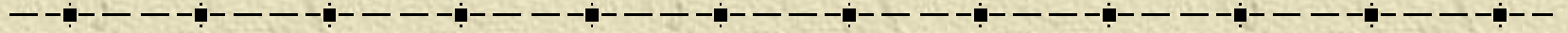


Spanish Fork Jr. High School



2014-2015

Welcome Back to School



❖ At SFJHS we know that every student can...



- Achieve High Levels of Success
- Back the Pack

What is the point of this presentation?

We are going to talk about 6 critical policies as well as some other advice from the office...

1. Safe School Environment
2. Student Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying
3. Alcohol, Tobacco, Drug Policy
4. Dress and Grooming Standards
5. Attendance Policy
6. Electronic Devices Policy
7. Other Expectations and Advice from the Office

Distinguishing Behaviors

Appropriate Behavior

- Promotes Security
- Is Respectful of Others
- Encourages Learning
- Generates a good feeling within you

Inappropriate Behavior

- Creates Fear
- Disregards Others (Selfish)
- Distracts Learning
- Invites feelings of anger, guilt, hate, and self-doubt

What is the point of this presentation?

We want you to know **ahead of time** some critical behaviors that must be followed to make our school a great school...

Do you want to come to a great school?

How does that happen?

By following the outlined policies we can make this a GREAT year for everyone.

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Safe School Environment



Creating a Safe Spanish Fork Jr.



A safe school is where:

- Students treat others with respect
- Students do not use or possess weapons
- There is no fighting, criminal behavior or gang activity
- This also includes school grounds, school activities, and school transportation.

An Unsafe School

According to Nebo School District Policy

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- Causing, attempting, or threatening to cause personal harm, damage to personal or school property, and/or disrupting school activities - (Please notice that “threatening” is included as a violation)
 - Possessing, selling or attempting to sell any firearm, facsimile of a weapon, knife, explosive, chemical weapon / martial arts weapon or other dangerous object
 - Facsimile (look-alike) weapons, lighters, and matches. Other items that could be used as weapons are not allowed at school
 - Gang signing, wearing bandannas, headwear, chains, or any article of clothing or jewelry bearing any gang symbols, names initials, insignia or anything else which signals gang affiliation and/or is worn for the purpose of signifying gang membership is never permissible

What happens if you choose not to follow the safe school policy?

❖ If the administration determines that a student represents a threat to the health and/or safety of other students and/or employees, the student may be:

➤ Suspended from school

➤ Placed in an alternative school setting

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Let's create a fun, friendly school that you would actually want to come to everyday.

✦ Do Your Part to...
help everyone feel
accepted, welcome
and safe at our
school.



Student Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying



What is Student Discrimination or Harassment?

- Conduct which illegally disadvantages persons based upon race, color, religion, gender, national origin, or disability
- Any threat, expressed or implied, which adversely affects a student's education or participation in school related activities
- Graphic remarks or sexual comments about an individual's body
- Sexually suggestive or obscene pictures, cartoons, posters, or objects

What is Student Discrimination or Harassment?

- Deliberate cornering, shouldering or bumping in hallways
- Sexual gestures, unwanted pats, or hugs, grabbing or any unwanted touching
- Spreading of Rumors
- Public Displays of Affection
- Please remember that the **intent** is not as important as the **perception**.

What can you do if this happens:

❖ If you feel that you are being discriminated against or harassed:

- Tell the person to stop — consider this presentation a first warning to everyone here.
- Find a responsible adult at the school and let them know what is happening.
- Retaliation and False Reporting will be dealt with appropriately
- Our objective is to have a safe school for all students.

Prohibition of Bullying

- ❖ “**Bullying**” means aggressive behavior that is intended to cause harm or distress, it exists in a relationship in which there is an imbalance of power or strength, and may be repeated over time.
- ❖ Bullying may be physical, psychological, verbal, written, or even online (cyber-bullying).

No Bullying



What to do about “bullies”:

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- ❖ Nebo School District policy prohibits bullying of students by other students at school or at school related activities and events.

If you are the victim or witness of bullying, you should report it immediately

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✦ Do Your Part to...
never participate
in discrimination,
harassment or
bullying. If you
see it – report it.



Alcohol, Tobacco, Drug Policy

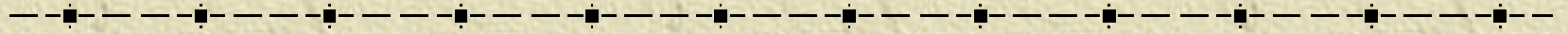


None of the Following:

❖ Alcohol, Tobacco, E-cigarettes, or Drugs

- NO Student use of any of these substances.
- NO Possession of real or imitation substances
- NO Sale of these substances
- NO Distribution of these substances
- NO Wearing of clothing that advertise products that students cannot legally possess

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs



- ❖ SFJHS is a “Drug Free Zone”
- ❖ If you violate this policy there will be consequences
- ❖ Students who violate the policy are subject to discipline from the school, school district, and law enforcement

Remember

*If it is illegal
outside of school
then it is also
illegal inside of
school*



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✦ Do Your Part to...
keep mentally
alert by staying
free of illegal
substance use.



Dress and Grooming Standards



Dress and Grooming Standards

- ❖ Clothing shall be **modest, neat, clean** and **in good repair** and shall include shoes.
- ❖ No clothing and/or jewelry that displays obscene or suggestive words or pictures or which advertises any substance which a student cannot legally possess or use.
- ❖ Jewelry shall not be worn in any pierced body parts other than in the ears.

Dress and Grooming Standards

- ❖ Shorts and skirts must be at least mid-thigh length when the student is sitting. Some clothing, however, may still be inappropriate due to its style or the physical make-up of the student.



Dress and Grooming Standards

- ❖ Extreme clothing, which includes - sagging clothing; pajamas; excessively oversized clothing; clothing that is mutilated, torn, ripped, or frayed; and cross-gender dressing or grooming are prohibited.



Dress and Grooming Standards

- ❖ All shirts must have sleeves; no low cut tops that show cleavage; no midriffs; no sheer or see through clothing unless the clothing beneath or the clothing attached meets the dress code policy



Dress and Grooming Standards



- ❖ No torn pants, especially above the knee.

- ❖ Make sure that your pants are at your hip, if you need a belt please wear one.



Dress and Grooming Standards

- ❖ Hats, beanies and/or sunglasses are not permitted during regular school hours. (this includes both boys and girls)



**What not to wear:
hats, berets, or beanies**



Dress and Grooming Standards

- ❖ Hair styling must be neat, clean and well groomed.
- ❖ The coloring of hair with unnatural looking colors including costume spray is not allowed.
- ❖ Hair may not draw undue attention, distract or disrupt the educational environment or school activity.



*How
not to
do your
hair*

Dress and Grooming Standards

- ❖ If a student's clothing or grooming interferes with the normal education process, he/she will be asked to change whatever is in question.



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✦ Do Your Part to...
always dress
appropriately.
Let's make sure
our image
matches who we
really are.



Attendance Policy

❖ You are expected to be in class on time each day



Attendance

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- ❖ SFJHS is a closed campus
 - ❖ Students cannot leave campus without being properly checked out at the office
 - ❖ If you are absent from school you have two days after you return to have the absences properly excused
 - ❖ Excessive unexcused absences and tardies will lead to appropriate consequences

Attendance - Absences

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- ❖ Remember to have your parents call the school to excuse you when you are absent.
 - ❖ They should be specific when stating the reason: illness, doctor, dentist, family emergency, etc.
 - ❖ All absences must be cleared within 2 school days from the date of the absence. (See Nebo School District's attendance policy)

Attendance - Tardies

- ❖ Arrive on time to class! Arriving late is disruptive to everyone. If you do arrive late be sure to...
 - Sign the tardy log (if available) in the classroom.
 - Talk with the teacher to ensure that you are not marked absent.
- ❖ Students who reach their 3rd tardy in a class will be required to serve a 30 minute detention for that tardy and every unexcused tardy after that. The detention must be served within one week of the tardy. Failure to serve detention time will result in disqualification from school activities. (Dances, athletics, field trips, etc.)

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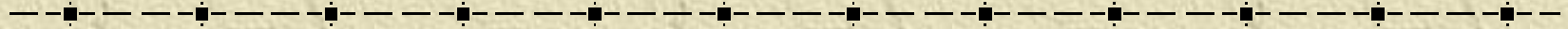
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✦ Let's create a fun, friendly school that you would actually want to come to everyday.

✦ Do Your Part to....
be in class, on time
and ready to learn
with a good
attitude every day
and you will go
far!



Electronic Devices Policy



Electronic Devices

Cell phones, iPods and other electronic devices should not be used during class time, except as approved by the teacher. You may use them at lunch and class breaks.



Electronic Devices

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- ❖ First & Second offense: The device will be taken to the front office. Pick it up after school.
 - ❖ Third offense and thereafter: A parent or guardian must pick up the device.
 - ❖ Fourth offense and thereafter: Will result in administration involvement with the loss of privileges or other appropriate consequences.
 - ❖ Please remember that the school is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices. Play it safe, leave valuable items at home!

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✦ Let's create a fun, friendly school that you would actually want to come to everyday.

✦ Do Your Part to...
be respectful of
the classroom
environment by
not texting or
using electronic
devices in class



Other Advice from the Office



DON'T GIVE OUT YOUR LOCKER COMBINATION!



Expected Behavior at Events

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- ❖ Participate in a positive way
 - ❖ No “Booing”
 - ❖ Cheer for your team and not against another team or player
 - ❖ Act respectfully towards guests in assemblies and also at sporting events
 - ❖ Remember that attendance at games or assemblies is a privilege that can be taken away



Clean Up After Yourself!

Our custodial staff works hard to keep our building looking great. Let's help by always respecting the school building.



In the Halls



Remember that the halls are crowded so...

- Be courteous
- No loitering is allowed – groups will be broken up
- No pushing

Remember to Get Involved!



- You have an opportunity to have a great year.
- Surround yourself with good things.
- Find something positive that you want to get involved in and then do it.

Being involved makes school so much more fun!

What you should know about LIFE:

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- ❖ There are always consequences that follow a choice. (a consequence is what happens because of an action you take)
 - ❖ You are free to choose your actions – the consequences however, naturally follow and are out of your control.

Make good choices!

Assess yourself

Can I do the following?

- ❖ Can I distinguish between appropriate and inappropriate behaviors at SFJHS?
- ❖ Can I list 6 specific policies that I will need to follow at SFJHS this year?
- ❖ Do I understand the consequences if I choose not to follow school policy?
- ❖ Can I identify several positive behaviors and choices that I will implement during this school year to make SFJHS a better school?