNCH C 11:22-11:50	Students back in class by 11:53
● 38 Minutes - Resource time for Teachers and Students	LUNCH D 11:53-12:20	
PERIOD 6	12:25 - 1:07	(42)
PERIOD 7 ● PM Announcements	1:12 - 1:55	(43)

BELL SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY/THURSDAY - ODD PERIODS 1,3,5,7		
PERIOD 1 ● Pledge/AM Announcements	7:10-8:40	(90)
PERIOD 3	8:45-10:15	(90)
PERIOD 5	10:20-12:20	(90 + 30)
● 30 Minutes- Lunch	LUNCH A 10:20-10:48	Students back in class by 10:51
● 90 Minutes - Instruction	LUNCH B 10:51-11:19	Students back in class by 11:22
	LUNCH C 11:22-11:50	Students back in class by 11:53
	LUNCH D 11:52-12:20	
PERIOD 7	12:25-1:55	(90)

BELL SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY - EVEN PERIOD 2,4,6,ADVISORY		
PERIOD 2 ● Pledge/AM Announcements	7:10-8:40	(90)
PERIOD 4	8:45-10:15	(90)
PERIOD 6	10:20-12:20	(90 + 30)
● 30 Minutes- Lunch	LUNCH A 10:20-10:48	Students back in class by 10:51
● 90 Minutes - Instruction	LUNCH B 10:51-11:19	Students back in class by 11:22
	LUNCH C 11:22-11:50	Students back in class by 11:53
	LUNCH D 11:52-12:20	
<u>ADVISORY</u>	12:25-1:30 WEDNESDAY 12:25-1:55 FRIDAY	(65/90)

Lunch Periods
2023-2024

<u>LUNCH A</u>	<u>LUNCH B</u>	<u>LUNCH C</u>	<u>LUNCH D</u>
ART	BUSINESS	FACS	MUSIC
C-9	ENGLISH	SOC STUDIES	PE/HEALTH
MATH	EL	WORLD LANG	PLTW
PLATO	RESOURCE	SH 2-12B	SCIENCE
	SH 2-12C		

PMHS Contact List By Graduating Class

Class of 2024

Assistant Principal - Sarah Brewer - sbrewer@perryschools.org - 317-789-4412
School Counselor - Doug Hadley - dhadley@perryschools.org - 317-789-4438
21st Century Counselor - Robin Mills - rmills@perryschools.org - 317-789-4464
Early College Counselor - Rebecca Shull - rshull@perryschools.org - 317-789-4465
Master Teacher - Stephanie Davis - sldavis@perryschools.org - 317-789-4569

Class of 2025

Assistant Principal - Lauren Buesking - lbuesking@perryschools.org - 317-789-4415
School Counselor - Machy Magdalinos - ymagdalinos@perryschools.org -
317-789-4463
21st Century Counselor - Robin Mills - rmills@perryschools.org - 317-789-4464
Early College Counselor - Rebecca Shull - rshull@perryschools.org - 317-789-4465
Master Teacher - Brent Dikeman - bdikeman@perryschools.org - 317-789-4569

Class of 2026

Assistant Principal - Brian Bulmer - bulmer@perryschools.org - 317-789-4416
School Counselor - Andy Cottingham - acottingham@perryschools.org - 317-789-4467
21st Century Counselor - Robin Mills - rmills@perryschools.org - 317-789-4464
Early College Counselor - Rebecca Shull - rshull@perryschools.org - 317-789-4465
Master Teacher - Meagan Bates - mbates@perryschools.org - 317-789-4569

Class of 2027

Assistant Principal - Zach Ervin - zervin@perryschools.org - 317-789-4413
School Counselor - Stephanie Morrow - smorrow@perryschools.org - 317-789-4466
21st Century Counselor - Robin Mills - rmills@perryschools.org - 317-789-4464
Early College Counselor - Rebecca Shull - rshull@perryschools.org - 317-789-4465
Master Teacher - Andrea Hagenmaier - ahagenmaier@perryschools.org -
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Other Important Contacts

Athletics - Athletic Office 317-789-4493 - Marilyn Morris
Attendance - Attendance Office - 317-789-4402 (Report Absence, Out of school passes)
Free and Reduced Lunch - 317-789-4401
Lost and Found - Main Office - 317-789-4401

Lockers - Main Office - 317-789-4401
Parking Permits - North Office - 317-789-4417
PMHS Social Worker - Mrs. Kappel - 317-789-6220
Scheduling - See Above Counselor Information
School Bus Issues/Questions - Transportation Dept. 317-789-4461
Scholarships - Mr. Miller - Director of Counseling - 317-789-4461
Withdraw from PMHS - Registrar - Sheila Lawless - 317-789-4488
Yearbook - Ms. Delon - 317-789-4494 - mdelon@perryschools.org

Perry Township Schools

[District Philosophy](#)

Perry Meridian High School (PMHS) hereby incorporates, by reference, all Perry Township Philosophies, Rules, Regulations and Policies as set forth in the District's Policy Manual. Click the link (District Philosophy) above, go to POLICIES in the upper right menu, next click "5000 Students" in the menu to the left of your screen, to view this section in particular.

[District Attendance Policy](#)

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[District Rules, Regulations, and Violations](#)

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PMHS Policies

All PMHS policies, procedures and/or guidelines are made as an extension of the Perry Township Schools' policies. Any PMHS policy contained herein, which directly references a particular policy from the District, shall contain the heading with a hyperlink to the District's policy relating to the section being discussed.

Perry Meridian High School

Guidelines, Policies, and Procedures

Academic Banquet

The Academic Banquet is held each March for Graduating Seniors who are earning a 4.2 GPA or higher. The purpose of the Banquet is to identify high achieving students and recognize them in the context of a formal banquet celebration. The highlight of the evening is the testimony of each student, all of whom selected a licensed teacher, counselor or administrator whom they found to be inspirational to them, while a student at Perry Meridian High School.

Academic Integrity Policy

Cheating [Defined]

Cheating is the use of unauthorized materials or receiving unauthorized assistance, acquiring un-knowlegeable materials, information or study aides in any academic exercise. The use of books, notes, calculators and conversation (verbal and non verbal) with others is restricted or forbidden during specific academic exercises. Examples of cheating may include copying the work of another student during an examination or other academic exercise, copying or sharing answers between classes, using or possessing unauthorized notes, study sheets, exams or other materials during an exam or collaborating with another student during an exam or academic exercise.

Plagiarism [Defined]

Plagiarism is the representation of the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise. Appropriate acknowledgement is required when material from another source, which is in print form, electronic form, or other medium, which is paraphrased or summarized. Examples of plagiarism include: failure to use quotation marks when directly quoting a source, failure to document distinctive ideas from a source (common knowledge information such as names and basic scientific law need not be referenced) word-for-word or mosaic (rearrangement or rewording without documentation), and indirect (paraphrasing of a passage without documentation) fabricating or inventing sources or data, and copying information from computer-based sources (i.e. Internet).

- The Perry Township Code of Conduct contains language regarding cheating and that the provisions of that code also apply for cheating at PMHS.
- The penalty for cheating and/or plagiarizing shall be a 50% grade for the homework, quiz, test, project, semester paper, etc. for both the cheating person and additional persons who helped facilitate cheating.
- Additionally, the student(s) will be required to resubmit the assignment on their own.
- ISS or after school detention may also be assigned -or- other disciplinary actions may be taken.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty occurs when students obtain or assist others in obtaining credit for academic work which is not their own. Students must exercise self-discipline and resist peer pressure, which violates the standards for academic excellence we have established at Perry Meridian High School. The various ways in which academic integrity can be violated are discussed below. The examples within this section provide explanations and illustrating materials that do not necessarily exhaust the scope of these violations.

Cheating and Plagiarism

Cheating shall consist of submitting any homework, quiz, test, project, etc. that is not one's own either by stealing, hand copying, photocopying, retyping, or computer producing the original work and taken in any way claiming that work as one's own work. The use of Artificial Intelligence tools such as ChatGPT to complete assignments falls into the category of cheating and plagiarism. Cheating shall also mean willingly allowing or helping another person to submit work that is not his/her work by hand copying, photocopying, retyping, or computer producing such work. The penalty for cheating shall be a zero grade for the homework, quiz, test, project, etc. for the cheating person and the person who willingly allowed or helped the cheating to be done. ISS or after school detention may also be assigned or other disciplinary actions may be taken. The zero grade shall also apply to any requirement of a class that is mandated for receiving credit for that class. The Perry Township Code of Conduct contains language regarding cheating and that the provisions of that code would also apply for cheating at PMHS. Perry Meridian High School utilizes a web based program called [turnitin.com](https://www.turnitin.com) to combat against the use of plagiarism and A.I. tools for work completion.

Ethics Violation

Students shall not be involved in activities including, but not limited to, misrepresentation of the facts, improper collusion, misuse of privileges, forgery and/or falsification of information. No student shall place himself/herself in a position to aid, abet, facilitate, encourage, allow or in any manner to actively or passively assist another student to violate any school rule.

Facilitating Academic Dishonesty

Students may not knowingly or negligently allow their academic work to be used by other students and presented as another's work. This act of aiding others is an academically dishonest act, which violates the academic integrity policy. The students who are supplying the materials, even though not benefiting academically, are as guilty as the students who follow through on the act of dishonesty. Students may not use other students' work or materials not authorized by the instructor during tests and in completing assignments. Examples of academic dishonesty are:

presenting someone else's work as one's own in order to obtain a grade or credit, copying homework, stealing tests, selling or passing tests, copying or sharing answers between classes (this includes text messages/emails), using "cheat sheets" or other materials not authorized by the instructor. Any violation of the Academic Integrity Policy will result in a "zero" with no opportunity to make up the assignment for credit and a referral to the Principal or his or her designee.

Honors Violation

Students shall not be involved in activities including but not limited to: misrepresentation of the facts, improper collusion, misuse of privileges, forgery and/or falsification of information. No student shall place himself/herself in a position to aid, abet, facilitate, encourage, allow or in any manner to actively or passively assist another student to violate any school rule.

Any additional violation of this policy, or repeated acts of academic dishonesty, will result in an academic penalty up to denial of credit and additional disciplinary consequences.

Academic Letter Award

The following criteria will be used to determine the student's eligibility:

- Scholastic standard shall be a grade average of 3.5 (B+) at the end of the fourth and sixth semester. A satisfactory grade standard must be maintained thereafter
- The grades must be those earned at Perry Meridian High School and the student must have accumulated the last two semesters of grades from this school by the end of his fourth or sixth semester
- Student must be a good school citizen
- The award is to be presented during the fifth and seventh semesters, based upon the rating of the student at the end of the fourth and sixth semesters
- The recipient must be a student at Perry Meridian High School during his fifth or seventh semester
- Students will receive the academic letter during the student's fifth or seventh semester
- A student that participates in an academic team and meets the criteria to letter in that academic team will be issued the PM Academic Team Letter, and can then order the Academic Jacket

Advanc-Ed Accreditation

School accreditation and continuous improvement is monitored by AdvancED, in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Education. Being accredited is an honor which identified the school's involvement in the continuous improvement process. It must have highly qualified teachers, good equipment and teaching materials, at least 180 days in the school year, and a well-balanced educational program. Failure to fulfill these requirements would be basis for suspension of membership from the association.

Advanced Placement (AP)

The Advanced Placement (AP) program is administered by the College Board and allows students to earn college credit through end of the year examinations. A course listed as an AP course means that the curriculum covered in these courses prepares the students to take the AP test.

Alternative to Expulsion Program

The Alternative to Expulsion Program may be offered for Category III Offenses and allows for alternative placement and/or intervention by counseling community-resource specialists. This program increases the likelihood of credit accrual and positive behavior patterns from students.

Anti-Harassment

It is the policy of Perry Township Schools to provide equal opportunity for employees and students and not to discriminate on the basis of age, race, creed, color, sex, marital status, national origin, religion, or handicapping conditions. The district, therefore, commits itself to nondiscrimination in all its educational, employment and personnel practices.

It is also the policy of the school district to provide a fair, supportive and nondiscriminatory educational and work environment for all students/employees regardless of their age, race, creed, color, sex, marital status, national origin, religion, or handicapping condition. The district, therefore, prohibits harassment of its employees or students by any person and in any form.

Appearance [Guidelines]

The Administration at Perry Meridian High School believes that pride in one's self and school is often reflected in the way students dress. In order for a student to look his or her best, he or she should be knowledgeable about health, grooming, and choice of clothing. Poise and confidence are derived from an individual looking their best. Research indicates there is a direct correlation between proper dress and good conduct. As an educational community we have the right to expect a higher standard of dress in the school environment.

While the major responsibility for good grooming rests in the home with the student and parents, the school has certain concerns based on consideration of health, safety, and the maintenance of the school atmosphere that promotes study and learning. Reasonable conformity to current fashions in student dress is to be expected and is appropriate; however, when student appearance becomes extreme and, in the considered opinion of the school administration, violates health or safety regulations, is not in keeping with appropriate dress for school, or violates commonly accepted standards of modesty; such appearance is not acceptable.

The following statements are provided as guidelines to promote understanding of a few areas of concern:

- Any apparel showing suggestive or profane pictures or wording; showing alcohol, tobacco, or drug-related sayings or pictures; promoting sex, violence or self-destructive behavior; or any item that defames the nation, state, community or an individual will not be permitted.
- **All shorts/skirts must be at least near the knee. Athletic pants, shorts, and sweatpants are permitted as long as they are not unduly revealing (ripped above the knee or see-through).**
- Clothing should be so constructed and worn in a manner that is not unduly revealing. Tops that may **NOT** be worn are tank tops, muscle shirts, tube tops, halter tops, backless shirts, tops with spaghetti straps, sheer or fishnet shirts, and cut-offs or other tops which show midriff ("crop tops"). **Plunging necklines and excessive exposure is not acceptable. Our gauge for necklines will be 3"; the length of your ID.**

- Clothing with group markings, same color clothing or accessory symbolizing gang membership will not be tolerated.
- Proper footwear must be worn at all times in the school buildings. Flip flops and thong sandals are permitted, as are slippers, but all footwear must have a hard sole.
- Metal studded clothing, spiked jewelry or chains are not acceptable.
- **Bookbags/backpacks are to be kept in lockers, if available. • Coats and jackets must be stored in your locker and not worn to class or in the hallway. Zip up hoodies are permitted with hoods down at all times during the school day.** Light jackets and windbreakers, pullovers and 3/4 zip outerwear is permitted as long as it does not contain stuffing or a liner that would qualify it as a “coat” or “jacket.” • Sunglasses are not to be worn in the building.
- Hats, sweatbands, and bandanas are not to be worn in the building and are to be kept in assigned lockers or backpacks.
- No undergarments should be visible (male or female) whether standing or sitting. Sagging pants or shorts are not permitted (waist line level at all times).
- Jeans and other pants must not be **unduly revealing**. This means that rips, tears, and frays are permitted, as long as they do not reveal skin through holes above the knee.
- Any new "fads" in clothing or anything not specifically covered in the above guidelines, which is considered inappropriate dress, shall be dealt with at the discretion of an administrator/designee
- If there are any questions as to the appropriateness of any type of clothing, the school should be contacted in advance. In the event inappropriate clothing is worn or displayed, it is the responsibility of the student to make immediate arrangements to remedy the situation. Students will be sent to their respective grade level office until appropriate clothing is obtained (t-shirts and appropriate pants may be available in the office); in most cases, students will not be permitted to leave the school to obtain appropriate clothing, but clothing may be brought by an adult/guardian from home. Any class time missed will be made up after school or in Friday School at teacher/administrator’s discretion. Continuous violations of this dress code could result in further disciplinary action.

Athletics

PHILOSOPHY

“Create and maintain an athletic department that everyone wants to be a part of by ensuring that each feels valued and a sense of belonging.

The Athletic Council agrees that:

- Competitive athletics are desirable and that they are one of the valuable heritages of youth.
- Athletics are an important part of the American educational system and they have great potential to contribute to the sound growth and development of youth.
- The standards and ideals established and practiced will greatly influence the youth, the school and community, and that only the highest ideals of good citizenship and conduct will be fostered.
- The athletic program should conform to and be closely integrated with the administrative

policies of the school to the end that there shall be no undue interruptions or interference with established routine or privileges granted which cannot be accorded to others.

- The welfare of the individual takes precedence over any other interest.
- All athletic activities should be school controlled and directed. Adequate equipment and facilities are essential prerequisites for any athletic activity.
- Each sport should be considered with respect for each other and the rest of the school program.

Athletic policies are determined and controlled by the Athletic Council. The Athletic Council has as its present members the Principal, Athletic Director, Assistant Athletic Director, and the head coaches in all sports. The final responsibility for athletes rests with the Principal.

Offerings

Perry Meridian High School offers an extensive athletic program that provides any boy or girl an opportunity to participate and earn an award in athletics. All students are encouraged to participate in one or more of the ten sports offered for boys and nine sports offered for girls by Perry Meridian High School. Perry Meridian High School awards a major letter in the following sports:

<u>Girls:</u>	<u>Boys:</u>	<u>Co-Ed:</u>
Basketball	Baseball	Unified Track
Cross-Country	Basketball	Cheerleading
Golf	Cross-Country	<u>Club Sports:</u>
Soccer	Football	Bowling
Softball	Golf	Boys Lacrosse
Swimming	Soccer	Girls Lacrosse
Tennis	Swimming	
Track	Tennis	
Volleyball	Track	
Wrestling	Volleyball	
	Wrestling	

ELIGIBILITY

Perry Meridian High School supports the principles and affirms its belief in the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA).

IHSAA ELIGIBILITY

The IHSAA defers to a school's academic eligibility policy when deciding if a scholar-athlete is academically eligible.

Ineligibility

A student who is or shall be twenty (20) years of age prior to or on the scheduled date of the IHSAA State Final in a sport shall be ineligible for inter-school athletic competition in that sport; a student who is nineteen (19) years of age on the scheduled date of the IHSAA State Final in a sport shall be eligible as to age for inter-school athletic competition in that sport.

A student could also be considered ineligible due to one or more of the following actions:

Awards/Gifts/Trips

- If you accept commercial awards which advertise any business firm or individuals
- If you accept awards, gifts, trips or honors from colleges or their alumni

Change of Schools

- If you were not eligible in the school from which you transferred
- If your parents did not make a corresponding change of residence to the new school district
- An unavoidable change of residence case requires action by IHSAA
- Enrollment
- If you did not enroll in school during the first 15 days of a semester
- If you have been enrolled more than 8 semesters
- beginning with grade 9, or have represented a high school in a sport more than 4 years

Grades

- If you did not pass five semester subjects last semester
- If you did not pass five subjects in your previous grading period
- If you are not currently enrolled in six subjects

Illness/Injury

If you are absent 5 or more consecutive days due to illness or injury and do not present to your Principal written verification from a licensed physician stating that you may participate again.

Conduct/Character

- If you do not represent your school in a becoming manner
- If your habits, conduct or character in or out of school during the school year or during the summer, are such as to reflect discredit upon your school

Parent and Physician's Certificate

If you do not have this certificate on file with your Principal, before your first practice each year

Participation/Practices/Games/Contests/Scrimmages

- If you participate as a member of any other similar team, in the same season, not under the direct supervision and management of your school
- If you participate in a tryout or demonstration as a prospective college athlete
- If you participate as a 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade student in a contest, with or against a student enrolled below grade 9
- Un-Due Influence-If any person uses undue influence to retain or secure you as a student or to retain or secure your parents as residents.

Insurance Fee [Athletic]

All Athletes are required to have proof of insurance. A supplemental policy is available for students who are not covered under a family plan.

Complaint Procedure

Parents/guardians who are dissatisfied about a situation should first contact the person with whom they have a disagreement. If resolution is not reached at that level, parents/guardians may wish to speak with an administrator in the building. Most concerns can be resolved at the building level. If concerns remain, parents/guardians may wish to file a formal complaint. The following form may be utilized in such a circumstance. Additional forms may be obtained from schools or from the Office of Student Services, at 6548 Orinoco Avenue.

Just as your child is and should be your foremost priority, ALL of Perry Township's students are the foremost priority of this school district. We are committed to reaching solutions that meet the needs of ALL students in the township.

Reporting of Harassment

Any student/employee who believes that he or she has been the subject of harassment should report in writing, on the appropriate form available in all schools, the alleged act immediately to his/her supervisor. In the case of students, the immediate supervisor shall be the building principal.

The Director of Personnel, the Director of Human Relations, or the supervisor will make every effort to ensure that complaints of harassment are investigated and resolved promptly, efficiently, and in accordance with any bargained due process rights or employment rights provided by law.

TEAM MEMBERSHIP

Participation in athletics is a privilege - not a right. Use, or possession of alcohol, narcotics or any controlled substance, is prohibited in accordance with the [The Perry Township Athletic Code of Conduct](#) for athletes, which can be found by clicking on the Athletics link above.

The Board of Education has said an individual sponsor or coach may make rules concerning participation in activities of the school.

- Any student found guilty of a category III violation shall be excluded from 25% of their athletic season.
- Any student who is found to have a life-threatening health condition such as a heart defect, respiratory dysfunctions and the like must have authorization in writing by the student's physician and parents in order to participate in any athletic activities.

Appearance

Athletics give the opportunity for today's active student to display the image of a clean, energetic, modern young person. Our athletes are encouraged and expected to maintain this image by being well groomed at all times.

Amateurism

- Amateurism is defined as the following:
- If you play, officiate or manage under an assumed name.
- If you accept money or merchandise directly or indirectly for athletic participation.
- If you sign a professional contract.

Attendance of Athletes

An athlete being absent from school will keep him/her from participating or practicing on the day he/she is absent. In each case, the Team AP will make the judgment on the absenteeism. For illness reasons, an athlete must be in school for half of the day to be able to practice or play. Vacation practice must be adhered to by all athletes unless excused by the coach of a particular sport involved or the principal, whereas, the principal will maintain consistency for all coaches. Truancy is a problem to be handled by the administration

Scholastic Eligibility at Perry Meridian High School

To be eligible scholastically, students must have received passing grades at the end of their last grading period in school in at least five full credit subjects or the equivalent and must be currently enrolled in at least six full credit subjects or the equivalent. Semester grades take precedence.

Two semesters of the state required physical education course, may be counted as a full credit subject for eligibility purposes even though a full credit is not granted by the Department of

Education.

Athletics Awards

Blanket Award

Any athlete that earns six or more varsity letters in IHSAA sponsored sports will receive a blanket at the Athletic Banquet their senior year as long as the following stipulations are met:

- An athlete is expected to defend all letters earned in all sports each consecutive season after having earned the letter. If a letter(s) is not defended, the Athletic Council will decide if the letter(s) should count toward the six needed to earn a blanket. The decision will be made as soon as the letter is not defended. The athlete involved will be informed of the decision as soon as possible.
- An athlete that is removed from a team and does not finish the season in good standing shall only be able to count any previous letters won in that sport toward his/her blanket if the Athletic Council so agrees. The decision will be made as soon as removal takes place, and the athlete will be notified of the decision as soon as possible.
- The final decision on all blanket winners is in the hands of the Athletic Council.

Defending the Award

Once a letter has been earned, an athlete/manager/trainer is expected to defend the letter until graduation by going out for the same sport in which the letter has been earned and finishing that sport in good standing. The exception to this rule is that an athlete may go out for another sport without penalty during the same season. An athlete, who can no longer participate due to a medical reason, can assist the team as manager.

A student who starts practice in any sport must complete the season in that sport unless released by the coach. A sport season is defined as from the time practice starts until the last game, meet, or tournament of that sport.

Failure to defend a letter will impact earning awards such as the blanket or other senior recognition awards.

First Freshman Award—Numerals

- Subsequent Award—Freshman Certificate
- Freshmen who play at the V level also qualify for numerals

First Reserve Award—Falcon Pin

- Subsequent Reserve Awards—Reserve Certificate

First Varsity Award

- Any student (grades 9-12) has authorization to purchase approved athletic jacket with chenille letter sewn on.
- Athletes will receive a chenille chevron with sport emblem. • Manager will receive a chenille chevron with “M” embedded.
- Trainers will receive a chenille chevron with “T” embedded

Manager/Student Athletic Trainer Awards

- Numerals — Manager/student athletic trainer 1 complete freshman sports season
- Freshman Certificate — Manager/student athletic trainer 2 complete freshman sports seasons.
- Reserve Pin — Manager/student athletic trainer 1 complete reserve sports season
- Reserve Certificate — Manager/student athletic trainer 2 complete reserve sports seasons.
- Varsity letter — Manager/student athletic trainer 2 complete varsity sports seasons (Student has authorization to purchase an approved jacket).
- Letters earned do not count toward Blanket Award • Ineligible for MVP and Academic Awards

Special Athletic Awards

Wall of Fame

- The decision to put a picture in the gym of an individual athlete that qualifies for the “Wall of Fame” will be made by the Athletic Council when the athlete completes that particular sport during his/her senior year; however, no picture can go up until he/she finishes his/her senior year in good standing.
- Nominees must be of the highest ideals of good citizenship and conduct in both school and community. Nominees must not have brought negative reactions to themselves either as athletes, students or as part of the community.
- All athletes being considered for the “Wall of Fame” must have defended all letters earned in their high school career unless the Athletic Council grants a waiver.

Automatic nomination:

- State champion teams
- State champion individuals
- Marion County Athlete of the Year award
- IHSAA Mental Attitude Award
- Optional nomination for individual athletes:
- There are different optional nominations for each sport. The criteria may be found in the Athletic Office.

Best All-Around Male & Female Senior Athlete

The best all-around male and female athlete award is a plaque given to a senior athlete who has demonstrated outstanding athletic ability in two or more sports. This award is given upon the recommendation of the coaches and the approval of the Athletic Council and the Principal. The Best All Around Athletic awards are presented at the Spring Athletic Awards Banquet.

Individual Sport Academic Awards

- An athlete with the top academic average (must be 2.5 or above) will be selected in each sport.
- Candidates of those seniors who have been certified for IHSAA tournaments and candidates who have attended Perry Meridian High School their entire junior and senior years.
- Average based on seven (7) semesters using these scales:

REGULAR VS. WEIGHTED

<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>WEIGHTED</u>
A = 4.0	A = 5.0
A- = 3.667	A- = 4.473
B+ = 3.333	B+ = 3.972
B = 3.0	B = 3.50
B- = 2.667	B- = 3.056
C+ = 2.333	C+ = 2.638
C = 2.0	C = 2.25
C- = 1.667	C- = 1.667
D+ = 1.333	D+ = 1.333
D = 1.0	D = 1.0
D- = 0.667	D- = 0.667
F = 0.0	F = 0.0

These scales became effective with the class of 1987. Central Nine grades will be counted as one (1) credit. In case of a tie, use 7-semester class rank.

- Winners will receive certificates at the All Sports Banquet each year.
- The two top winners (male and female) will receive a plaque at the All Sports Banquet each year.
- A plaque for male and female sports will be displayed outside the Athletic Office. Each year name plates will be added for the Athletics

Subsequent Varsity Awards—Appropriate Chevron

Varsity Awards

Failure to observe the rules of the school in regard to athletics or any other act of conduct unbecoming are adequate reasons for taking away the chenille letter and chevron(s) from the award winner.

Co-Ed Athletics

Cheerleaders

The purpose of the cheerleaders is to promote enthusiasm and leadership for the student body at

all athletic contests and to plan and promote school spirit throughout the year and at pep sessions. *The Varsity squad will cheer at varsity football, varsity basketball, and are required to compete in statewide competitions. Anyone grades 9-12 are eligible to make the squad. *The Reserve squad will cheer reserve and 9th football, and reserve basketball games. They will also cheer at Homecoming and the Varsity Southport game. Anyone grades 9-11 are eligible to make this squad.

Varsity Award

- Varsity cheerleader for one season.
- Participation in 95% of all games or other activities during the year where the cheerleading squad goes as a team.
- All letter awards are given upon the recommendation of the cheerleader coaches and the approval of the Athletic Council.
- Awards for cheerleading are the same as athletic awards.
- Letters earned do not count toward Blanket Award.

Reserve/Freshman Award

- Reserve Cheerleader for one season.
- Participation in 95% of all games or other activities during the year where the cheerleading squad goes as a team.
- All awards are given upon recommendation of the cheerleader coaches and the approval of the Athletic Council.
- Awards for cheerleading are the same as athletic awards.

Unified Football / Track

Unified Sports joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. It was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. In Unified Sports, teams are made up of people of similar age and ability. That makes practices more fun and games more challenging and exciting for all. Having sport in common is just one more way that preconceptions and false ideas are swept away.

Varsity Award

- Full participation for 2 years
 - Participation means attendance at 80% of all practices
 - Attendance at all State competitions

Reserve Award

- Full participation for 1 year
 - Participation means attendance at 80% of all practices
 - Attendance at all State competitions

Female Sports

Girls' Basketball

The Varsity and Reserve teams will consist of approximately 20- 24 girls and the Freshman team will have approximately 10-12. Any girl who desires to play basketball is given the opportunity to try out. Basketball practice begins in October and ends when the varsity finishes State Tournament play. The varsity team will play an 18-game schedule as well as participate in an Invitational Tournament, the Marion County Tournament, and the IHSAA. State Tournament.

Varsity Award

- Must participate in 55% of the total varsity quarters.
- Any girl may be recommended for a letter by the coach if she is forced to drop out of the sport due to injury or illness after the season has started.
- Be selected to dress for the County and/or Sectional teams.
- All Awards are made upon the recommendation of the coach and the approval of the Athletic Council and the Principal.

Reserve Award

- Must participate in the majority of the reserve games.
- Requirement “b” and “d” from above.

Freshmen Award

- Must participate in the majority of freshmen games. • Requirement “b” and “d” from above.

Girls' Cross Country

Cross Country practice begins in early August and ends with the IHSAA tournament series in late October. The team participates in the County, Conference Indiana, invitational meets, and the IHSAA tournament series. All members of the team participate in all dual meets and invitational meets.

Varsity Award/Letter

- All 7 members of a championship team in the County, Conference Indiana, or any of the IHSAA tournament series contests will be qualified varsity winners.
- Any individual scoring in over half of the team's meets during the season will qualify for a varsity award.
 - One (1) Point is earned each time a runner places in the Top 7 Runners on the team in a meet.
 - One (1) Point is earned for each year a runner participates on the team.
- Athletes must end the season in good standing.

An athlete may also be recommended for a varsity award by the coach if she is forced to drop out of the sport due to an injury or illness after the season has started. All awards are made upon recommendations of the coach and with the approval of the athletic council and principal.

Reserve/Freshman Award:

- Those upperclassmen who do not receive a varsity award will receive reserve awards if they participate in more than half of the team's meets and end the season in good standing.
- Freshmen who have met the requirements may earn a varsity award.

Girls' Golf

The golf team has a fall schedule of dual and triangular meets. The team also participates in the sectional, county, Conference Indiana and state championships.

Varsity Award/Letter

- Athlete must earn 50 total points, which are obtained as follows:
 - 3pts - participate in any 9/18 hole match
 - 5pts - top Falcon Finisher
 - 10pts - Top ten in tournament
 - 20pts - Top Ten in county, conference, sectional, regional, semi-state, state
 - Score (for individual, regularly scored events)
 - 95-91 = 3pts
 - 90-85 = 5pts
 - 84-81 = 7pts
 - 80-75 = 10pts
 - 74-70 = 15pts
 - 69-0 = 20pts
 - Bonus Points may be awarded
 - A/B Honor Roll with no discipline issues = 5pts
 - Member of County team = 10pts
 - Member Conference team = 10pts
 - Member of Sectional team = 10pts
 - Member of Regional team = 10pts
 - Regional Qualifier as individual = 15pts
 - State Qualifier as individual = 25pts
- Participate on the Golf Team for four years
- An athlete may be recommended for a letter if she is forced to drop out due to an injury or illness after the season has started.

Girls' Soccer

Beginning practice, season length and number of games will be determined by the IHSAA.

All awards will be based on playing time during varsity matches, attitude and sportsmanship throughout the season, attendance and respect toward coaches, school officials, and officiating parties. All award recommendations are subject to approval of the Principal, Athletic Director and Athletic Council.

Varsity Award

- Athletes must play in over one-half of the total halves played during any given season. (*Coaches Discretion*)

- Seniors participating in all practices & attending all games will earn a letter.

Reserve Award

- Athlete who has played in more than one-fourth of the total minutes but less than one-half of the total minutes available per match per season.

Girls' Softball

Softball became part of the sports program at PMHS in 1983. The combined Varsity and Junior Varsity teams consist of 27-33 members. The Varsity team participates in 26 season games, the Marion County tournament, and the IHSAA State tournament. The Junior Varsity will play approximately 26 games. We will have a freshman team if numbers allow.

Varsity Letter Awards

- Athletes who play more than 4 innings in 25% of the varsity games.
- A coach may recommend a player for an award if unable to play due to injury or illness after the season has started.

Girls' Swimming

The swimming and diving season consists of approximately 13 dual meets, a County Championship, a Conference Championship, a Sectional Championship, and a State Championship. A meet consists of three relays and nine individual events, one of which is diving. A competitor may participate in one to four events in each meet.

Varsity Award/Letter

- 90% practice attendance
- Avg 2 points per meet
- Top 16 at County and Sectionals and Top 8 at Mid-State
- Achieve at least 1 Varsity Time Standard (see below)

Junior Varsity

- 80% practice attendance
- Avg 1 point per meet

Manager

- *First year and 90% attendance = JV Letter*
- *2nd-4th year and 90% attendance = Varsity Letter*

<i>Girls</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Boys</i>
2:23.44	200 Freestyle	2:03.38
2:45.44	200 IM	2:32.40
28.21	50 Freestyle	24.66
1:10.77	100 Butterfly	1:07.03
1:02.50	100 Freestyle	57.13

6:21.92	500 Freestyle	5:39.67
1:14.21	100 Backstroke	1:11.06
1:30.81	100 Breaststroke	1:12.81

Girls' Tennis

Tennis was introduced as a part of the ten-sport program at Perry Meridian High School in 1973. The tennis team will compete in the spring schedule of approximately 16 inter-scholastic matches. The team will compete in Marion County and State Tournaments.

Awards/MVP Eligibility

- A letter in tennis may be given upon the recommendation of the coach and approval of the athletic council and principal.
- A player will qualify for a varsity letter if she plays in a majority of the varsity matches.
- A player must finish the season in good standing in order to receive a letter in tennis.
- A senior who has been a member of the team for four years and is among the top 14 players on the team will qualify for a letter.
- An athlete may earn a varsity award with the discretion and recommendation of the coach due to injury.

* Team MVP will be decided by the coaches. The head coach will select the MVP with input from the assistant coaches. Team MVP can be of any grade level (9-12) and must finish the season in good standing.

Girls' Track

Track and Field is the world's oldest organized Sport. Girl's track and field at Perry Meridian was introduced during the 1974-75 School year. There has been several individual Sectional and Regional Champions and in 1988, the PMHS Girls won the State Champion. Regular practice will begin the first few weeks of February and conclude with the state track meet in early June. All track and field athletes' grades 9-12 are eligible to earn a varsity letter. If an athlete does not meet preseason, or season responsibilities set forth by the administration, athletic director or the head coach and staff, individuals may be denied participation in track and field. The schedule will include dual meets; invitationals, relays and the IHSAA Tournament among those are some of the best track and field teams in the state of Indiana.

Varsity Award

75 total Varsity Points

**** (Consideration will also be given by achieving the coaches' individual performance standards)**

- 20 points for 70% participation in all varsity dual meets
- 10 points for preseason conditioning

- 20 points for positive classroom and school related activities.
- 5 points for practice attendance, participation and responsibilities
- 10 points for participation (or being an alternate) in conference, county, or IHSAA track meet.

Additional Considerations:

- Qualify and participate in the Marion County and/or Conference Indiana meet.
- Qualify and participate in the IHSAA tournament series.
- Establish a Perry Meridian, Marion County, Conference Indiana, or IHSAA tournament record.
- Points are earned for each year of contribution to the program.
- An athlete must end the season in good standing.

An athlete may also be recommended for a varsity award by the coach if she is forced to drop out of the sport due to an injury or illness after the season has started. All awards are made upon recommendation of the coach and with the approval of the athletic council and principal.

Reserve Award

Those upper-classmen who do not receive a varsity award will receive a reserve award if they have participated in a majority of the meets and end the season in good standing.

Freshman Award

Must be a freshman and participate in at least 50% of meets and end the season in good standing.

Girls' Volleyball

The varsity, reserve and 9th grade volleyball teams play from 25 to 33 matches against the top teams in the state and area. The varsity team participates in a state championship tournament and county tournament. The freshman team competes in a county tournament.

The teams will consist of about 30-36 girls, 14 being chosen for tournament play in county and sectionals competition, 12 for the reserve tournament, and 12 for the freshman tournament. Tryouts will begin in late July/early August. The season lasts until mid November. Award requirements are listed below:

Varsity Award

- Must be on the Varsity Team.
- Must play in 50% of the matches.
- Must not have any unexcused absences from practices or games.
- She must be selected for the sectional team.
- A girl may be recommended for a letter by the coach if she is forced to drop out due to an injury or illness after the season has started.
- All awards are made upon the recommendation of the coach and approval of the athletic council and the principal.

Reserve Award

- Must have completed the season in good standing.
- 5 and 6 from above.

Freshman Award

- Must have completed the season in good standing.
- 5 and 6 from above.

Male Sports

Baseball

The combined varsity and reserve teams consist of 32-36 members. Practice begins in mid-February and ends if/when the team is defeated in the IHSAA. State tournament. Although this is after senior graduation, all seniors are eligible to participate. The Varsity team will play 26 games, the Marion County tournament and IHSAA. tournaments. The reserve team plays approximately 22 games.

Varsity Award

- An athlete must be on the Varsity roster of ½ of all games played
- Players not meeting the above criteria (because of injury or other unusual circumstances) may letter upon the recommendation of the head coach and the approval of the PMHS athletic council.

Reserve/Freshman Award

- The player must finish the season in good standing with his coach and the school.

Boys' Basketball

The Varsity and Reserve squads will consist of approximately 20 boys and the freshman team will have approximately 12. Any boy who desires to play basketball is given the opportunity to try out. Basketball practice usually starts on or near November 1, and the season ends when the Varsity finishes State Tourney play.

Varsity Award

- A boy must participate in a majority of the varsity games.
- He must be selected to dress for the County or State Tourney teams.
- All Varsity awards are made upon recommendation of the coach and approval of the principal and athletic council.
- A boy must be recommended for an award by the coach if he is forced to drop out of the sport due to illness or injury after the season has started.

If a boy does not meet any of the above requirements for an award; but, does make a special contribution to the team at the end of the season or during tournament competition, he may be recommended for an award by the coach.

Reserve Award

- A boy must participate in a majority of the Reserve games.
- A coach may recommend a boy for a Reserve award if he has finished the season in good standing.
- Requirement “c” and “d” from above will also apply to the Reserve member.

Freshmen Award

- A boy must participate in a majority of the freshmen games.
- A boy may be recommended by his coach for a Freshmen award if he has finished the season in good standing.
- Requirement “c” and “d” from above will also apply to the Freshmen member.

Boys’ Cross Country

Cross-Country practice starts in early August and ends with the state championship meet in early November. The Cross-Country team participates in the County, Conference Indiana Tournament, and State Championship Meet series. They also participate in the Columbus East, Pike, Ben Davis, and Highland Cross-Country meets, in addition to several dual and triangular meets. A freshman Cross-Country team will be involved in interscholastic competition. All awards will be given upon recommendation of the coach and the approval of the Athletic Council.

Varsity Letter

- All 7 members of a championship team in the County, Conference Indiana, or any of the IHSAA tournament series contests will be qualified varsity winners.
- Be in the top seven (7) for total points in at least 50% of varsity meets.
- Accumulate 100 points based on the following point system:
 - 30 pts for 50% participation in all varsity meets*
 - 20 pts for off-season summer training*
 - 10 pts for meeting deadlines for all school policy forms*
 - 10 pts for perfect attendance for practice*
 - 10 pts for breaking 18:00 minutes in a meet*
 - 10 pts for running varsity in Conference/County/Sectional meet(s)*
 - 10 pts for being on the IHSAA sectional roster (Top 12)*

Additional Considerations:

- Being a member of IHSAA team that advances to the Regional meet.
- Being a member of a Conference Champion team.
- A senior who has participated in at least three years of cross-country.
- An athlete that is forced to drop out of cross country due to an injury or illness after the season has started.

Football

The football program at Perry Meridian High School is a competitive, demanding sport that requires dedication, desire, and determination. Young athletes who enter the program will be challenged daily to demand excellence of themselves, develop leadership ability, and improve their overall character. We will stress the fundamentals of the game and emphasize proper technique at every level of competition. Student-athletes that play football will develop skills that transcend the

football field and into the classroom, school, and community.

Any boy who participates actively in one of the respective teams will receive an award consistent within the entire athletic program. The following are guidelines for an award, which is given on approval by the Athletic Council and the Principal.

Varsity Award

- A boy must reasonably participate in a majority of the varsity games.
- Varsity awards will be on the recommendation of the coaches and approval of the principal and athletic council.
- A boy may be recommended for an award by the coach if he is forced to drop out due to illness or injury after the season has begun.

Reserve Award

- A boy must reasonably participate in a majority of the reserve games.
- Reserve awards will be on the recommendation of the coaches and approval of the principal and athletic council.
- A boy may be recommended for an award by the coach if he is forced to drop out due to illness or injury after the season has begun.

Freshman Award

- A boy must reasonably participate in a majority of the freshman games.
- Freshman awards will be on the recommendation of the coaches and approval of the principal and athletic council.

**A boy may be recommended for an award by the coach if he is forced to drop out due to illness or injury after the season has begun.*

Boys' Golf

The Varsity and Reserve Golf teams have a spring schedule of dual matches. The Varsity team also participates in a few Saturday invitational tournaments, the County Tourney, Conference Championship, and the State Championship.

Varsity Award/Letter

- Athlete must earn 50 total points, which are obtained as follows:
 - 3pts - participate in any 9/18 hole match
 - 5pts - top Falcon Finisher
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 - Regional Qualifier as individual = 15pts
 - State Qualifier as individual = 25pts
- Participate on the Golf Team for four years
- An athlete may be recommended for a letter if she is forced to drop out due to an injury or illness after the season has started.

Boys' Soccer

Beginning practice, season length and number of games will be determined by the IHSA.

All awards will be based on playing time during varsity matches, attitude and sportsmanship throughout the season, attendance and respect toward coaches, school officials, and officiating parties. All award recommendations are subject to approval of the Principal, Athletic Director and the Athletic Council. All awards will be based on playing time during varsity matches, attitude and sportsmanship throughout the season, attendance and respect toward coaches, school officials, and officiating parties.

Varsity Award

Athlete must play in over one-half of the total minutes available per match per season.

Reserve Award

Athlete who has played in more than one-fourth of the total minutes but less than one-half of the total minutes available per match per season.

Boys' Swimming

The swimming and diving season consists of approximately 13 dual meets, a County Championship, a Conference Championship, a Sectional Championship, and a State Championship. A meet consists of three relays and nine individual events, one of which is diving. A competitor may participate in one to four events in each meet.

Varsity Award/Letter

- 90% practice attendance

- Avg 2 points per meet
- Top 16 at County and Sectionals and Top 8 at Mid-State
- Achieve at least 1 Varsity Time Standard (see below)

Junior Varsity

- 80% practice attendance
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Boys' Tennis

Tennis was introduced as a part of the ten-sport program at Perry Meridian High School in 1973. The tennis team will compete in a fall schedule of approximately 13 inter-scholastic matches. The team will compete in the Lebanon, Conference Indiana, Marion County, and State Tournaments.

Awards/MVP

- A letter in tennis may be given upon the recommendation of the coach and approval of the athletic council and principal.
- A player will qualify for a varsity letter if he plays in a majority of the varsity matches.
- A player must finish the season in good standing in order to receive a letter in tennis.
- A senior who has been a member of the team for four years and is among the top 14 players on the team will qualify for a letter.
- An athlete may earn a varsity award with the discretion and recommendation of the coach due to injury.

*The head coach will select the MVP with input from the assistant coaches. The MVP can be any grade (9-12). This award reflects the cumulative impact of a player on that particular

season.

Boys' Track

Track and Field is the world's oldest organized Sport. No other sport offers such a wide variety of physical skills. Regular practice will begin the first few weeks of February and concludes with the state meet in early June. All track athletes' grades 9-12 are eligible to earn a varsity letter. If an athlete does not meet preseason or seasonal responsibilities set forth by the administration, athletic director or head coach they may be denied participation in track and field. The schedule will include dual meets, invitational, relays and the IHSAA Tournament against some of the best track teams in the state.

Varsity Award

Earn 85 total varsity points

- 20 points for 70 % participation in all Varsity dual meets.
- 20 points for out of season weights and conditioning.
- 15 points for positive classroom conduct and school related activities.
- 10 points practice attendance.
- 05 points participation in Conference, County, or IHSAA track meet.
- Conference/County/Sectional/Regional points
 - 10pts -- 1st place
 - 8pts -- 2nd place
 - 6pts -- 3rd place
 - 5pts -- 4th place
 - 4pts -- 5th place
 - 3pts -- 6th place
 - 2pts -- 7th place
 - 1pt. -- 8th place

Additional Consideration:

- Qualify and participate in the Marion County Track Meet.
- Qualify and participate in the IHSAA Track and Field Meet.
- Establish a Perry Meridian, conference, county, or IHSAA record.
- An athlete that is unable to participate in the sport due to an injury or illness after the season has started.

Wrestling

Wrestling is one of the oldest sports as well as being a sport of rapid growth today. Wrestling is a fair sport where boys of equal weight are matched against each other. Practice begins in the latter part of October, and the season climaxes with the State Championship Finals in February. The wrestling team participates against many of the outstanding teams in the state in dual meets, invitational's, county, conference, and the State Tournament series.

Varsity Letter

A boy must place in the top eight places in the State Wrestling Championship Finals OR score at least 80 points of the following:

- 20 points for maintaining a good standard of conduct in and out of school
- 15 points for participating in 50% or more dual meets. (Participation includes weigh-in for duals)
- 10 points for never being absent or tardy from practice
- 10 points for first place in county, sectional or 8- team invitational tourney
- 10 points for all wrestlers on varsity roster for multiple dual events and they compete
 - 7 points for second place in county, sectional or 8- team invitational tourney
 - 5 points for third place in county, sectional or 8- team invitational tourney
 - 3 points for fourth place in county, sectional or 8- team invitational tourney
 - 3 points for all dual meet matches won
 - 2 points for fifth place in county, sectional or 8-team invitational tourney
 - 1 point for sixth place in county, sectional or 8-team invitational tourney
- 4 points for all dual meet matches won by a major decision
- 5 points for all dual meet matches won by a superior decision
- 6 points for all dual meet matches won by a fall

An additional 20 points will be given to a boy who wins first place in State, 15 for second, 10 for third, 7 for fourth, 5 for fifth, 3 for sixth, 2 for seventh, and 1 for eighth.

The wrestler who scores the highest number of team points during the season will receive the outstanding wrestling award each year.

In case a boy should be injured during the season and is unable to participate for the rest of the season, he will be awarded a letter if he has acquired a proficiency of 50 on the point system up to the time of the injury.

The coaching staff reserves the right to add or delete anyone who may or may not qualify for a letter if certain circumstances not covered on the point system apply.

Reserve Award

- Compete in good standing in the reserve season.
- The general rule for freshmen is whatever is decided for all Freshmen athletes.

[Attendance Policy](#)

[Philosophy](#)

Businesses and industries require regular attendance and dependability; therefore, Perry Meridian High School regards development of these habits as part of its responsibility. The PMHS attendance program includes rewards for positive attendance performance as well as consequences for negative attendance reports and should promote student attendance in all

grade levels.

A study of students' school attendance reveals that many students are rarely absent from school, but a few students are absent many days of each year. Except for the cause of serious illness and epidemics, most absences are unnecessary and the result of poor health habits, such as improper eating, insufficient sleep, too many outside activities, poor home or school adjustment.

No student can hope to do good work in school if he is not in classes regularly. Regular attendance is thought to be the first essential to a successful school life.

Securing an education is the most important accomplishment of any young person, both because of the satisfaction to the individual, and the value to our country. Therefore, once a student has enrolled in this school his first duty is to be present every day unless illness prevents this.

Definitions

Absence

Absence is defined as a student not physically in attendance at any time/period during the school day. A student at the high school level is counted absent from a class if the student is not present for at least one-half of the total time of the class period.

Perfect Attendance

Perfect Attendance is defined as no more than half a day (4 periods) of excused absence per semester all four years of high school, with the exception of absences outlined below in Absences Not Counted by Indiana Law, has perfect attendance.

Truancy

Truancy is defined as an absence from school or class without parent/guardian knowledge or consent or willful refusal of a student to attend school. No credit will be given for work missed due to truancy. Truancy will be reported to the appropriate school authority as required by law. Additional disciplinary action may be taken.

Habitual Truancy

Indiana Code states a student is considered habitually truant if truant for more than ten (10) days of school in one (1) school year. A habitually truant student, can be denied a driver's license or learner's permit until the age of 18.

Attendance Framework

Perry Township Philosophy:

Perry Township Schools is committed to an attendance program that promotes an appreciation among students for the benefits associated with attending school regularly and punctually. Attendance is a skill that empowers students to develop academically, socially, and behaviorally. It is our belief that supporting students in developing this skill will promote lifelong habits necessary for successful employment and

productivity in a democratic society. The attendance program at every school should include rewards for positive attendance as well as interventions and consequences for excessive absence from school.

Guiding Principles for PMHS Attendance Policy:

Research clearly indicates a direct correlation with regular attendance and academic achievement. In the highly competitive world we live in, many employers and college admissions offices are now requesting attendance data as well as academic records. Regular attendance is essential to success in school since discussions and work done in class can never be fully recovered or duplicated.

Regular and punctual attendance is expected of all Perry Meridian High School students. When in attendance, students are expected to be in all classes and study halls and to report on time for all classes. Attendance and promptness to school is the responsibility of each student and his/her parent/guardian.

Members of our faculty and staff at PMHS stand ready to assist our students and parents with the development of this very important life skill. This is a shared accountability with the ultimate responsibility on the student and their parent/guardian. We also ask in advance for student and parent/guardian cooperation and discretion in scheduling planned absences, appointments and early dismissals from school.

PMHS Attendance Policy Purpose Statement:

Perry Meridian High School provides all students the opportunities to develop critical thinking skills, effective communication skills and employability skills that foster good citizenship qualities. To accomplish these outcomes and increase school wide achievement it is critical that all students attend school everyday. We are also emphasizing the importance of valuing the time we have each day so being on time is also very important. "On time or a little ahead of time is Perry Meridian time."

Guiding Tenets for PMHS Attendance and Tardy Policy:

- Develops a life skill of showing up and increasing our daily attendance rate
- Develops a life skill of punctuality and respect
- Promotes a culture of academic integrity with improved academic success
- Minimize the disruptions to learning

Ownership for timeliness to school and class is the responsibility of each individual student at PMHS. It is an expectation that students move from class to class without loitering and impeding the traffic patterns in our increasingly crowded hallways. Students will be responsive to the interventions and steps taken to improve attendance and timeliness. Students are expected to have their ID/Lanyards on at all times while on campus and to be wearing the appropriate hallway pass issued by their teacher when out on a pass.

A student who misses more than ten (10) meetings of any class per semester for any reason, excused or unexcused, may be subjected to having credit postponed. *See Attendance Review Committee process. A student who is habitually tardy to class and/or school may be deemed as truant and will be placed on a "No Fly List," meaning they will lose some or all hallway passing time privilege. Students may also be required to "buy-back" time in class in order to earn credit.

New Process for our Tardy Reduction System:

Skyward has the ability to contact parents when reported tardy/absent, period by period. The emphasis from all faculty and staff members to be on time for class will also make a significant difference in reducing the number of students who arrive late. Our universal norm of “starting on time” and “ending on time” must be an emphasis. Monitoring in the hallways and requiring essential passes will identify students who are late. This will take a concerted effort from everyone on our campus.

How we start the day at PMHS - Our process:

We start school promptly at 7:10 am every morning at PMHS. In our attempts to value the time we have for student learning it is imperative that all students are in their assigned areas and ready for learning to begin at 7:10 am. It is an expectation that all students are on campus by 7:00 am and in their assigned first class at 7:05 am. This provides ample time to get breakfast, secure needed items from their lockers, turn in missing assignments to teachers and ensure they have all their items for the day (ID/Lanyard). The five minutes between 7:05 am and 7:10 am provides time to take care of the necessary items before the school day officially begins at 7:10 am.

Students arriving after 7:10 am must wait at the attendance office for a Tardy Pass. If students have accumulated their 3rd Tardy to school they will receive a lunch detention from the Office of Student Accountability Officer. This detention will include a written assignment that will be completed and turned in during the assigned Lunch Detention.

Period by Period Tardy Process Managed by Teachers:

1. New tardy limits have been established for PMHS and will be monitored by Teachers (class by class).
 - a. Students will be allowed two (2) “warning” tardies **per class period, per nine weeks**.
 - b. Tardy consequences will be assigned as follows (per nine weeks):
 - i. **Tardy 1:** Step 1 - Record in Skyward + Verbal Warning by teacher
 - ii. **Tardy 2:** Step 2 - Record in Skyward + Verbal Warning by teacher
 - iii. **Tardy 3:** Step 3 - Record in Skyward + Teacher creates discipline referral, Notification to parents through Skyward (auto generated) + lunch detention assigned by Office of Student Accountability (OSA)
 - iv. **Tardy 4:** Step 4 - Record in Skyward +Teacher creates discipline referral + OSA contacts parent/guardian + After School Detention
 - v. **Tardy 5:** Step 5 - Record in Skyward +Teacher creates discipline referral + OSA contacts parent/guardian + Friday School
 - vi. **Tardy 6+:** Step 6 - Record in Skyward +Teacher creates discipline referral = Team AP issuing progressive discipline -Student Staffing w/ parent
 - c. Tardy consequences for special privileges:
 - i. Parking permits revoked for excessive tardiness for **student drivers**
 1. Recommendation: If a student driver exceeds 5 tardies to 1st period, parking permit will be revoked for the remainder of 9 weeks.
 - ii. Senior Incentive revoked for excessive tardiness.
 1. Recommendation: If a Senior Incentive student achieves a level of unacceptable tardiness (more than 1 referral), Senior Incentive privileges will be revoked for the remainder of the semester.
 - d. Tardies start over each nine weeks.

2. **Teacher specifically defines “Tardy” in classroom policies.** For example: *“A student is considered tardy if the student is not (in his/her seat/in the room) when the bell begins ringing.”*
3. Teachers must consistently enforce this policy, steps 1-6 if they expect support and reinforcement from the Office of Student Accountability and the Team Offices.
4. **Students who are habitually tardy** will be, additionally, placed on attendance contracts and will be issued “No Fly List” These students will not be allowed to leave class for any non-emergency reason. Further, these habitually tardy students may lose passing period/before and after school privileges (athletics, club participation, dances etc).

Excused Absences:

Making-up work missed due to absences will be handled in the following way. Upon a return from absence, students will have time equal to the length of their absence to complete missed work. If requesting homework during an illness, requests should be made by 10:00 a.m. Parents may call the grade level office to request homework and pick up books and materials at the end of the day.

Unexcused Absences and Behavioral Consequences:

An absence from school not included as an excused absence is considered an unexcused absence. Excessive period absences may result in disciplinary consequences, course reassignment, or loss of credit. Each team will monitor attendance by period on a daily basis. Student truancy may trigger a behavioral plan as few as two instances. Leaving the school building and/or grounds without permission is truancy.

Truancy:

Truancy is absence from a school all day or for any single period of the day when the absence is initiated by the student without parental consent under circumstances not covered by law (I.R. 20-33-2-4) or recognized by the school. The following circumstances are considered an act of truancy:

- The willful non-attendance by a student not to attend school. This act of non-compliance is not authorized and/or known by the parent/guardian.
- A student does not report for an assigned class during the course of the school day.
- A student misrepresents a pass and does not report to a designated location during the school day.
- An example would be reporting 20 plus minutes late for a class or wandering in the school without reporting promptly to a designated location.
- Habitual tardiness to school may also be considered an instance of truancy.
- Students will be considered a “habitual truant” if they are truant and/or unexcused on a third occurrence.

All Schools will develop and publish attendance guidelines that will include:

- Incentives and rewards to promote positive attendance.
- Means (verbal and/or written) and timelines for communicating absences with undetermined reasons to parents/guardians.
- Means (verbal and/or written) and timelines for communicating excessive absences to parents/guardians
- Behavioral consequences for excessive absences.
- Means (verbal and/or written) and timelines for communicating excessive tardiness to school

and/or classes to parents/guardians.

- Behavioral consequences for excessive tardiness.

Any absence reported by a parent/guardian will be coded. Parents/Guardians should make every effort to communicate with the school before 10:00 am each day of the child's absence or to notify of a scheduled appointment. This communication ensures the safety of the child and gives the school a record of the reason for the absence. Perry Township Schools encourage parents to schedule appointments outside of normal school hours. When this is unavoidable; however, it is recommended that appointment times be rotated to avoid missing the same class. If an appointment is scheduled unexpectedly, please notify the school at least 30 minutes prior to picking up the student. Vacations should not be planned during times when school is in session to avoid excessive absences.

Any absence of truancy will be coded Truant and Unexcused.

Any student who has more than ten (10) absences and is earning a passing grade in a class for which credit is given will receive a Withdraw Pass (WP). However, the student will be given the opportunity to rescue the credit and the agreement to rescue the credit will be decided at the discretion of the school. The student must take ownership of the potential credit loss and make up work and/or time in class.

Absences that will not count toward accumulating excessive absences will be at the discretion of the Principal.

The following are absences NOT counted by Indiana Law:

- Participating in a service as a page in the Indiana General Assembly (documentation required)
- Participating in service by a high school student as a helper for a political party or candidate on the date of an election (documentation required)
- Participating in a subpoena to appear in court (summons required) • Participating in active duty with the Indiana National Guard • Participating in school-sponsored activities

Make-Up Work

All make-up work due to absence must be arranged by the student or parent with the teacher in order to receive full credit. In-School Suspension make-up work will receive full credit if turned in by the arranged due date. Out-of-School Suspension make-up work will receive full credit if turned in by the arranged due date. **Make-up work for truancy will receive no credit.**

Behavior Incentives

Senior Incentive

The senior study hall/lunch incentive earns a senior the right to not be present in the building during their study hall. Seniors have to meet the following criteria:

- 2.5 GPA in previous semester with no F's.
- 16 periods (2 days) of excused absences or less.
- No unexcused absences.
- No more than one Category One referral

Meeting the above criteria and having a written parent permission slip on file earns you the right to participate in this senior study hall/lunch incentive. Every effort is being made to fit your study hall into place for this incentive; however, no academic course will be allowed to be deleted from your schedule. Students only qualify for one (1) semester at a time.

AP Final Exam Policy

Each student in an AP course would be required to take a final exam in the first semester regardless of class grade and/or attendance.

Perfect Attendance Award

Students who achieve perfect attendance for all four years will receive a perfect attendance certificate and will be recognized at the PTA Honors Program in May. Perfect Attendance is defined as no more than half a day (4 periods) of excused absence per semester all four years of high school.

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Bullying

Students of Perry Meridian High School should report any bullying to the Bullying Hotline (789-4499) or a staff member. For district policies on Bullying and cyber bullying please see the appropriate sections in the District Policies. Under IC 20-33-8-0.2 "Bullying" means overt, unwanted, repeated acts or gestures, including verbal or written communications or images transmitted in any manner (including digitally or electronically), physical acts committed, aggression, or any other behaviors, that are committed by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the targeted student and create for the targeted student an objectively hostile school environment.

Career - Preparation for Post-High School Life

The school will develop programs consistent with students' interests, abilities, and potentials, including students with special needs.

Perry Meridian will continue to identify educational opportunities outside its own building and will inform students and parents how to qualify for these opportunities (i.e. Girls' and Boys' State, academic competitions, and career and technical education).

Perry Meridian will encourage students to participate in our democratic process by helping

students register to vote and encourage students to participate in community service for the public good.

Cell Phone Management Plan

Electronic Devices

Perry Township Schools allow for the use of personally owned electronic devices with school official authorization. Unauthorized use of electronic devices brought to school or used on the bus may result in disciplinary action as well as confiscation. Electronic devices will only be returned to a parent or guardian. All confiscated electronic devices must be picked up no later than the end of that given school year.

Use of photo imaging (camera), audio or video recording on any device is strictly prohibited unless explicitly authorized by a school official. Administration reserves the right to search the contents of any device if there is reasonable suspicion to believe that the search will reveal information regarding a violation of school rules. Any use of personally owned devices on school grounds remains subject to the Acceptable Use Policy.

Students are responsible for the security of their device. Student owned devices remain personal property and the school corporation holds no responsibility to repair or replace. As we embrace the advancing technologies in our society, it is critical that we encourage the appropriate use of these devices in our learning community. Cell/Smart phones and other devices may serve as instructional devices and learning tools when used within defined educational parameters. We will continue to allow students the discretion of using their devices during what is considered non-instructional times. This includes before and after school, in the cafeteria during lunch, and during passing times between periods. When the bell rings to start class, these devices must be set in the OFF or SILENT MODE/AIRPLANE MODE and put away. From bell to bell, devices are "Out of Sight and Out of Mind." Our focus during class will remain on teacher instruction and student learning.

Appropriate use during non-instructional periods includes the following expectations/limitations: If a student is listening to music during class exchange times they must use only one earbud in the hallway at all times as this helps in case a safety issue should ever arise. Videos or pictures are **NOT** to be taken at any time during the school day, including while on the bus. This also includes audio segments of discussions that take place during school time.

Social Media is to be limited to constructive exchanges that are directly related to school life without destructive messages that lead to issues within the school. If a situation should arise and it is linked to Social Media in any form, students will be required to surrender their devices immediately. It is also understood that if the device is linked to the incident and reasonable suspicion has been established, the device may be searched. Perry Township School Police may also be involved this inquiry process

Cell phones/electronic devices **must be turned OFF or in Silent Mode/Airplane Mode** and put away when the bell rings to start class, before entering any office including the Athletic office, library, locker rooms, computer lab areas, and auditorium. Students may use their phones at the

discretion of the classroom teacher as it relates to an instructional focus.

When students are in the aforementioned locations, their cell phones/electronic devices must be stored in a location that is not visible to the teacher or other students, even though the device is in the OFF or SILENT MODE. Students taking PE and/or Weight Training must secure their devices in a locker with a lock. Students may only use their devices with teacher approval. Approval must be obtained prior to accessing the device.

If a cell phone/electronic device rings, vibrates, is used for any reason without teacher permission, or is visible anytime during class time, the teacher may confiscate the device WITHOUT QUESTION. We will follow our routine consequences for these types of violation:

- 1st Offense – Student will pick up the phone from the team office at the end of the day
- 2nd Offense – Parent must pick up the phone
- 3rd Offense – Parent must pick up the phone and progressive consequences will begin

*****Please be advised that if the teacher believes this device was being used to violate our Academic Integrity Policy, the contents on the phone may be reviewed.***

Students must also refrain from using their cell phones/electronic devices during other educational periods of time that are considered non instructional times. This may include, but is not limited to class meetings, college meetings, and school assemblies.

Refusal to surrender a cell phone/electronic device when asked is considered defiance. Defiance will result in disciplinary consequences starting with an immediate placement in In-School Suspension (ISS) and not limited to Out-Of-School Suspension (OSS) depending on the circumstances. Parents will be contacted.

[Cell Phone Management Plan](#)

Perry Meridian High School is not responsible for lost and/or phones that are reported as stolen.

Change of Address

If a student changes his/her address, he/she should report the new address promptly to our main office. Proof of residency is required.

Chromebooks

All students are issued a Chromebook, case and charger by the school tech, for a one-time student fee of \$20. Questions and issues should be directed to the technology staff (317-789-3700). To be assigned a Chromebook, students must have a parent/guardian-signed Device Use Agreement on file. Device Use Agreements can be found on Skyward. Students may opt out of having an assigned Chromebook. To opt out, a parent/guardian must sign an opt-out form and the student must bring a working device, capable of running Google (and other Web) applications required for participation in classes. Opt-out forms are available via the school tech. Perry Township Schools is not responsible for loss or damage to personal devices. In the event of a lost or stolen Chromebook, students must fill out a report in the Dean's office and start a payment plan with the treasurer in order to be issued

another Chromebook. If a student incurs \$100 (or more) of charges due to damage, they must start a payment plan as well, before repairs will be made, or devices are replaced. The charges for replacement and repair are as follows:

- Chromebook Replacement \$200
- Charger Replacement \$50
- Case Replacement \$30
- Damage Repair (Cracked screen, keyboard, etc.) \$50

College Visits

At the high school juniors and seniors are granted two college visits per year, one per semester. Any junior or senior requesting additional college visits can submit a request in writing to the Guidance Department. Any freshman or sophomore requesting a college visit can submit a request in writing to the Guidance Department. Approved college visits are coded Absence Not Counted.

Clubs

The following is a list of clubs currently offered at Perry Meridian High School:

Athletic Clubs

Perry Meridian High School is excited to offer club sports. Bowling, and Lacrosse are offered throughout the school year.

Anime Club

Anime Club is a place for any student who loves anime, Japanese video games, chatting about these hobbies, and making friends! Our goal is to be a place for students to feel like they can enjoy their hobbies in a safe and loving environment. We aim to discuss Japanese culture, anime series, and provide a social environment for students interested in these topics.

Art Club

Art Club is designed to give the art student practical experience in the arts. Students will work in areas such as art gallery displays, homecoming activities, planning field trips, commercial artwork, and do projects for the betterment of their community such as mural painting and volunteer work. Art Club students are very involved with Service Learning and various community service activities.

Best Buddies

“Best Buddies is a club that builds one-to-one friendships between people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), offering social mentoring while improving the quality of life and level of inclusion for a population that is often isolated and excluded. Through their participation, people with IDD form meaningful connections with their peers, gain self-confidence and self-esteem, and share interests, experiences and activities that many other individuals enjoy. Best Buddies at the high school level fosters one-to-one friendships between high school students with and without IDD. In this time of heightened social and emotional development that can be difficult even for teenagers without IDD, the Best Buddies High Schools program helps break through social barriers at an important time in a young person’s life.” – Best

Buddies International Website. Our program at PMHS is very inclusive. We invite all to attend meetings and join on our community outings. We have an executive board that plans fun activities and our members are all either buddies, peer buddies and associate members. We hold at least one event every month. We participate in Homecoming events, the Best Buddies Friendship Walk and so much more.

Blue Crew

Blue Crew is Perry Meridian High School's spirit club. Its purpose is to promote involvement in athletic events, extracurricular activities, fundraiser's, etc.

Brain Game

The Perry Meridian Brain Game Club was started in 1977 to sponsor a team to represent Perry Meridian High School in the Brain Game Tournament held each year. Brain Game is an academic buzzer- lockout competition which competes on two levels. The White River Academic League, which fields two teams, a varsity and junior varsity team, competes semi-monthly from October through February. Four members of the varsity team are selected to appear on the Brain Game challenge on television later in the year.

Color Guard

The Winter Guard Program here at PMHS has a long tradition of excellence! We have most recently been an A Class State Finalist and AA Class Champions in Winter Guard. Color guard is considered a Sport of the Arts. It is a demanding physical activity that requires members to learn to manipulate different pieces of equipment (flags, rifles, and sabers). Equipment work is combined with dance, and the resulting routine is choreographed to music. The Color Guard is a part of the band program. It consists of two seasons. The first happens with the Marching Band. The Marching Band performs at various competitions and all of the home football games. The guard will practice separately, as well as with the band during the summer and fall, from May to early November. The second season is called Winter Guard. This competitive season takes place from late November through the middle of March. Winter Guard consists of a show that is choreographed to music and performed in a gym. There are many hours of hard work and dedication required by both the students and the staff. We promise though, that you will find the time both enjoyable and rewarding!

CYBERBLUE Robotics

[CyberBlue Official Website – www.cyberblue234.com](http://www.cyberblue234.com)

Creative Writing Club

Creative Writing Club is an organization designed to promote creativity through student expression. Creative Writing Club is in charge of the literary magazine, a collection of student writing and art, and it also puts on events such as FEST, PB&J, and Mr. Falcon. In order to be in CWC, a person must apply in the spring of the previous school year. Freshmen join in the fall. D.O.R.K. Club (dragons, orcs, raiders, knights).

Empowering Women Empower Women

Environmental Club

Falcon TV

Welcome to Falcon TV Online. Falcon TV broadcasts daily and are uploaded to YouTube for students to see the great things happening at Perry Meridian High School.

Falcon Web Radio

FCA “Fellowship of Christian Athletes”

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is a club designed to give students an opportunity to share and socialize with other Christians. Membership is open to any student, either athlete or non-athlete, who is interested in such a fellowship.

FLOTS - Falcon Leadership Opportunities through Service

Focus

PMHS school newspaper--See Mr. Jordan Winn, jwinn@perryschools.org

French National Honor Society (FNHS)

Students may become a member of this society if they have taken a minimum of three semesters of French at the high school level (middle school French counts for two semesters if a student successfully completes French 2 their freshman year). Must have an overall Academic GPA of 3.5 and an overall 3.6 GPA in French. Students complete service –learning projects, projects to promote French language learning and activities related to French culture.

German National Honor Society (GNHS)

Students may become a member of this society if they have taken a minimum of three semesters of German at the high school level (middle school German counts for two semesters if a student successfully completes German 2 their freshman year). Must have an overall Academic GPA of 3.5 and an overall 3.6 GPA in German. Students complete service –learning projects, projects to promote German language learning and activities related to German culture. If you are interested in membership, see Mrs. Westerhouse in room 7B.

International Ambassadors Club

Key Club

Any Falcon dedicated to helping others, serving the school, or improving the community will discover KEY CLUB the service club to join! The purpose of KEY CLUB is best summed up in its motto: Caring—Our Way of Life. We are an award-winning group! As a service organization many of the club’s projects and activities will be conducted after school, during the evenings, or on weekends, making it the perfect club for Falcons actively participating in school or extra-curricular activities. And, as a year-round club, a KEY CLUBBER may be more involved with KEY CLUB during those seasons when they have fewer conflicts and more time. Organization: student

officers, a student board of directors, with representatives from all grade levels, and student committees, will plan, organize and manage all club service projects. Dues entitle members to a local, state and national network. The Downtown Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis, Inc. sponsors KEY CLUB. Join KEY CLUB and make a difference! Open to all students, grades 9-12.

Link Crew

Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen, and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, Link Crew trains members of the junior and senior class to be Link Leaders. As positive role models, Link Leaders are motivators, leaders, and teachers who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school. Through this program, students learn that people at school care about them and their success. The mission of the Link Crew is to increase attendance, decrease discipline referrals, and improve academic performance in the school. Link Crew is responsible for an upbeat, exciting, Freshmen Orientation before school starts and follow-ups (social and academic) throughout the entire school year. Link Crew is a fun, exciting, program that gets the freshman class enthusiastic about high school before the year even starts, while developing upperclassmen into school leaders and role models.

Marching Band

The Marching Falcons are composed of hard working, talented, and dedicated students from 8th – 12th grade. The Marching Band has three main sections, the Winds (Woodwinds and Brass), the Percussion (Marching and Pit), and the Color Guard. The Marching Band will practice separately, as well as with the other sections during the summer and fall. The Marching band season lasts from May to October. We will be competing in ISSMA. ISSMA is now offering a “Scholastic” competitive division that will be based on band size (not school size), just like the Mid States circuit we have been competing in over the last several years. The students and staff of the Perry Meridian High School Marching Falcons would like to invite you to participate in the PMHS Marching Falcon Band! For more information please visit falconbands.org!

Math League

Math League is open to any student who has passed Algebra 1 (a and b). League members take the monthly test designed by the INDIANA MATHEMATICS LEAGUE. The tests begin in October and continue through March. They are offered the second week of each month. Each test consists of 6 questions, which feature simple brainteasers through rigorous advanced mathematics. Students have 30 minutes per test. Tests are administered after school. Students sign up with their classroom math teacher.

Musicals

PMHS has a long-standing reputation for producing high-quality musical theater productions. The school produces two musicals each school year: one in the fall, which is prepared primarily over fall break, and one in the spring. Students are involved in every aspect of the productions, including performing on stage, playing in the orchestra pit, working on the set, and fulfilling technical jobs. Performers are selected through an audition and technical crew members through an application

process. For more information, visit www.perrymusicals.com.

National Honor Society

To be considered for membership a student must have earned an overall G.P.A. of 3.75 or above by the end of the 4th or 6th semester. Students who qualify academically are then evaluated according to the remaining three charges of the National Honor Society, namely Character, Leadership, and Service. The National Honor Society Board based in Washington, D.C. prescribes these requirements. The sponsors are non-voting members of a five-member Faculty Council entrusted with final decision-making. A student who has been initiated into the National Honor Society at another high school should contact a sponsor when he/she transfers in.

Quiz Bowl Club

Quiz Bowl Club is an academic buzzer lockout competition which competes on two levels. As a member of White River Academic League, a varsity and a junior varsity team compete against other local high schools semi-monthly from October through February. In addition, four individuals on the varsity team are selected to appear on the Brain Game challenge hosted by WTHR in Indianapolis. Membership is open year round to anyone who has a broad base of knowledge and quick recall.

REACH (Respect Everyone and Coexist Happily)

REACH is focused on addressing issues that our LGBTQ+ students face and encouraging open discussion to foster an atmosphere of acceptance and understanding.

School Plays

Perry Meridian produces two plays during the school year. The plays are selected by the director and approved by the Administration. Students must be passing in all subjects to qualify as cast members and are expected to maintain their academic standing throughout scheduled rehearsals. The cast is selected at announced auditions. Cooperation and reliability are considered as well as aptitude for acting. Backstage assignments are based upon aptitude, character, dependability, and academic records. Crew jobs involve stage managing, properties, costumes, make-up, lighting, set construction, and publicity.

Spanish National Honor Society (SNHS)

Students may become a member of this society if they have taken a minimum of three semesters of Spanish at the high school level (middle school Spanish counts for two semesters if a student successfully completes German 2 their freshman year). Must have an overall Academic GPA of 3.5 and an overall 3.6 GPA in Spanish. Students complete service-learning projects, projects to promote Spanish language learning and activities related to Spanish culture.

Speech Club

Students in the Speech Club participate in various areas of public speaking, discussion, radio, and interpretation of drama and poetry. The Speech Team comes out of this club, and trips are made to

other schools throughout the state where the team participates in speech contests sponsored by the Indiana High School Forensic Association. Membership is open to those students interested in gaining poise and experience in speech who maintain an overall grade point average of at least 2.0 (C). As a result of active membership, a student may be initiated into the National Forensic League, a national speech honorary.

STUVO (Student Voice, Class Officers)

StuVo's mission is to unite PMHS through enthusiastic, informed communication in order to build school pride. The members of Student Voice are elected to provide a representative voice for the Perry Meridian High School student body. The group aims to strengthen relationships with the faculty and the administration, while cultivating student citizenship and spirit. Members will consist of elected class officers and representatives. The class officers—president, vice-president, secretary, and representatives—should be people who are industrious and reliable. It will be expected that all class officers will play an active role in the school and represent PMHS with dignity, enthusiasm, and integrity. All officers are elected in May to serve the following year. A seven-semester graduate cannot run.

World Language Club

The World Language Club provides students a closer look at other countries' cultures and customs. Members learn about traditional holidays and celebrations through food, field trips, and varying activities. In past years' members enjoyed activities like a lock in, Chinese New Year, Oktoberfest and Mardi Gras celebrations, as well as Field Trips to a local Mexican grocery store and a dairy farm. A one-time membership fee is required. Fee includes a WL T-shirt if registered by the end of August.

[Code of Student Conduct](#)

Effective discipline is an important and necessary prerequisite for effective learning. Rules and regulations are intended to create a positive educational environment. The school holds students accountable for their behavior and expects them to live with the consequences of their decisions. With this goal in mind, the Perry Schools Board of Education endorses the following Code of Student Conduct at Perry Meridian High School under Board Policy 5500 guidelines.

Intent and Purpose

The Board of Education is required to adopt a set of rules and regulations designed to maintain order and discipline necessary for effective learning.

The Board of Education's primary concern is that students who wish to learn can do so in an environment conducive to learning and that reasonable disciplinary and prescriptive means be employed to deal with those who would impair or deny such an environment. The full objective of this code is to ensure fair and equitable handling of disciplinary problems. This Code of Student Conduct is intended to standardize procedures to guarantee equally the rights of every student at Perry Meridian High School. The student discipline code explains the types of conduct which will lead to disciplinary action. This code is meant to be a guideline for student behavior and may not address all behaviors. Because a behavior is not included does not mean it cannot be addressed

nor is it exempt from disciplinary action. This discipline code shall be made available to all students and available in a central location within each school building in the district.

Scope of Jurisdiction

This Code of Student Conduct is in effect while students are under the authority of school personnel or involved in any school activity. This includes but is not limited to school buses and property under the control of school authorities, and while at inter-scholastic competitions, extracurricular events, or other school activities or programs.

This Code of Student Conduct also specifically refers to: misconduct by a student that occurs off school district property but is connected to activities or incidents that have occurred on school district property and misconduct by a student that, regardless of where it occurs, is directed at a district official or employee or the property of an official or employee.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students attend Perry Meridian High School under the direction of state law and with the full benefits of constitutional protection of their rights as citizens and may, therefore, act, speak, and behave as young citizens within a large scope of options. Students have a right to reasonable treatment from the school and its employees. The school has a right to expect reasonable behavior from all students. Freedom carries with it responsibilities for all concerned. In the event that consequences are justified and warranted, students will be afforded their procedural due process rights and fundamental fairness.

Student Disciplinary Infractions and Consequences

A violation of any school rule may result in disciplinary action. Disciplinary actions include, but are not restricted to, the following: oral reprimand, counseling, parental conferences, denial of privileges, detention, removal from class or school activity, in-school suspension, Friday School, emergency removal and referral to law enforcement agencies, suspension, alternatives to suspension programs, or expulsion.

[Behavioral Guidelines \(po5500\)](#)

General Building Guidelines at Perry Meridian High School:

“Freedom with Respect and Responsibility” is the theme that governs the conduct and behavior of Perry Meridian High School students. All students are expected to demonstrate self-control and appropriate behavior. Students must:

- Be on time and well-prepared for school each day.
- Respect the rights of all others to enjoy a productive and positive educational environment.
- Strive to work to the best of their ability, and accept their responsibility for being a productive student.
- Be active and positive in all school activities and your high school life.

School rules apply during school, on school grounds, on school buses, walking to and from school and at bus stops, while participating in or attending school-related activities on or off school grounds, or as otherwise provided herein, or while engaging in any conduct which directly affects the good order, management, and welfare of the school. (See Scope of

Jurisdiction.)

Behavioral Guidelines - Teacher Discipline Plan

Each teacher will design and implement his/her own discipline plan for the classroom which will be approved by the building administrator. This plan can include but not be limited to the following procedures:

- Student/Teacher Conference and Parent Notification - Verbal Warning
- Student/Teacher Conferences and Parent Notification – Teacher Contacts Parents
- Student/Teacher/Counselor/Assistant Principal Conference and Parent Notification – Progressive Discipline assigned
- Student/Teacher/Counselor/Assistant Principal/Parent Conference – Progressive Discipline assigned

Definitions and Consequences

The following is a list of the types of consequences that are used at Perry Meridian High School. Disciplinary actions will generally be progressive in nature; administration may repeat and/or omit steps in the process pursuant to professional judgment as it relates to specific conditions. In addition, and when necessary, the disciplinary actions of suspension or expulsion may be carried over to the next school year.

Lunch Detentions

Lunch detentions will be served in the In-School Suspension (ISS) room during a student's lunch, and may be assigned by any classroom teacher after having previously issued a verbal warning and contacted a parent. Students can complete unfinished homework or assignments during their detention.

*If students miss lunch detention that student is given an opportunity to make it up the next day. After two consecutive missed lunch detentions, students will serve a full day of in school suspension the following day.

After School Detentions (ASD)

**** (2:00-2:45 M/Tu/Th/F, or 1:35-2:20 on Wed)**

Teachers or administrators may assign a 30 minute after school detention. Students are required to bring academic materials and/or reading material to remain busy for the entire period. Transportation is the responsibility of the student and/or parent. An After-School Detention may be used in conjunction with the PMHS attendance buy-back program.

Friday School

**** (2:00 pm - 4:00 pm)**

Friday School may be assigned for violations of the Student Code of Conduct, as a means by which students can buy back attendance hours, or as a means of mandatory academic assistance. It can also be used as an alternative to out-of-school suspension. Students are expected to be prompt and bring enough schoolwork and reading material to keep them busy for the duration of Friday School. Students not bringing work to do, sleeping, or behaving in an unacceptable manner will not receive credit for Friday School and will be referred to the building administrator for progressive discipline. Parents and students will be notified via phone call or

message at least one (1) day in advance of a Friday School assignment so that transportation, work arrangements, etc., can be worked out.

****Failure to serve** a Friday School assignment will result in additional discipline which may include ISS assignments or progress to an out-of-school suspension

In-School Suspension (ISS)

In-School Suspension is a consequence issued in which students are isolated from other students for partial or full school days. The student is considered "in attendance" for attendance purposes. The student will make up any work missed in the regular classroom while in the In-School Suspension room. Students may choose to purchase a sack lunch or bring lunch from home.

Students assigned to ISS may NOT participate in any co-curricular practices or events on any day they are placed in this room for a half day or longer.

****Failure to serve an ISS** assignment due to non compliance of the academic or behavioral expectations will result in the student being removed from school and issued an Out of School Suspension (OSS), defined below. Upon reinstatement to school the student will report back to ISS for the initial number of days issued.

Confiscation

Surrendering of items/objects that are illegal, inappropriate, or disruptive/distracting to the educational process. All items will be kept by the administration; items may be returned at the conclusion of the day at the discretion of the administrator, or returned to parent/guardian during non-school hours. Illegal items will be turned over to the proper authorities.

Loss of Bus Privilege

A repeated non-compliance with bus behavioral expectations outlined by the district may result in a loss of bus services for a prescribed length of time. A serious violation may result in a student's bus riding privilege being revoked indefinitely.

School Removal

Temporary Removal

When a student is disruptive or insubordinate, he/she may be temporarily removed from class/study hall/hallway/cafeteria or other area for an amount of time to be determined by the administration. Students may also be excluded from an activity and denied the right to participate.

Emergency Removal

There are occasions when a student's behavior poses a threat to the safety of themselves or others, or may result in physical damage to property. When these instances occur, it is reasonable and prudent for school officials to conduct an emergency removal of the child from the school premises, pending disciplinary action.

Removal types are listed below:

Administrator Removal

If a student's presence and behavior pose a continuing danger to persons or property or disrupts or threatens to disrupt the learning process, the superintendent, principal, or other school administrator may remove the student from the school premises for a period not to exceed three (3) school days. If it is intended that the pupil be removed from a co-curricular activity or extra-curricular activity for more than twenty-four (24) hours, a hearing will be scheduled within three school days after the removal has been ordered.

Parent(s), guardian(s), or custodian(s) will be notified by telephone prior to enacting of the impending removal and reasons for it. Written notice of the hearing, the reason for the removal, and intended disciplinary action will be provided to the student and parents prior to the hearing.

Teacher Removal

If a student's presence and behavior pose a continuing danger to persons or property, disrupts, or threatens to disrupt the learning process, the teacher may remove the student from curricular or co-curricular activities under his/her supervision with the following conditions:

- Disruptive students are to be sent to the office as soon as possible. If a student becomes agitated and is considered to be in a volatile state a call should be made to the appropriate grade level office. The specific reasons for removal by the teacher must be submitted in writing to the administrator as soon as practical after removal. The administrator will review the referral and the appropriate action will be taken.
- A student who is removed from an extra-curricular or co-curricular activity that is taking place after school hours must leave the campus immediately.
- When a teacher removes a student from a class or co-curricular activity the teacher must contact the parent/guardian. The administrator will make appropriate arrangements for a reinstatement meeting with the teacher and the student prior to the students returning to the classroom or activity.

Community Service

The Superintendent or his or her designee may require a student to perform community service in conjunction with or in place of suspension and expulsion. Community service may be performed at school related events. Perry Meridian High School may also utilize a diversion program in conjunction with the school Administrative Team and Perry Township Police.

Suspension (OSS)

Suspension means the student may not come to school, attend classes, or any school events home or away. A suspension can be up to 10 school days; at the time the suspension is imposed if there are less than 10 school days remaining in the school year the suspension can be extended into the next school year. Students are under the supervision and jurisdiction of his or her parents or guardians. Students coming onto school property while they are under suspension

will be charged by police for trespassing without prior permission from the administration.

The suspension begins on the date designated by the administrator and ends the morning of the student's return. Students remain suspended throughout the appeals process unless directed by the Superintendent or his or her designee. Modifications may be applied to out-of-school suspensions to reduce the number of days suspended. Failure to comply with the stipulations stated in the suspension notification will result in the full suspension as outlined in the Code of Student Conduct. Community service may also be required in conjunction with a suspension.

A student who is issued a 10-day suspension is required to attend a reinstatement meeting which will be conducted upon the return to school. Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s) must attend this mandatory meeting with his/her child.

Expulsion

Expulsion from school is only used as a last resort against a student who habitually breaks school rules. Expulsion can occur on a student's first offense, if it is of a very serious nature. It is not possible to list every reason why a student could be expelled. Each case will be handled on an individual basis and may have any number of extenuating circumstances. The expulsion itself can be the removal of a student for more than 10 days, but not more than one year.

An expulsion can extend beyond the end of the school year. If there are fewer school days than the expulsion days remaining in the school year, the Superintendent may apply any remaining part or all of the period of the expulsion to the following school year. This means that the student does not attend school, and is not allowed the opportunity to do any make-up work or attend any school functions. The Superintendent may require a student to perform community service in conjunction with an expulsion.

Any student who is pending expulsion may be asked to submit to a mandatory drug test within 24 hours of the incident which has caused the necessary expulsion.

****A student who is already the subject of an emergency removal, a suspension, or an expulsion, shall not enter upon any District property without the express permission of school officials. Violation of this policy will result in additional consequences including notification to the Perry Schools Police. **A student who is already the subject of an emergency removal, a suspension, or an expulsion, shall not enter upon any District property without the express permission of school officials. Violation of this policy will result in additional consequences including notification to the Perry Schools Police.**

Automatic Expulsion for One Year

Indiana Code states that the Superintendent must expel a student for one year for bringing a firearm, destructive device on school property, in a school vehicle or to any school-sponsored event.

FIREARMS

The definition of a firearm is any weapon (including a starter's gun) which will or is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; including the frame or

receiver of any such weapon and any firearm muffler or silencer or any destructive device (as defined in 18 U.S.C.A. Section 921), which includes any explosive, incendiary or poisonous gas, bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one ounce, mine or device similar to any of the devices described above.

DEADLY WEAPON/DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT

Deadly weapons and dangerous instruments include any object which is used or may be used to inflict physical harm or property damage. These include knives (defined but not limited to any cutting instrument consisting of a sharp or pointed blade fastened to a handle) and other dangerous objects of no reasonable use to the student at school (including normal school supplies like pencils or compasses) which a reasonable person might consider, under the circumstances, capable of harming a person or property.

DESTRUCTIVE DEVICE

The term "destructive device" means any fireworks, explosive, incendiary, or noxious irritant or poison gas, such as a bomb or grenade. In the case of any violation related to a destructive device, the student may be expelled from school by the Superintendent for a period of one calendar year. In the case of any violation related to serious physical harm to a person(s) or property, the student may be expelled from school by the Superintendent for the period of one calendar year.

Police Referral

Perry Police will work closely with students/parents and the court system to attempt to modify a student's negative behavior. Certain Code of Student Conduct violations warrant the notification and involvement of our school corporation police and local law enforcement agencies.

Police Charges

Any student who violates a law may be subject to police charges and referred to Township law enforcement, whereby a student may be detained, and/or issued a summons to court.

Search and Seizure

Students possess the right of privacy as well as freedom from unreasonable search and seizure of property. This individual right, however, is balanced by the school's responsibility to protect the health, safety and welfare of its students. The Principal and his or her designees are permitted to search the person and personal property (purse, backpack, gym bag, etc.) of a student, including vehicles parked on campus, where there is reason to believe that evidence will be obtained indicating the student's violation of either the law or school rules. Under the condition of "reasonable suspicion" school authorities may seize any items that violate school or criminal laws. The Perry Meridian High School Administration may conduct lockdowns and canine searches of the campus and parking lots at PMHS.

Categories of Offenses

Category I - Minor Violations

Category I violations include behavior that is inconsistent with the school system's mission or disrupts or interferes with the education of oneself and/or other students.

Statement

Disciplinary actions in general will be progressive in nature; the principal and his or her designee at each respective building will use a progressive ladder that is age and developmentally appropriate. The administration may repeat and/or omit steps in the process pursuant to professional judgment as it relates to specific conditions and intent of the student.

These examples of misconduct may result in penalties based on seriousness and disciplinary history which are cumulative for any offense in this section. Administrative discretion may be exercised based upon the seriousness and circumstances of the misconduct that pertain to the Code of Student Conduct violation.

Academic Integrity

See [Academic Integrity Policy](#)

Bus Misconduct

No student, while under the authority of a school bus driver, may interfere with the safe operation of the bus through destructive actions or words either to other students, the bus driver or passing motorists. Bus misconduct will result in disciplinary action which may include loss of bus-riding privileges.

Cafeteria Violations

Cafeteria misconduct includes: throwing food or other objects, leaving lunch tray or litter on cafeteria tables or floor in the cafeteria area, sitting on the tables, running, removing food from the cafeteria without permission, pushing, shoving, teasing or cutting in line, and ruining another student's lunch. Cafeteria misconduct will result in loss of cafeteria privileges.

Combative Acts (Arguing)

Students may not argue or behave aggressively in any Perry Meridian High School learning environment.

Disrespect (Minor)

Students may not behave rudely or discourteously to others. Disrespect may be categorized as a more major offense, depending upon the severity, particularly if it occurs in a classroom setting or directed by a Perry Meridian High School staff member (see CATEGORY II).

Disruption of Class/Study Hall Or Any General Misconduct

Students may be disciplined for any other misconduct which, although not detailed herein, is determined by school authorities which disrupts or interferes with the educational process.

Distributing Materials without Permission

Students may not pass out materials in the building without permission of the principal, and may not distribute any materials in a disruptive manner.

Driving/Parking

Any student driving to school must keep his/her vehicle under control at all times, follow established safety procedures, and comply with school parking regulations. **The speed limit in the PMHS parking lot is 10 mph.** Failure to follow these guidelines may result in the student's driving privileges being revoked. While parked on school property, student vehicles are subject to routine patrols and exterior inspections which may be conducted without notice, without the student's consent, and without a search warrant. The inside of student vehicles may also be searched when school officials have reasonable suspicion to believe that illegal or unauthorized materials are contained therein. **For more details, see PARKING REGULATIONS section of the Handbook.**

Electronic Devices/Cell Phones

[SEE CELL PHONE MANAGEMENT PLAN](#)

Failure to Accept Discipline or Consequences

No student shall refuse to accept discipline or consequence from teachers, school officials, teacher aides, or other authorized school personnel, nor shall any student violate the conditions of student suspension as specified in the student suspension notice to parents.

Improper Hallway Conduct

Behaving improperly includes running, loud/boisterous activities, or being in the halls without permission. This also includes the inappropriate and excessive showing of affection for another person in a physical manner that is disruptive to the educational environment.

Insubordination/Non-Compliance

Students shall comply with the reasonable requests, directives and orders of teachers, student teachers, educational aides, substitute teachers, principals, or other authorized school personnel during any period of time when they are properly subjected to the authority of the school. Verbal and written abuse, including insults and intimidation, will not be tolerated. It shall be considered "insubordination" for anyone to disobey or fail to comply with, which is a part of this code, directives of authorized school personnel. Insubordination may be considered a category II violation if it is chronic, highly disruptive, or accompanied by disrespect.

Lighters/Matches/Other

The unauthorized use or possession of matches, lighters or other flame producing devices on school property is not permitted.

Littering

Students are not permitted to throw paper or other trash on school floors or outside grounds, and may be subject to community service if they litter.

Loitering/Trespassing

Loitering is defined as a student's presence in a restricted area at an unauthorized time. Loitering is congregating in an area within the school without an intended purpose. No student shall enter

upon school grounds or enter any school building to which the student is not assigned after school hours except for purposes of attending or participating in a school-sponsored event in which his/her regularly assigned school is involved or where students from his/her regularly assigned school has been invited to attend or participate. Students are not permitted on school grounds after dark when there are no scheduled activities.

****A student who is already the subject of an emergency removal, a suspension, or an expulsion, shall not enter upon any District property without the express permission of school officials. Violation of this policy will result in additional consequences including notification to the Perry Schools Police.**

Misconduct at Any School Sponsored Extracurricular Activities

A student who has been accepted or qualified to participate in a school-sponsored or related extracurricular activity shall not behave in any manner which, in the sole discretion of school authorities, disrupts or tends to interfere with the conduct of that activity and shall not violate the rules, regulations, or policies which govern participation in an extracurricular activity which rules, regulations or policies are provided to participants and made part of this code. Students attending any school-sponsored or related activity shall not behave in any manner which, in the sole discretion of school authorities, disrupts or tends to interfere with the conduct of that activity. Students will be excluded from attending if found to be in violation of these behavioral expectations.

Misuse of School Property

Students are not permitted to use school property for any purpose other than that for which it was intended. If no damage results, students will be charged with misuse of school property; however, if damage results from misuse, students will be charged with damage or destruction of school property. School property includes books, supplies, equipment, and the school building. Misuse of technology/equipment may be upgraded to a higher category.

Refusal to Identify Self

Students are subject to school discipline for failing to provide proper identification or refusing to give the correct name when asked by a staff member (may be classified as a category II based upon the seriousness of the incident).

Tardiness and Truancy

Students are required by law to regularly attend school. A student shall not be absent from school or an assigned location for all or part of any school day without school authorization and parental consent, and shall be considered truant when he/she is absent from school for any portion of the school day. Excessive tardiness shall also be considered truancy. Leaving the school building and/or grounds without permission is truancy. See [Attendance Policy](#).

Verbal Abuse or Use of Profane Language (General)

No student shall use profane, vulgar, racially or religiously derogatory, abusive, or otherwise disrespectful language in any school building areas during school hours or at any school-sponsored or related activities or events.

CATEGORY II - Major Violations

Category II violations include behavior that disrupts or interferes with the education of oneself and/or other students and are more likely to result in hurting people or damaging property. **(NOTE: Any of the above Category I violations may be escalated to Category II violations if they are “gross” or repeated in nature.)**

These examples of misconduct may be specific or cumulative and may result in in school or out of school suspension.

Acts of Retaliation

No one shall retaliate against an employee or student because he or she files a grievance or assists or participates in an investigation, proceeding or hearing regarding violations of the Code of Student Conduct or school policies and procedures. These include but are not limited to actions that can be covert and non-verbal in nature.

Cyber Bullying

The act with the intent to demean and/or the repetitive and hostile behavior with the intent to harm others through the use of information and communication technologies and other web-based/online sites are strictly prohibited. Examples include, but not limited to, include: Posting slurs, circulating gossip or rumors, sending abusive or threatening e-mail/text messages/instant messages or posting to web sites embarrassing photographs or videos of students, staff or other school employees. Such behaviors are prohibited on or immediately adjacent to school grounds, at any school-sponsored activity, in any district publication, through the use of any district-owned or operated communication tools, including but not limited to District e-mail accounts and/or computers.

Libel

Libel is considered a written or oral defamatory statement or representation that conveys an unjustly unfavorable impression. A statement or representation that is published without just cause and tending to expose another to public contempt.

Fraud/Identity Theft

Students and parents should be cautioned that creating fraudulent web pages (e.g.: Snapchat, YouTube, Instagram, or other similar websites) under another person’s identity is considered a crime.

Damage or Destruction of Property

No student may willfully damage or destroy school property, property belonging to students or staff or damage said property by misusing. It shall be the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian to pay for any damage caused by the student. Acts of vandalism may be referred to law enforcement.

Demonstrating without Written Permission from Principal or Designee

Gathering in the school or on school grounds for the purpose of protesting that would substantially and materially disrupt the normal educational activities is not permitted. “Demonstrating” includes display of flags, signs, posters or other materials associated with protests that could be deemed

disruptive.

Excessive Tardiness

Students tardy to class in excess of 7 instances per grading period are subject to progressive discipline up to and including lunch removal, after school detention and Friday School. A “tardy” is defined as arriving for a scheduled class after the bell rings, and is either “in the doorway” or “in the seat, ready to learn.” The distinction is made by the individual classroom teacher. Excessive tardiness will be addressed first by the attendance office, and then by the team offices.

Failure to Accept Assigned Punishment

Students must complete punishments assigned by teachers and administrators, or be subject to progressive discipline.

Fighting/Physical Confrontation

A student shall not cause physical injury or behave in any way which could threaten to cause physical injury to other students, professional staff, employees or guests who are visiting the school or attending any school-sponsored and supervised activity. This includes, but is not limited to, hitting and other inappropriate contact. Each item is detailed below:

- Fighting. Fighting is defined as the act of striking another person. Students involved in fighting on school property, school owned vehicles, or in attendance at any school sponsored activity will be suspended or recommended for expulsion.
- Physical Confrontation. A physical confrontation is defined as, but not limited to, the act of inappropriate contact which may include pushing, shoving or throwing objects at another person. This also includes the actions of a student(s) who exchange comments and posture up in a position that is perceived as confrontational. Any student involved in a physical confrontation on school property, school owned vehicles, or in attendance at any school sponsored activity will be subject to school discipline, including suspension.

Fireworks

Students are prohibited from possessing, selling, or giving away any type of fireworks, firecrackers, smoke bombs, stink bombs, or any other recreational device that could be considered a danger to the school or those therein. This offense may escalate to a Category III, depending on the level of disruption and/or danger it causes.

Forgery

Students may not sign the name of another person, alter dates, times, grades, or other important information.

Gambling

No student shall engage in or promote games of chance, place a bet, or risk anything of value on school grounds, at school-sponsored or related school functions off school grounds, or any other time the student is subject to school authority.

Gross Disruption

Students are prohibited from behaviors that cause a substantial disruption to the learning environment at Perry Meridian High School.

Gross Insubordination

Gross Insubordination is defined as failing to obey reasonable, fair, and proper instructions, directions, or rules of any staff member.

Harassment/Bullying

Good conduct shows respect for all. No student shall engage or direct towards another person profane and/or abusive comments. For the purpose of this Code of Student Conduct, the terms harassment (“harass”), intimidation, hazing and bullying includes, but is not limited to, conduct with any intentional verbal, written, graphic or physical acts, including electronically transmitted acts, either overt or covert, by a student or group of students towards other students/school personnel with the intent to haze, intimidate, insult, injure, threaten, ridicule, humiliate or otherwise persistently annoy. No student shall harass any other student, school employee, community member or school visitor on the basis of color, race, national origin, religion, age, and disability status or other protected characteristics.

Hall Traffic Regulations

Disruptive behavior will not be permitted in the halls at any time. Between classes students are to keep moving to prevent congestion in the halls. Students are to go to and from the cafeteria quickly and safely. No running is allowed. Students are not to be standing for excessive periods of time. During the class periods, students must have a valid pass to be in the hall.

Hazing

Hazing is defined as acting or coercing another, including the victim, to participate in any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. No student shall invite, participate in, coerce, require or request any other student or students to engage in any activity which might degrade, disgrace, or tend to injure, degrade or disgrace or create embarrassment or the risk of physical or mental harm.

The Board of Education believes that hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and prohibits all such activities at any time in school facilities, on school property, and at any school sponsored events. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by any individual subjected to hazing will not lessen the prohibition contained in this Policy, and will not exempt any student from discipline under this Policy.

Loitering

Students are not permitted to be anywhere in or around the school without written permission. The only exceptions to this are during school hours, under direct supervision of a staff member, or as part of a board approved extra curricular, athletic, or service activity.

Lying and/or Cheating

Students shall not tell stories that are not true, copy another’s assignments or tests (plagiarism) or allow another student to copy one’s work.

Membership in Unauthorized Clubs or Secret Societies

Students are not permitted to start or join an unauthorized club or organization that meets on

school premises. All clubs must be authorized by the principal and/or via the Administrative Council. See [Clubs](#).

On School Property During Suspension or Pending Expulsion

No students may be on school property at any time they are serving a suspension, or in the process of awaiting an alternative to expulsion meeting, manifestation determination hearing, or due process expulsion hearing. The lone exception to this is via expressed consent of a school administrator.

Over the Counter Drug Violations

Students may not sell, give away or accept nonprescription substances to or from other students or school personnel. This may be classified as Category III based on misrepresentations of substance.

Repeated Violations of School Rules

No student shall repeatedly fail to comply with school rules and regulations or with directions of teachers, student teachers, teacher aides, principals, or other authorized school personnel.

Trespassing

Students may not be in or around school property after school hours without permission or supervision. Students who are repeatedly in violation of this directive, or who have loitered and been warned, may be issued a citation from the Perry police. Failure to comply with written police warnings may result in escalation to a Category III and arrest.

Truancy (Leaving School Grounds Without Permission)

Truancy can extend beyond missing classes in-school, or willful full day truancy (e.g. "missing the bus on purpose"). If students leave school grounds without permission they are subject to consequences up to and including placement in police custody until suspension can be administered.

Tobacco/Smoking

The use of any tobacco products by students is prohibited. This applies to all school sponsored events and extracurricular activities both on school property and away from school. Use includes possession. Smoking is defined as holding a tobacco product, whether lit or unlit or having held it and tossed it aside. Tobacco products include cigarettes, cigars, electronic cigarettes or "**vapes**," chewing tobacco, "KP," snuff, pipe or loose tobacco, and any other product containing tobacco or a means of nicotine delivery.

Technology/Acceptable Use/Internet Safety Policy

The prohibition of this Section includes, but is not limited to, intentional damage or destruction of computer hard drives or materials stored on a hard drive, any form of computer piracy, and any improper usage of the Internet or other on line agencies. Students must have a signed Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy on file to use the electronic media services offered by the District. Violations within this agreement may also include loss of this privilege for an indefinite period of time.

- Improper Access of Computers and the Network System. Students shall not use, download or load unauthorized or inappropriate software on school computers.
- Vandalizing or Sabotaging the School Computer System. Students shall not vandalize or

- sabotage any computer, computer program, or equipment related to the computer system.
- Unauthorized Use of Computer Passwords. Students shall not use another person's password for any purpose. Sharing of passwords is a breach of computer security.

Computer Usage

- Students may not name files with offensive names or use offensive language or obscenities within their files.
- Students may only run network software or circulating IMC software. They may not use software from another source or use the hard drives of the computers without permission. They may not install any software or games to the network or hard drives of the computers.
- Students may not play games on the computers, unless they are educational games provided by PMHS for educational purposes.
- Students may not alter, delete, or copy program or configuration files from the network, hard drives or boot disks.
- Students may print only work done for a class or teacher. Students may be charged for other items printed.
- Students may not interfere with someone else's work or use of a computer.

Violation of the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) **Violation of the student AUP will result in not being allowed to use the Internet.** All student Google Drive files are accessible to teachers, administrators, counselors and system operators. This means your files can be read at any time.

- Pictures, graphs, maps, large files with multiple fonts or, Print Shop, take several minutes to print. They should be printed only for a specific assignment from a teacher. Check these for accuracy and preview on the screen prior to printing to prevent repeated printing for corrections.
- Memory devices, such as flash drives or jump drives, connecting to the district network or district computers fall under the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and may be accessed by township technicians or administrators.
- Students may NOT use the desktop or Chromebook cameras for non-school-related purposes.
- Students may NOT listen to music on the computer unless it is part of a school-related assignment.
- The only acceptable storage devices for students to use on our computers and network (other than the network itself) are flash drives (sometimes called thumb drives).

Category III - Illegal and/or Intolerable Acts

Category III violations include behavior that not only violates school rules but may also be against Federal and State laws. For any student found guilty, after due process, of the offenses listed in Category III, the Board of Education expects Principals to come forward with recommendations for expulsion. The Hearing Officer may use the Restorative Justice Intervention Strategy as an alternative to expulsion. The Board will review those decisions on a monthly basis with the principal and the Superintendent.

****Any of the above Category II violations may be escalated to Category III violations if they are “gross” or repeated in nature.**

The above examples of misconduct may result in up to a 10-day suspension along with a possible recommendation for expulsion and police notification due to the more serious nature of these offenses. The intent of the student will be given consideration and the consequences will reflect the seriousness of the situation.

The following violations may be against both Federal and State laws:

Alcohol/Controlled Substances/Drugs/Narcotics/Inhalant Steroids

The Board recognizes that the misuse of drugs is a serious problem with legal, physical, and social implications for the whole school community. As the education institution of this community, the schools should strive to prevent drug abuse and help drug abusers by educational means.

During school, summer school, travel on any school provided transportation or at any school-sponsored activity held on or off school property, students shall not knowingly possess, buy, sell, use, supply, transfer, apply or be under the influence of any drug. “Possession” includes, with limitation, retention on a student’s person or in a student’s book bag, purse, wallet, locker, desk or automobile parked on school property. The mere odor present on a student validates reasonable suspicion and is grounds for suspension

For purposes of this policy, “drugs” shall mean: All dangerous controlled substances as so designated and prohibited by Indiana statute; chemicals that release toxic vapors or fumes; alcoholic beverages; prescription or patent drug: These prohibitions also extend to prescription drugs, unless prescribed by a licensed physician for the student in question, and kept in the original container with the student’s name and with directions for proper use. Prescription medications shall be kept in the school clinic except those that are allowed by law to be carried by students (i.e. Inhalers, EpiPens). Any substance that is a “look-alike” to any of the above; Mood-altering drugs; chemicals which fall into the category of club drugs (e.g. ecstasy, GHB, etc.)

Students who violate this rule will receive the following consequences:

- Out of school suspension
- Police notification
- Recommendation for an expulsion hearing

****Students in violation of a Category III drug/alcohol offense may elect to participate in the "5/10 Option" program. This is a restorative justice initiative whereby students would waive their right to an expulsion hearing, in exchange for a shorter suspension, and compliance with a drug deferment program administered by the Principal of PMHS. The process is as follows:**

- Student in violation of code will go home on a "suspension pending expulsion."
- If offered 5/10 Option at time of offense, student's guardian(s) will arrange a meeting with building principal or designee. Student will serve suspension until time of meeting (usually within the first five (5) school days)
- Building principal/designee will make determination of student's eligibility for deferment program. If eligible, student will return to school after only 5 days of suspension **provided they have obtained a professional drug screening from an approved agency (list provided by school) at expense of student or guardian.**

- At least 45 days following initial drug screening, student will re-screen with the same agency and submit results to building principal/designee. If results are clean, student will continue school under no probationary agreement or stipulations, unless otherwise requested or required by administration. If results indicate presence of recreational drugs/alcohol, student is immediately subject to expulsion or manifest determination hearing if applicable.

**The administration reserves the right to exercise the reduction option to students due to the nature and severity of the situation. If the reduction option is not fulfilled by the student, the following will occur:

- Ten (10) day out-of-school suspension.
- Police contact.
- Recommendation for expulsion.

Administrators are authorized to administer the use of a breath-test instrument for the purpose of determining if a student has consumed an alcoholic beverage. It is not necessary for the test to determine blood-alcohol level. Refusal to submit to the use of the testing instrument will result in disciplinary action equal to a positive test result. Non-compliance will result in consequences equal to the violation. ***NOTE: A first incident of selling, supplying or transmitting mood-altering chemicals shall result in a 10-day out-of-school suspension, police contact and recommendation for expulsion.***

*****Any violation will result in non-attendance to school-sponsored events for the remainder of the school calendar year (dances, prom, sporting events, etc.)***

Arson

No student may willfully and maliciously burn or attempt to set fire to any Perry Meridian High School property.

Assault

Threatening to physically harm any student or staff member, threatening to bring a school and/or threatening to use any weapon against students or staff. This includes the use of a chemical repellent.

Battery

No student may touch another person directly or with a weapon or dangerous object, causing him/her injury. Any unwanted touching may fall into this classification.

Bomb Threats

No student may initiate a report warning of a bomb on school property, on school district owned vehicles, or at school-sponsored or supervised activities.

Damage, Destruction, Theft of School and/or Private Property (Vandalism)

A student shall not cause or attempt to cause damage to school property or to personal property of students, teachers, school personnel or other persons. Neither shall a student steal or attempt to steal property of students, teachers, school personnel or other persons or participate or attempt to participate in the unauthorized removal of property either on school grounds or during a school sponsored or related activity, function, or event off the school grounds. A student and/or his/her parent or legal guardian shall be held financially accountable to Perry Meridian High School for

any damage, destruction or theft caused by his/her child.

Deliberate Damage or Substantial Destruction Of Property

Students shall not vandalize or willfully destroy Perry Meridian High School property.

Disorderly Conduct

No student shall create a condition which is physically offensive or presents a risk of physical harm or danger to persons or property or which induces panic. This may also include engaging in any behavior that disrupts the educational process.

Drug/Alcohol Influence

If, via reasonable suspicion-administered field sobriety test, student admission, or conclusion of administrator and/or police investigation, administrator is more sure than unsure that a student is under the influence of drugs/alcohol at school, he/she has committed a Category III offense equal to possessing said drugs/alcohol on school grounds, and is subject to similar appropriate discipline.

Drug Paraphernalia

No student shall possess, use, transmit or conceal any item which is designed for use with any illegal substance while on school property or in attendance at any school sponsored or supervised activity.

Drug/Alcohol Possession

Having, selling, buying, or giving away any drugs or alcohol at school or during school functions is expressly forbidden. A student with a legally prescribed medication may not give or sell their prescribed medication to any other student, and may not possess their medication at school.

Extortion

Extortion is defined as, but not limited to acts of intimidation, implied threats, violence, coercion or forcing another person to do something against his/her will, or trying to obtain money or anything of value from another on school grounds, at school-sponsored or related school functions, off school grounds, or any other time the student is subject to school authority.

False Alarm /911 Calls

No student may initiate a fire alarm or a report warning of a fire or catastrophe without cause. This includes fake 9-1-1 calls at any school function, home or away.

Gang Activity

Purposes of this policy, Perry Township Schools define a gang as "any group of two or more persons who join together for destructive or violent purposes," and/or as defined by IC35-45-9-1

The presence of gangs and gang activities can cause a substantial disruption and interference with the educational function of the school system. Perry Township Schools will not allow disruptive students to interfere with its educational function and responsibilities, and endeavors to maintain an atmosphere in the schools that is conducive to learning. Therefore, Perry Township Schools will not tolerate gangs or gang-like activities. Students are in violation of this policy if involved in substantiated gang related incidents and will be dealt with to the fullest extent allowed by Perry

Township Schools and the statutes of the State of Indiana.

Subject to any applicable legal and constitutional limitations, no student's dress, apparel, activities, acts of behavior or manner of grooming will be condoned if they:

- cause school officials to have reasonable suspicion that such behavior, apparel, activity, acts, or other attributes are gang-related and would disrupt or interfere with the school environment or activity and/or educational objectives;
- present a physical safety hazard to the student in question, other students, staff members or other employees;
- create an atmosphere in which a student, staff member or other person's well-being is hindered by undue pressure, behavior, intimidation, overt gesture, or threat of violence or
- imply gang membership or affiliation by written communication, marks, drawings, paintings, design or emblem whether on school or personal property or on one's person.

Inciting Others to Break the Law or Commit A Violent Act

Students may not talk or provoke other students into breaking any school rules listed in Category II or Category III, or provoke them to commit a violent act that harms people or property.

Look-A-Like Drugs

A student shall not use, conceal, sell, purchase, accept or transmit any substances which are reasonably thought by the administrator to be drugs of abuse; sold as drugs of abuse or inferred by the seller or buyer to be drugs of abuse (Medication prescribed by a physician must follow the Board-adopted policy regarding student medication).

A counterfeit (look-alike) controlled substance is defined as:

- Any drug that bears, or whose container or label bears, a trademark, trade name or other identifying mark used without authorization of the owner or rights to such trademark, trade name or identifying mark
- Any unmarked or unlabeled substance that is represented to be a controlled substance;
- Any substance that is represented to be a controlled substance or is a different controlled substance; and
- Any substance other than a controlled substance which a reasonable person would believe to be a controlled substance because of its similarity in shape, size and color, or its markings, labeling, packaging, distribution, or the price for which it is sold or offered for sale.

No student shall knowingly possess any counterfeit controlled substance. Violations of this provision shall be treated in the same manner as a controlled substance.

Counselors

Counselors are available to students for assistance in many areas including: personal problems, schedules, college and career choices, and academic difficulties. Students may stop by their Team Office before or after school or sign up to see the counselor during the day. Parents should feel

free to contact the counselor by phone at any time. Many questions concerning students can be answered by the counselors, saving parents a lot of worry and anxiety. Please make appointments to talk with the counselor in person.

Equal Opportunity Policy

It is the policy of Perry Township Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or handicap in its educational programs or employment policies as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act 1964, Title IX of 1972 Educational Amendments, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Inquiries regarding noncompliance of acts in violation of Title IX and Section 504 should be directed to Director of Personnel and Compliance Officer.

Perry Township Schools
6548 Orinoco Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46227
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The Family Policy Compliance Office in the U.S. Department of Education administers both FERPA and PPRA. Parent and/ or eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

US Department of Education
Family Policy Compliance Office
400 Maryland Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605
<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OM/fpco>

Exit Interview-Student Withdrawal

The Indiana General Assembly passed as part of the Work Force bill section 16, which amends the compulsory school attendance law and is effective on July 1, 1992. Section 16 amends Indiana Code 20-8.1-3-17 and requires that an exit interview be conducted by an appropriate school employee who is to be designated by the school board. The new law requires that an exit interview take place when a student who is between the ages of sixteen (16) years old and less than 18 years old wishes to withdraw from school prior to graduation. The student, the student's parent or guardian, and the school principal are required to be present at the exit interview. The employee designated by the Board of Education is to conduct the interview. The State of Indiana has stated only three reasons a student may withdraw from school.

- Financial hardship and the individual must be employed to support the individual's family or a dependent
- Illness
- An order by the court that has jurisdiction over the child

A student must give a written acknowledgement. In addition, the student's parent or guardian and the school principal must give written consent for the student to be able to withdraw. If any of these three parties disagree, the student remains in school.

Falcon Fight Song

Plans for a school song began during the second semester of 1972-73. At that time, it was decided we would have one song—a fight song. Objectives for the song were a simple melody—easy to sing; spirited tune; and a text that displayed school desire to win with these guidelines, Mr. Geesa and Mr. Rumsey wrote the fight song. After acceptance, Mr. Geesa arranged it for band, and the Falcon Fight Song was born.

Fight you Falcons

Let's keep our colors flying

High you Falcons

Let's show our spirit as we

Cheer our teams to fight for the right.

They will bring home victory tonight

If you'll just cheer you Falcons

Cheer for the Silver and the

Blue you Falcons

Victory and nothing else will do

We are from Perry Meridian

The home of the Silver and the Blue

Grades

Grades may be monitored by parents via Skyward at any time during the school year. Contact the front office 789-4401 or your child's counselor for more information.

Honor Roll

- The "A" Honor Roll will consist of all students carrying a minimum of six subjects and an "A" average in all subjects taken. Grade point average of 3.667 or above.
- The "B" Honor Roll will consist of all students carrying a minimum of six subjects and a "B"

grade average. Grade point average of 2.667 or above.

- Students may not carry an “F”, incomplete or conditional grade and be eligible for the Honor Roll. No grades of A+, F+, or F- will be given.

Homework Guidelines

Homework shall be assigned to students. A student should not be assigned more homework than he/she can normally do in three hours. Homework may be started during the class period. Since there is value in requiring the student to do written homework, it should be evaluated. Students should see the results of their homework. The following are to be observed concerning homework:

- Homework should be a measurable part of the student’s grade. Students who do not complete required class assignments should not be given additional assignments for extra credit.
- A student should be given sufficient time to prepare for lengthy projects with periodic reminders given.
- Homework should not be assigned as punishment.

Instructional Media Center (IMC)

The purpose of the IMC is:

- to teach information literacy;
- to promote reading, and,
- to collaborate with teachers in teaching the Indiana standards.

The IMC provides materials to students for recreational reading as well as research and other educational pursuits. One media specialist and a media aide are available to assist students in selecting and evaluating a variety of print, electronic and audio/visual resources to be used to create traditional papers as well as computer and video presentations. The resources and services of the IMC are available to students and teachers from 7:00A.M. to 3:00P.M., Monday through Friday, excluding Wednesday’s early release.

The IMC computer lab is accessible to classes and individual students. A huge variety of reference materials, journal articles, and newspaper articles are available through online databases, INSPIRE and the IMCPL I-Library.

Most books may be checked out for two weeks. Reference books may be checked out overnight. Other materials have varying loan periods. Each student has an ID card and must have that card to check out materials. Students must not borrow materials on someone else’s card or check something out for another person. Lost cards should be reported to the IMC because students are responsible for anything checked out on their cards. Replacement cards cost \$5.00.

A student must have a designated pass when coming to the IMC unless the student is with a teacher. Areas are provided for classes that are working on projects that require the use of IMC

materials and equipment. A teacher must reserve an IMC area in advance. Falcon TV is also based in the IMC. Announcements must be submitted by 1:00P.M. the day before the announcement is to be made via email to falcontv@class.perryschools.org. Video announcements must be submitted to the administration for approval. Guest speakers must be arranged and approved by the media specialists in advance. A large staff of IMC student assistants helps with the circulation of equipment, the use of computers, and the use of video editors.

Latin Honors

Latin Honors (LH) began with the classes of 2021 and beyond:

- LH recognizes the academic achievements of many more students.
- LH is more equitable. Instead of student-to-student comparisons, student success can be measured with some consistent standards.
- LH promotes students to attain high levels of academic success without missing out on recognition - No GPA maneuvering.
- LH will allow students the opportunity to stay with programs in Related Arts (Music, Fine Arts, Performing Arts) and PLTW.
- LH enhances the development of well-rounded students
- Universities are very familiar with the Latin honors; less concerned with class rank and more concerned overall academic performance

Lockers

Lockers for use of books and coats are located in the corridors of both floors. Students should not share lockers. The student is responsible for any items placed in their assigned locker. The time and place of locker assignments will be made at the beginning of the school year. Lockers are assigned to students with locks. There is no rental charge for the use of the lockers. Students with locker problems should contact their Assistant Principal's office. Students are not permitted to attach anything to the outside of their lockers.

Lost and Found

A Lost and Found Department is maintained in the main office. Lost articles should be taken immediately to the office and students should inquire for them there.

Lunch

Each student is given an account number he must use daily as he goes through the cafeteria line. A student may pay by cash daily or put money into the account to draw from for a period of time. The most important point of this system is that a student must keep the lunch account number confidential and NEVER release it to anyone. Each student is assigned a lunch period in accordance with the class he happens to be in during the lunch block. An excellent hot lunch can be secured very reasonably in the school cafeteria. However, students who desire to carry their lunches may do so. Students are required to stay in the cafeteria during the lunch period. All students have an opportunity to visit the restroom on the way to and from lunch. Emergency restroom use during lunch requires a pass from one of the adult supervisors in the cafeteria.

Nurse Information

Medication at School (po 5330)

Who/What	When
ALL Students Your child's immunization record	First day of school
ALL Students Emergency contact(s) updated information	First day of school
A completed "Authorization for Medication" for any medications that your child will need to be given at school (prescription or over the counter). All medications must be in their original containers and provided by parents.	First day of school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indiana Code states that schools shall keep on file the written order of a Practitioner; school has on file training of non-licensed personnel administering Medication. • Indiana Code further states a school corporation may send home medication that is possessed by a school for administration during school hours or at school functions with a student if the Student's parent provides written permission for the student to receive the medication. • Medication must be supplied by the student's family. • The Clinic does NOT keep OTC medication to dispense. • Keep nurse updated on immunizations. • Please refer to the school website for reasons students will be sent home sick/ill (i.e., immunizations, etc.).
For children with chronic conditions such as diabetes, anaphylactic allergies, seizures, asthma or any medical conditions that require care during school hours, please submit his/her pertinent medical information upon enrollment and request a parent meeting.	First day of school

Illness

If a student becomes ill during school hours and wishes to be excused from class, he or she will obtain a pass from the teacher, to report to the Nurse. The student's parents will be contacted before the student is permitted to leave school, provided transportation is available. No student will be permitted to leave school without permission from the office.

Control of Casual-Contact Communicable Diseases and Pests

Because a School has a high concentration of people, it is necessary to take specific measures when the health or safety of the group is at risk. The School's professional staff has the authority to remove or isolate a student who has been ill or has been exposed to a communicable disease or highly-transient pest, such as lice. Specific diseases include; diphtheria, scarlet fever, strep infections, whooping cough, mumps, measles, rubella, and other conditions indicated by the Local and State Health Departments.

Control of Non-Casual Contact of Communicable Diseases

In the case of non-casual contact, communicable diseases, the School still has the obligation to protect the safety of the staff and students. In these cases, the person in question will have his/her status reviewed by a panel of resource people, including the County Health Department, to ensure that the rights of the person affected and those in contact with that person are respected. The School will seek to keep students and staff persons in School unless there is definitive evidence to warrant exclusion. Non-casual contact communicable diseases include sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), ARC-AIDS Related Complex, HIV (Human-immunodeficiency), Hepatitis B, and other disease that may be specified by the State Board of Health. As required by Federal law, parents will be requested to have their child's blood checked for HIV and HBV when the child has bled at School and students or staff members have been exposed to the blood. Any testing is subject to laws protecting confidentiality.

Military Access Notification

Senate Act 224 requires that the military branches be provided with the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all 11th and 12th grade students. The only exception to this is if the school is notified before the end of a student's 10th grade year that such information is not to be released. To make such a request, please contact the Perry Meridian High School Guidance Office.

Music Department

As a member of a performance ensemble (band, choir, and orchestra), attendance at performances is required. Please see the Music Department Concert Attendance Policy.

In the event of school conflicts:

- Games/Meets take priority over music rehearsal.
- Music performance takes priority over athletic practice.
- If an athletic game conflicts with a musical performance, each situation will be handled individually based on the student's status within the team and musical group.
- ISSMA performances take priority over all athletic events.

If an absence is excused, the student must complete an alternate assignment to receive credit for the missed performance. Please note that except for an emergency, there are no excused absences for an ISSMA Festival performance.

Parent Organizations

- Each Sport may have a parent support group, please contact the head coach.
- Each musical group may have a parent support group. Please contact the music instructor.

Parent-Teachers Association

During the 1972-73 school year a Parent-Teachers Association was formed at Perry Meridian High School. The PTA meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the principal's conference room.

The purpose of the association is:

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in the home, school, church and community;
- To raise the standards of home life;
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth;
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school in order that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child, and
- To develop between educators and the general public such efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages—physical, mental, social, and spiritual.

The PTA holds regular meetings throughout the school year.

Falcon Booster Club

Each year, the Falcon Booster Club raises money to support the academic, athletic and music programs at Perry Meridian High School. Contributions are made to the school for the purchase of supplies and equipment when money is not available through the school budget. In addition, annual scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who have family members in the Falcon Booster Club. The Falcon Booster Club meetings are the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the principal's conference room.

Student Parking

PMHS views student driving as a privilege and, therefore, students will be held to academic standards. PMHS will lease a parking space to students who meet the academic requirements set

forth below.

Prerequisites:

- Students MUST be in good academic standing and remain in good academic standing while to obtain and/or retain driving privileges.
- Students MUST have all outstanding debts paid before parking permit will be issued.
- Students MUST have a valid Indiana driver's license in order to purchase a student parking permit.

Purchase and Issuance of Parking Permits

- Parking permits may be purchased for \$10.00.
- Parking permits may be purchased one of two ways:
 - 1) Online via credit/debit card with the following link:
<https://secure.payk12.com/school/pmhs/395/2259/12250/item/177911,OR>
 - 2) In-person, cash only, at the Treasurer's office
- Parking permits are issued on a first come, first serve basis.
- Students MUST produce their IN Driver's License and a copy of their vehicle's registration when picking up their parking pass.
- Students MUST acknowledge that they have read and understand the Student Parking section of this handbook prior to the parking permit being issues.

Rules and Regulations

- Students will park in the assigned student lot and have their parking tag visible at all times.
- **Students need to remove their car from the back of the east parking lot by 2:30 daily**
- At no time will students park in staff parking areas or any other area other than the designated student parking lot during regular school hours.
- Students will park appropriately in their designated space, parking diagonally across two spaces or in any other manner is prohibited
- Students will report vehicle registration substitutions/changes to the North Office for updating.
- Student absences and tardiness due to car problems are unexcused; multiple offenses may result in suspension of driving privileges to and from school.
- Hydraulic lift systems are not to be used on school grounds.
- A student's car may be searched if the school has reasonable suspicion to believe that the car contains material forbidden by school rules or Indiana law.
- As owner of the parking lot, PMHS reserves the right to reassign parking spaces, at any time, for any reason. If the student is unhappy with their parking space, the student has a

right to request a refund, on a prorated basis. (This does NOT include students who have driving privileges suspended for any reason.)

- Students who request a refund will surrender their ability to drive to school, as the student will no longer have a leased parking space.
- Any questions or disputes should be reported to the PMHS North Office.

Fines and Penalties

- Students who do not park in student parking lot are subject to ticketing and/or towing.
- Students who park incorrectly, as defined above, are subject to ticketing and/or towing.
- Students who fail to report vehicle updates and/or changes are subject to ticketing and/or vehicle towing. Multiple offenses will result in suspension of driving privileges to and from school.
- Students who do not display a parking permit properly on the rearview mirror are subject to ticketing and/or towing
- Other Violations may carry the following:
 - o \$20.00 fine and suspension of driving privileges
 - o \$25.00 fine, parking boot removal fee, includes parking tag/registration
 - o Vehicle being towed (at owner's expense) if the student continues to violate school policy
 - o Speeding
 - o Reckless driving/unsafe starts
 - o Driving privilege suspension
 - o Students that drive to school without obtaining a parking permit are subject to in-school suspension, after school detention, suspension from school, or having an auto boot placed on the car
 - o In-School Suspension (ISS)
 - o Out of School Suspension (OSS)
 - o Suspension of driving privileges

****Tardiness, Category II violations, and failing grades can result in loss of driving privileges.**

****Attendance concerns will result in a student's loss of INDIANA OPERATING**

LICENSE THROUGH THE BMV.

The following information is a summary of present laws allowing revocation of a student's driver's license by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, due to suspension, expulsion or dropping out in anticipation of expulsion.

- An operator's license or a learner's permit may not be issued to a person less than eighteen (18) years of age who:
 - o Is under at least a second suspension from school for the school year under Indiana Code
 - o Is under an expulsion from school due to misconduct under Indiana Code
 - o Is under an exclusion from school due to misconduct under Indiana Code
- In an effort to circumvent the sanctions listed under this subsection, Indiana law as determined by the superintendent of the school corporation in which the student is enrolled, withdraws from school before graduating.
- If a person is less than eighteen (18) years of age and is under suspension, expulsion, exclusion, or has withdrawn from school as described in Indiana Code, the BMV shall, upon notification by the student's principal, invalidate the person's license or permit until the earliest of the following events:
 - o The person becomes eighteen (18) years of age
 - o One hundred twenty (120) days after the person is suspended
 - o One hundred eighty (180) days after the person is expelled or excluded
 - o The suspension, expulsion, or exclusion is reversed after the person has had a hearing under Indiana Code
 - o The person who has withdrawn from school to circumvent the sanctions of suspension, expulsion, or exclusion has re-enrolled in school in good standing

Scheduling

Courses should be selected after careful consideration by students, parents, and teachers with the advice of their counselor. If a change becomes necessary, a compelling reason must exist and permission from the assistant principal is needed. For further information, see the scheduling curriculum guide.

Smoking Policy

The School Board recognizes that the use of tobacco presents a health hazard which can have serious consequences both for the user and the nonuser and is, therefore, of concern to the Board. For purposes of this policy, "use of tobacco" shall mean all uses of tobacco, including a cigar, cigarette, pipe, snuff, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco, as well as electronic,

“vapor,” or other substitute forms of cigarettes. In order to protect students and staff who choose not to use tobacco from an environment noxious to them, and because the Board cannot condone the use of tobacco in any manner, the Board prohibits the use of tobacco in school buildings at all times. Such prohibition also applies on school grounds, on school buses and other school vehicles, at football/stadium seating areas, and at any school-related event. The Board shall not permit the manufacture, possession, use, distribution or dispensing of any alcoholic beverage on the property of Perry Township Schools by any individual or group as stated by Indiana Code. Students under the age of 18 who are in possession of a tobacco product will receive the following consequences:

Vaping/smoking offenses may result in both school based consequences and a Marion Co. ticket

**Subject to change according to Indiana State Law

Standardized College Admission Tests

If you have passed all the required courses, why do you have to take a standardized admission test such as the ACT or SAT when you apply for admission to a post-secondary school? High schools can be very different. They have different grading policies, classes, and student backgrounds. This can be a problem for admissions officers who are trying to compare the student applications. It is much easier to compare a student if they take the same tests in certain basic subjects. These tests are called standardized admission tests. There are two common standardized admission tests, the SAT and the ACT. Each takes approximately four hours, and tests verbal and mathematical abilities. The ACT also tests natural science skills. The goal of these tests is to predict how well you will do in college. They do not test your special talents or motivation, which can also help you succeed. Check with your guidance counselor to see which test would be most beneficial. You may also visit the College Board website for more information at <https://www.collegeboard.org/>.

Student Assistants

Each year a number of students have the opportunity to gain practical experience in numerous office duties by filling many useful jobs in the office of the principal, assistant principals, and guidance director, answering the telephone, making up the daily absentee list, typing, filing, answering the telephone, sorting mail, delivering passes, and assisting visitors. Others gain experience assisting teachers, and performing numerous duties. Several students work with school publicity. All students who work as secretaries or office helpers must maintain passing grades to remain eligible to work.

Student Activities

The spirit of friendliness, courtesy and cooperation is apparent to all who attend Perry Meridian High School. The “Spirit” is developed and maintained through adherence to the following seven (7) points:

- School loyalty at all times...A personal pride in the school and all of its endeavors...Supporting all school policies.
- Good sportsmanship in the classrooms, in club activities, and at all athletic contests.
- Courtesy, thoughtfulness, and good conduct, which will reflect on the training of the student and the name of the school.
- A personal pride in the appearance of the school, classrooms, gymnasium, halls, stadium, and grounds.
- Preparedness at all times...All lessons and assignments are carefully prepared, and each student has all the necessary tools with which to work.
- Respect for the property of others.
- Promptness at all times.

A wide-range of activities is available to students, through which they can pursue and develop their individual interests and skills. All organizations are periodically reviewed to determine if they are continuing to maintain the criteria required of all new organizations. The criteria are:

- An organization must serve a need not already met by an existing organization.
- An organization must be educationally sound.
- An organization must have a sponsor.
- An organization must have a constitution on file in the assistant principal's office.
- All actions of an organization are subject to administrative approval.

School-Owned Instruments

Students who use a school-owned instrument at school must pay an instrument fee. Students who use a school-owned instrument at home must pay an additional instrument rental fee. Please complete the Loan Agreement for any instruments used. The fee will NOT be billed to the student's Skyward account; payment must be given to the director via cash or check (checks should be made out to PMHS; with Student name/Instrument Rental in memo line).

School Dances

Many of the various school organizations hold parties throughout the school year. Tradition and School Board ruling have dictated that such parties be held on the school premises and that they be properly chaperoned. Such parties must likewise fit logically into the calendar of school events. Tickets for school dances and parties are sold at the school during the week prior to the event at a discounted rate. A ticket may be purchased at the door for the Homecoming Dance only for double the price with a valid PMHS ID. No guest tickets will be sold at the door. Students may be asked to present identification for participation in these activities. PMHS students may only bring one guest to a dance. If the guest is not a PMHS student a permission slip must be filled out and turned in with a picture ID when tickets are purchased. **Dances are a privilege. Administration reserves the right to deny a student's attendance at the dance based on poor attendance or inappropriate behaviors.

School Social Worker

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- SIT School Liaison
- Attendance Monitor
- Student Advocate
- Mental Health (assessments, referrals, situational counseling)
- Community Resources (assessments/referrals)
- Facilitate Resource Group

Student Participation Conflicts

Any student that is in two different activities at the same time (athletics/music/etc.) must resolve all known conflicts prior to the start of the activity season. If the coach and/or sponsor cannot agree on conflicts, then the student must choose one activity over another. Coaches and music directors should exchange a complete schedule of activities to include tentative dates for tournaments and contests. If an agreement is worked out for the benefit of the student, the following should be done: The student must declare their unconditional priority should an unscheduled conflict occur.

Student Rights & Responsibilities

Procedures for Removal from School-In every case in which a student has committed an offense, which in the judgment of the Principal, is so serious as to indicate that the student should be expelled from school permanently or for a substantial length of time:

- The student will submit to a mandatory drug test within 24-hours of said violation.
- The Principal will make an investigation and determine whether expulsion is warranted.
- The Principal shall file a written notice with the Superintendent requesting that a hearing be held to determine whether the student shall be expelled.
- The Principal may invoke a suspension after his investigation and before the hearing on Expulsion.
- The Superintendent shall arrange for a hearing to determine if the student will be expelled.
- At the conclusion of any scheduled hearing, a written report will be sent to the parents.
- The student and parents may waive the right to any scheduled hearing concerning a rule or standard of conduct violated by the student.

- Grounds for expulsion apply when a student is:
 - o On school grounds immediately before, during, and immediately after school hours and at any other time when the school is being used by a school group; or
 - o Off school grounds at a school activity, function, or events; or
 - o Traveling to or from school or a school activity, function or event.
- Use of violence, force, noise, coercion, threat, intimidation, fear, passive resistance or other comparable conduct, constituting an interference with school purposes, or urging other students to engage in such conduct or possession of any firearm, explosive or other weapon.

The following enumeration is illustrative of the type of conduct prohibited by this subsection:

- Occupying any school building, school grounds, or part thereof with intent to deprive other of its use.
- Blocking the entrance or exits of any school building or corridor or room therein with intent to deprive others of lawful access to or from, or use of the building or property.
- Setting fire to or substantially damaging any school building or property.
- Firing, displaying or threatening use of firearms, explosives, bombs, or other weapons on the school premises for any unlawful purpose.
- Prevention of or attempting to prevent by physical act the convening or continued functioning of any school or educational function, or of any lawful meeting or assembly on school property.
- Continuously and intentionally making noise or acting in any manner so as to interfere seriously with the ability of any teacher or any of the other school personnel to conduct the educational function under his supervision. This shall not, however, be construed to make any particular student conduct a ground for expulsion where such conduct is constitutionally protected as an exercise of free speech or assembly or other under the constitution of Indiana or the United States.
- Causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to school property, stealing or attempting to steal school property of substantial value, or repeated damage or theft involving school property of small value.
- Intentionally causing or attempting to cause substantial damage to valuable private property or stealing or attempting to steal valuable private property, on school grounds or during an educational function or event off school grounds; or repeatedly damaging or stealing private property on school grounds, or during an educational function or event off school grounds or when such student is traveling to or from school or such educational

function or event.

- Intentional causing or attempting to cause physical injury or intentionally behaving in such a way as could reasonably cause physical injury to a student or a school employee: (a) on the school grounds during and immediately after school hours; (b) on the school grounds at any other time when the school is being used by a school group; or (c) off the school grounds at an educational function or event. Self-defense or reasonable action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect some other person shall not, however, constitute a violation of this provision.

- Intentionally doing serious bodily harm to any student: (a) on the school grounds during and immediately before or immediately after school hours; (b) on the school grounds at any other time when the school is being used by a school group; or (c) off the school grounds at an educational function or event by the school corporation, or when such student is traveling to or from school or such educational function. Self-defense or reasonable action undertaken on the reasonable belief that it was necessary to protect some other person shall not, however, constitute a violation of this provision.

- Threatening or intimidating any student for the purpose of, or with the intent of, obtaining money or anything of value from such student.

- Knowingly possessing, handling or transmitting a bomb or any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon: (a) on the school grounds during and immediately before or immediately after school hours; (b) on the school grounds at any other time when the school is being used by a school group; or (c) off the school grounds at any educational function or event sponsored by the school.

- Knowingly possessing, using, transmitting or being under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind: (a) on the school grounds during and immediately before or immediately after school hours, (b) on the school grounds at any other time when the school is being used by any school group; or (c) off the school grounds at a school activity, function or event. Use of a drug authorized by a medical prescription from a registered physician shall not be a violation of this rule.

- Engaging in the unlawful selling of narcotics or other violation of criminal law, which constitutes a danger to other students, or constitutes an interference with school purposes.

- Knowingly possessing or using on school grounds during school hours an electronic paging device or a hand-held portable telephone in a situation not related to a school purpose or an educational function.

- Failing in a substantial number of instances to comply with directions of teacher or other school personnel during any period of time when he is properly under their supervision, where such failure constitutes an interference with school purposes.

- Engaging in any activity forbidden by the laws of the state of Indiana, which constitutes an interference with school purposes.

- A violation, or repeated violation, of any rules validly adopted by the school official.

Exclusion: Reasons for exclusion are outlined in Public Law 218 and are related to specific school problems that are not generally considered disciplinary.

Tardiness

At the beginning of each quarter the tardy count will return to zero. If a tardy needs to be reported to school, please contact attendance or the dean's office as soon as possible. Whether a tardy is excused or unexcused will be determined by school officials.

Transportation

Bus Conduct and Safety Rules:

The bus Conduct and Safety Rules are designed to promote safety on the school bus at all times. The safety of all students is our top priority.

Therefore, each student is expected to cooperate fully by always obeying the rules. TO PROMOTE A SAFE, ORDERLY, EFFICIENT AND ENJOYABLE BUS RIDE TO AND FROM SCHOOL, THESE RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED.

At the Bus Stop

- All students must be at their designated stop ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled arrival time. (This is necessary as weather conditions, traffic, etc. differ.)
- Bus drivers are NOT required to stop and sound their horn or wait for a student who is not waiting at the stop. (Buses will NOT be sent back to pick up students who miss the bus.)
- Be on time. Board and leave the bus only at your regularly assigned stop unless you have received special permission in advance.
- Wait to enter until the bus comes to a complete stop, and the door has been opened by the driver. Take your turn and do not push when entering or leaving the bus.
- Stay out of the street and away from the road.
- Respect surrounding property while waiting for the bus.

On the Bus

- Always obey the driver and monitors promptly and respectfully.
- Be seated promptly and stay in assigned seat.

- Keep all books and materials on your lap and contained in the required backpack or sack. Band instruments must be held on student's lap and must not take up another student's space or block an aisle.
- Be courteous and use no profane language.
- Speak in low tones.
- Never push, shove, scuffle, horseplay, NO bullying or harassing other students; that is always unacceptable and a serious safety hazard.
- Keep your head, hair, hands, feet and all belongings inside the bus and to yourself. DO NOT block the aisle. Remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- Never Smoke.
- Never fight.
- Never throw objects inside or outside the bus.
- Do not eat or drink on the bus.
- Treat bus seats and equipment with care and respect. (Students are responsible for damages.)
- Keep the bus clean and orderly. Deposit trash in the containers at the front of the bus upon leaving.
- Perry Township nor any employee there; including school bus drivers are responsible for lost/stolen items.

Leaving the Bus

- Take your turn and do not push when leaving the bus.
- Once off, clear the area immediately. If crossing the street, wait for a signal from the bus driver before crossing in front of the bus. Walk quickly across.
- Never get out of your seat until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- You could be denied the use of the school bus to get to and from school.

More information can be obtained from the Transportation web page
<http://www.perryschools.org/departments/transportation/>

Emergency Transportation Request

When an emergency arises and a parent or guardian needs to request a change in bus transportation to or from school for their child, the following will be used: **Below is contingent upon**

seat availability and the number of students assigned to a bus.

- A note requesting the change signed by a parent or guardian must be given to the Assistant Principal or designee.
- If a second parent or guardian is involved (i.e., going to another student's home) a note requesting the change must be signed by that parent and given to the Team's administrative assistant (North and South Office).
- Please list a telephone number on the note for both parents to be contacted for verification.
- All notes must be given to the Team's administrative assistant (North and South Office) before 8 a.m. the day the change is needed.
- After a parent contact has been made, a request may be approved provided a seat is available.
- Request may be granted for no more than one day.
- Requests longer than one day must be made on a Township Request for Alternate Bus Waiver form obtained from the Perry Township Website under Transportation.
<https://www.perryschools.org/departments/transportation/forms-resources>

Non-Bus Riders

Students who are dropped off in the morning will have their ride drop them off in the North side of the building at exit 6 and 7. Students who are picked up after school will have their ride pick them up on the North side of the building at exits 6 and 7.

Tutoring

Tutoring is held Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00PM to 3:30PM in the IMC for all students but students must have a ride home.

Department Resource Lab Opportunities

Physical Education Resource Lab

The PE Department offers Fitness and Pool Labs. These labs may be held during advisory on Wednesdays and Fridays at the teachers discretion. Students are to sign up on the sheets posted in main gym on storage room doors by Tuesday in order to attend the Wednesday Lab during their BLU63 period. Fitness Lab allows students the opportunity to improve their fitness levels and fitness scores or make up missed work. The Pool Lab gives students the opportunity to make up participation on missed swim days, improve swim skills or make up swim tests.

Math Lab

The Math Lab is available to students M-Th, during the school day, in the math department office, during non-instructional times (study hall, advisory, lunch) and when state standardized testing is not taking place.

Writing Lab

The Writing Lab is an opportunity for students to get one-on-one help from a teacher on writing assignments or specific writing problem areas. It is available each period during the school day. Students can make use of the Writing Lab by obtaining a pass from their English teacher to be used during a student's study hall. Students may also receive writing/ELA interventions in the English office during non-instructional times, M-Th, when state standardized testing is not taking place.

How can the writing lab help you? You can get help with:

- Planning a composition
- Organizing and writing a composition
- Proofreading a composition
- Preparing a final draft of a composition
- Improving writing problem areas
- When do you go to the writing lab? What do you take?
- The writing lab is open several periods of the day with a teacher assigned to each of those periods. You go during your study hall.
- You should bring the assignment, any planning or rough drafts that you have made, any handouts, and the required books. Come prepared with the specific assignment instructions and prepared questions so that the teacher in the lab can help you effectively.
- You will return to study hall with a signed pass at the end of your assigned time allotment.

Work Permits

While Indiana law no longer requires students to obtain a work permit through their place of education; students are still required to maintain passing grades at school. For more information on youth employment, please visit the State of Indiana, Department of Labor's website, education at School (po 5330)