

# **Fall River Junior-Senior High School**

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***Fall River Joint Unified School District***



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The **Vision** of Fall River Junior Senior High School is to provide a challenging and inclusive education that gives our students the tools and knowledge they need to be prepared, self-assured, and inspired to pursue their dreams in a complex and changing world.

Our **Mission** is for our staff and community to collaborate in a challenging educational program that will require critical thinking, creativity, citizenship, and communication to prepare all students for any post-secondary option.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon graduation, students at Fall River High School will have developed into:

- ◆ **Effective Communicators** who have the ability to clearly and persuasively synthesize and convey ideas in written and oral form in conversational interviews, phone calls and presentations, and have the social awareness skills to make a positive personal impression so their ideas will be well received,
- ◆ **Critical Thinkers and Problem Solvers** who will have the ability to make decisions and take appropriate action,
- ◆ **Collaborating Team Members** who are present and work effectively amongst diverse groups while maintaining high standards of character and citizenship,
- ◆ **Creators and Innovators** who have the ability to visualize possibility and implement action to improve society.

In addition, we believe that through their process of learning at Fall River High School all of our students should:

- ◆ **Understand that they have the ability to make things happen and that they can have a positive influence on the world.**
- ◆ **Develop resilience to recover from disappointment or failure and in response, persevere.**
- ◆ **Recognize the power of giving and volunteerism in their community as well as the importance of being grateful.**

<b>Administration:</b>		<b>Faculty:</b>	
<b>Superintendent</b>	Greg Hawkins	<b>Agriculture</b>	Rick Neugebauer
<b>Principal</b>	Victor Hopper	<b>Agriculture</b>	Ellen Van Noy
<b>Dean of Students</b>	Liz Guerrero	<b>Art/Yearbook</b>	Fiona Hickey
<b>School Counselor</b>	Roxanna Fry	<b>English</b>	Kenneth Howes
		<b>English</b>	Tamara Lopez
		<b>Math</b>	Tess Dobson
		<b>Math</b>	Jennifer Levings
		<b>Performing Arts</b>	Peter Finney
<b>Staff:</b>		<b>Physical Education</b>	Wesley Wadsworth
<b>Athletic Director</b>	Laura Lakey	<b>Science</b>	Wil Keepers
<b>Activities Director</b>	Rick Neugebauer	<b>Science/Ag</b>	Jordan Williams
<b>Admin Secretary</b>	Theresa Neugebauer	<b>Spanish</b>	Ivan Coronado
<b>Senior Clerk</b>	Jeanette Cochran	<b>Special Education</b>	Laura Lakey
<b>Librarian</b>	Maggie Torres	<b>Special Education</b>	Kelly Whitehead
		<b>Social Studies</b>	Eric Zimmerman
<b>Para Professional</b>	Nicole Valdez	<b>Social Studies</b>	Griffin Boyd
<b>Para Professional</b>	Amanda Hawkins		
<b>Para Professional</b>			
<b>Indian Ed. Aide</b>	Melinda Blue		
<b>EL Director</b>	Laurel Cordova	<b>Maintenance</b>	Rodd Taylor
			Stevie Collins
<b>Custodial</b>	Dave Thompson		Matthew Hampton
	Casey Hubauer		Phil Hennesey
			Kathy Jasperse
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<b>Class of 2028</b>	Neugebauer and Van Noy		
<b>Class of 2027</b>	Wadsworth, Coronado and Levings		
<b>Class of 2026</b>	Lakey and Zimmerman		
<b>Class of 2025</b>	Williams, Lopez and Keepers		
<b>Class of 2024</b>	Boyd and Whitehead		

**FALL RIVER JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
**2022-2023**  
**BELL SCHEDULE**

<b>Monday - Thursday</b>				
<b>Period</b>				
<b>1</b>	8:04	-	8:55	51
<b>2</b>	9:00	-	10:00	60
<b>3</b>	10:05	-	10:55	50
<b>JH Lunch</b>	10:55	-	11:35	40
<b>4 HS</b>	11:00	-	11:50	50
<b>4 JH</b>	11:40	-	12:30	50
<b>HS Lunch</b>	11:50	-	12:30	40
<b>5</b>	12:35	-	1:25	50
<b>6</b>	1:30	-	2:20	50
<b>7</b>	2:25	-	3:15	50

<b>Friday</b>							
<b>Blue</b>				<b>Gold</b>			
<b>Period</b>				<b>Period</b>			
<b>1</b>	8:04	-	9:15 71	<b>4</b>	8:04	-	9:05 61
<b>2</b>	9:20	-	10:30 70	<b>5</b>	9:10	-	10:20 70
<b>Tutorial*</b>	10:35	-	11:15 40	<b>6</b>	10:25	-	11:25 60
<b>3</b>	11:20	-	12:30 70	<b>7</b>	11:30	-	12:30 60
<b>Lunch</b>	12:35	-	1:15 40	<b>Lunch</b>	12:35	-	1:15 40

**Late Start Policy**

- Shortly after 6:00 A.M., our district will deliver an “All Call” phone message to each student and employee’s household, indicating our district is either having a Snow Day or a Late Start Day. Based on satellite weather predictions, the district will announce school will be cancelled or start at the later time.
- If a Late Start Day is called, everything will be delayed by two hours. Schools will begin shortly after 10:00 A.M. and end at the conclusion of their “normal” school day. Busses will pick up students two hours later than normal – if a student usually boards the bus at 7:20 A.M., they will be picked up at 9:20 A.M. Students will return home using their normal mode of transportation.

## STUDENT RIGHTS

1. Students, within legal constraints, may exercise their constitutionally protected right of free speech, expression, and assembly so long as they do not interfere with the operation of the regular school program.
2. Students have the right to fair, consistent, and respectful treatment by staff members and by other students.
3. Students have the right to due process. When a student is referred for disciplinary action, the student has the opportunity to offer his/her version of the incident to school authorities.
4. Students 16 years or older, or under 16 with parent consent, have the right to see their personal files, cumulative folders, transcripts, and other school records during school hours. Students have the right to insert rebuttals to information and opinions in their files.
5. Students have the right to present complaints or grievances to school authorities and to receive authoritative replies within a reasonable time regarding the disposition of their complaints or grievances.

## STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Students have the responsibility to maintain regular school attendance, submit to authority of the school, make a conscientious effort in classroom work, and adhere to school rules and regulations. Students share with the administration and faculty a responsibility to develop a climate within the school which is conducive to learning. No student has the right to disrupt the education of fellow students.
2. Students have the responsibility to protect property and to assist the school staff in operating a safe and clean school for all the students.
3. Students have the responsibility to respect the rights of fellow students, teachers, administrators, and all others who are involved in the educational process.
4. Students have the responsibility to attend class with all the required materials prepared to work, and to stay on task for the class period.
5. The school will not be responsible for damage or loss of a student's personal property.

Students have rights regarding privacy while at school. With the use of cellular phones, we are concerned that students may have their picture taken without being aware of it. For that reason, students are not permitted to take pictures or videos of students at school without permission from an Administrator. If a student is found to be using a cellular phone in an improper manner, the phone will be confiscated. Disciplinary measures may also be taken in certain cases.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT ON CAMPUS**

The district policy allows law enforcement officers to conduct interviews on campus, and does not require the school to notify the parent that an interview is taking place. In the event that a student is removed by a law enforcement officer, the school will attempt to notify the parent, unless suspected child abuse is involved. Law enforcement officials are welcome on our campus.

## **STANDARD DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

Fall River Jr.-Sr. High School has developed a code of behavior to help students understand what is expected of them and the consequences which follow violation of the rules. Students are required to respond positively to staff requests to follow the school's code of behavior which has been established to guarantee the right of all students to an education in a safe and orderly environment. A positive school climate derives from an understanding among the total school community that statements and actions which degrade others will not be tolerated. (Education Code 32051)

A standard procedure for dealing with violations of the school's behavior code has been developed to insure fairness to students. For each offense, there is a prescribed consequence ranging from a parent conference with a teacher, counselor, or principal, to suspension for more serious offenses. For a very serious offense, the school may make an immediate recommendation for expulsion to the Board of Education.

Administrative U's are assigned for serious and/or habitual violations of behavior code. Disciplinary punishment is assigned by the school administrator and takes effect immediately. A student with unsatisfactory citizenship mark is ineligible for any extra-curricular activity includes athletics, clubs and dances.

## **GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT**

**Detention:** Detentions may be given for infractions of the discipline and attendance policies. Parents will be contacted and may receive a copy of the detention if requested. Failure to serve an assigned detention will result in the detention being doubled. Excessive detentions will result in an in-house suspension. Failure to attend will result in suspension for as many days as necessary to clear the student's detentions.

**Serving Detention:** Detention is held after school on Wednesday, from 3:15- 4:15 p.m. Students must sit quietly doing schoolwork or reading. Talking, sleeping, and electronic devices are not permitted. If these infractions occur, the student will be sent home with no credit for time served and the detention will double.

## **Mandatory Recommendation and Mandatory Expulsion**

The principal, superintendent or designee shall recommend that the Board expel and the board shall expel any student found at school or at a school activity to be: (Education Code 48915(c))

1. Possessing, as verified by a district employee, or selling or otherwise furnishing a firearm, unless the student has obtained prior written permission to possess the item from a certificated school employee, with the principal or designee's concurrence.
2. Brandishing a knife as defined in Education code 48915(g) at another person
3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in Health and Safety Code 11053—11058
4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or committing a sexual battery
5. In possession of an explosive device

### **Mandatory Recommendation and Mandatory Expulsion (EC 48915)**

Unless the principal, superintendent or designee finds that expulsion is inappropriate due to particular circumstances, the principal, superintendent or designee shall recommend a student's expulsion for any of the following acts: (Education Code 48915(a))

1. Causing serious physical injury to another person, except in self-defense.
2. Possession of any knife as defined in Education code 48915(g), explosive or other dangerous object of no reasonable use to the student.
3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance, as listed in Health and Safety Code 11053-11058, except for the first offense for the possession of not more than one ounce of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis.
4. Robbery or extortion.
5. Assault or battery, as defined in Penal Code 240 and 242, upon any school employee.

## **CAUSES FOR SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION**

It is the policy of Fall River Joint Unified School District and the State of California that all pupils under the jurisdiction of the school (at school or at a school-related activity, on the way to or from school or any school activity, on school grounds) are prohibited from being under the influence or in possession of, using, transferring, furnishing, or selling any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind as defined in Section 11007 of the Health and Safety Code (EC 48900, District Policy 5131.6, 9C).

## CAUSES FOR SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

OFFENSE	1ST OFFENSE	2ND OFFENSE	ADDITIONAL Offense
1. Assault and/or battery. EC48900a, PC 415.5	3-5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification.	5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification.	Recommendation for Expulsion
2. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person. EC 48900a PC 415.5	3-5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification.	5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification.	Recommendation for Expulsion
3. Possession, under the influence of, and/or use of any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant. EC 48900c, 48900p	3-5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification.	5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification.	Recommendation for Expulsion
4. Possession of a firearm or knife at school or at a school-related activity, on the way to or from school or any school activity	3-5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification.	5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification.	Recommendation for Expulsion
5. Threaten to bring a firearm or knife to school or school-related activity, on the way to or from school or any school activity	1-3 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification.	3-5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification.	5 days suspension and recommend for expulsion to the school board
6. Offered, arranged or negotiated to sell any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind.	3-5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification.	5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification.	Recommendation for Expulsion
7. Possession, sale, or trade of drug paraphernalia. EC 48900j.	3-5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification.	5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification.	Recommendation for Expulsion
8. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion. EC 48900e.	3-5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification.	5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification.	Recommendation for Expulsion
9. Vandalism, or attempted to cause vandalism, graffiti, destruction of school or private property. EC 48900f, District Policy 5131.5	1-3 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification. Restitution necessary for return to school.	3-5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification. Restitution necessary for return to school.	5 days suspension, parent conference, possible referral to alternative program or recommendation for expulsion, police notification. Restitution necessary for return to school.

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10. Possession of imitation firearm. EC 48900m.	1-3 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction and parent conference.	3-5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction and parent conference.	5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction and parent conference.
11. Possession or use of tobacco (chewing/smoking), electronic or vapor cigarette. EC 48900h, Policy 5131.6c	1 day suspension or alternative means of correction and parent conference.	2 days suspension or alternative means of correction and parent conference.	3-5 days suspension, parent conference, and disciplinary probation with behavioral contract.
12. Obscene or vulgar acts/profanity, spitting. EC 48900i.	1 day suspension and/or alternative means of correction. Parent conference.	2-3 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction. Parent conference.	3-5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction. Parent conference.
13. Willful disobedience/disrupting school activities, defiance of authority. EC 48900k	1 day suspension and/or alternative means of correction and parent conference.	2-3 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction and parent conference.	3-5 days suspension and parent conference, referral to appropriate program.
14. Theft, attempted theft, or knowing possession of stolen school or personal property. EC 48900g, 48900l.	1-3 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction, restitution, and parent conference.	3-5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction, restitution, and parent conference.	5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction, restitution, and parent conference.
15. Slurs (racial, ethnic, religious, etc.), sexual harassment, hazing, degrading, or disgracing any person attending school, including hate violence EC 32051, 48900q, 48900.3, 48911, 48912, D.Policy 5145.7	1-3 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction, restitution, and parent conference.	3-5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction, restitution, and parent conference.	5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction, restitution, and parent conference.
16. False fire alarm/fire setting. EC 48900k, PC 148.4	1-3 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction, restitution, and parent conference.	3-5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction, restitution, and parent conference	5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction, restitution, and parent conference
17. Falsification and/or forging, altering school correspondence, passes, or absence/readmit.	1-3 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction, restitution, and parent conference.	3-5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction, restitution, and parent conference	5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction, restitution, and parent conference

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OFFENSE	1ST OFFENSE	2ND OFFENSE	ADDITIONAL OFFENSE
18. Cheating and/or Plagiarism. District Policy 5124.1 (Cheating is defined as the giving and/or receiving of assistance). Grades 7-12, violations are cumulative throughout the year and start over at the beginning of the next school year.	Student receives 0 on assignment. Parent notification. Conference with student and parent. Probation in all classes. If the student is a T.A., he/she will be dropped from the class with a Fail.	The student will be removed from the class with a Drop/Fail and a U in citizenship for the quarter, probation for all classes and removal from all elective and appointed offices for remainder of school year.	Referral to Appropriate program.
19. Bullying. EC 48900r.	1-3 day suspension and/or alternative means of corrections. Student will be counseled. Bullying referral will be submitted to the administrator. Parent will be notified.	1-3 days suspension and/or alternative means of corrections. Administrator will complete referral/detention and progressive discipline will be followed. Parent will be notified.	3-5 days suspension and/or alternative means of corrections. Parent conference and possible referral to appropriate program.
19. Violation of dress code.	Student conference replace attire and parent contact.	Student conference, replace attire, detention, and parent contact.	1 day suspension and/or alternative means of corrections.
20. Possession of unauthorized articles/items (i.e., lasers, skateboards, etc.), or participating in unauthorized activities. EC51512	Warning, item confiscated, parent notified.	Parent notification; item confiscated for remainder of semester.	1 day suspension and/or alternative means of correction and parent conference.
21. Upbraiding, insulting, or abusing teachers or other school personnel. EC 44811-44812	1-3 day suspension and/or alternative means of corrections. Parent conference	3-5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction and removal from class if directed towards a teacher. Possible referral of alternative program.	3-5 days suspension and/or alternative means of correction and removal from class if directed towards a teacher. Referral to alternative program.
22. Parking lot violations (reckless driving)	Parent notification.	Parent conference. Turn in keys to the office for 5 days.	1 day suspension and/or alternative means of correction and turn keys into office for 5 days.
23. Students as passengers: are not to ride in vehicles driven by other students during school hours with the exception of High School Lunch.	1 hour detention.	1 hour detention.	1 hour detention.

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OFFENSE	1ST OFFENSE	2ND OFFENSE	ADDITIONAL Offense
24. Students who drive: are not to drive during school hours with the exception of High School Lunch. First year driving students may not carry passengers.	1 hour detention	1 hour detention	1 hour detention.
25. Public display of affection.	Warning, parent notification.	Detention, parent notification.	1 day suspension and/or alternative means of correction, parent notification.
26. Computer Use and/or Internet Infraction.	One hour detention, discussion of use agreement.	Two hours detention, and denied computer access for two weeks and/or alternative means of correction, parent notification	Two hours detention, and denied computer access for the remainder of the quarter and/or alternative means of correction, parent notification
27. Cell Phone and/or any electronic device (i.e. IPod) use during school hours.	2 hours detention and Phone/Electronic device confiscated, may be picked up at end of day.	2 hours detention and Phone/Electronic device confiscated, may be picked up at end of day.	2 hours detention and Phone/Electronic device confiscated, may be picked up at end of day by parent.
28. At no time will backpacks or unauthorized articles be left in hallways. Backpacks collected and taken to office.	1 hour detention	1 hour detention	1 hour detention

## ATTENDANCE

**Absences and Excuses** The school recognizes its responsibility under the law to ensure that students attend school regularly. Parents/guardians of children aged 6 to 18 are obligated to send their children to school. The school shall abide by all state attendance laws and may use appropriate legal means to correct the problems of excessive absence or truancy.

**Excused Absences** Absence from school shall be excused only for reasons permitted by law.

- (a) Illness.
- (b) Quarantine directed by a county or city health officer.
- (c) Having medical, dental, or optometrist services rendered. In so far as class participation is an integral part of students' learning experiences, parents/guardians and students shall be encouraged to schedule medical appointments during non-school hours.
- (d) Attending funeral services of a member of the student's immediate family to the extent of not more than one day if the service is conducted in California and not more than three days if the service is conducted outside of California. Members of the immediate family, as used in this section, means the mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, brother, or sister of the student or any relative living in the immediate household of the student. (EC 45194, partial quote.)
- (e) Student absence for religious instruction or participation in religious exercises away from school property may be considered excused subject to administrative regulations and law. (EC 46014.) **For all unexcused absences, make-up work is at the discretion of the teachers.**

### **Procedures:**

1. Parents may verify an absence by telephoning the ATTENDANCE OFFICE at 336-5515 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
2. It is the students' responsibility to check in at the office after an absence.
3. When student returns from an absence he/she must bring a parent/guardian note to the attendance office giving the following information:
  1. Name of student      2. Reason of absence
  3. Date(s) of absence   4. Signature of parent or guardian
4. Please present a note from the doctor or dentist upon your return from your appointment.
5. All notes must be presented to the attendance office prior to the beginning of the school day.

**Attendance Office opens at 8:00 a.m.** Students must clear their absence with the Attendance Office upon returning to school. **Note:** *All routine medical and dental appointments should be made after school.*

**Early Dismissal** Students who need to leave school during the school day are required to bring a note or have parent call stating the reason and the time the student is to be dismissed. Students must present their note to the Attendance Office before school to receive their Early Dismissal Slip. An Early Dismissal Slip, when presented to the instructor, will give the student permission to leave class at the appropriate time. Students not obtaining an Early Dismissal Slip will be given a truancy. For safety reasons, it is important that the school and parents know where students are during the day. Students will not be allowed to check out for the sole purpose of missing assemblies, pep rallies, or other scheduled school functions unless determined an emergency.

**Leaving after lunch** Student plans to not return to school after lunch (grades 9-12) he/she must sign out through the office and with parent permission. In an instance when a student has gone home and discovers they are not returning that day, their parent must call the school. Failure to follow this rule will result in a truancy for the afternoon.

**P.E. excuses** are to be given directly to the instructor with a note from the parent. If more than a 3-day non-participation, a doctor's note will be required and filed with the Office. In case of chronic illness, the student's counselor should be contacted and student removed from class.

**Home/Hospital Teaching** is provided for students who will have extended absences due to illness or accident. Contact the Office for specifics.

**Absentee Homework - Students who expect to be out of school may request an assignment sheet prior to their absence to insure make-up work.**

**Participating in Activities and Absences:** Students must be in school the entire day of an activity in order to participate. The principal may grant an exception if it is requested at least 24 hours prior to the absence, or due to exceptional circumstances. This includes sports activities, any co-curricular or extra-curricular activities, and all dances.

**Non Participation & Eligibility List (NOPE List)** Students will be considered ineligible for participation in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities if the following takes place:

1. Students with more than 6 suspension days per quarter or commit a suspendable offence that warrants ineligibility per the extra-curricular policy.
2. Students who receive a third truancy letter.
3. Students who receive more than 12 tardies per quarter.

The **NOPE List** applies to all extra and co-curricular activities including but not limited to dances, athletic participation and field trips. **The NOPE List** will start over each quarter. The ineligibility period will be for a minimum of two weeks.

## ATTENDANCE AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Regular attendance is an important component of a student's education. Accordingly, the following regulations for assigning failing grades are established:

1. Students absent or tardy five days or more per quarter from any one class shall be considered in danger of failing.
2. Parents/guardians shall be notified of possible failure due to excessive absences or tardies on the third occurrence.
3. Upon receipt of notice of failing grade for excessive absences, the student or student's parent or guardian shall have the right to appear and explain the absences to the teacher of the class in question. Such appeal must be made within five days of notice.

**Perfect Attendance** is defined as attending for four (4) full periods of a regular day class, and for three (3) full periods of a short day class (i.e. Friday schedule).

### **Tardies, Truancies and Unprepared for Class (UFC):**

Each class period that a student is truant will result in one hour of detention. A truancy is defined as being out of any class more than fifteen minutes, without permission.

1. A student who accumulates two tardies in a quarter will be assigned one hour of detention, plus one additional hour for each tardy thereafter.
2. Any student who is tardy to class five minutes or more will be assigned one hour of detention.
3. A student who is Unprepared for Class, according to individual classroom policy, may be assigned one hour of detention.

**Honor Roll:** Students who have a 3.00 GPA, no D's or F's, and not more than one C.

- **Principal's Honor Roll (Gold Card)** - Students who have all A's and only one B (3.86 GPA).
- **4.0**-Students who have earned a 4.0 or higher.

**REQUEST FOR SPECIAL ABSENCE** A permission form for special absence of more than one day, such as out-of-town trips, family activities, etc., must be obtained from the office prior to the absence. This form must be completed, signed by a parent or guardian, and each teacher whose class will be missed, and returned to the office at least one week before the scheduled absence. Attendance requirements should be kept in mind when requesting special absences.

**ADMISSIONS POLICY** is implemented in the following fashion:

1. An introductory interview with the parent(s) and student is held in order to obtain a profile of the student's academic history.
2. The school may require a 24 hour waiting period in order to contact the previous school and make arrangements for the new student's schedule.
3. Student must provide copy of birth certificate plus proof of immunizations.

**OPEN CAMPUS LUNCH PERIOD** It is the student's responsibility to leave and return in an orderly and timely fashion so that the educational process is not disrupted. If a student develops a tardy or truancy problem the privilege will be revoked for one semester. **Seventh and eighth graders are not allowed** to leave campus at lunch including "short" Fridays and minimum days. These restrictions remain in effect during snack and lunch. Students who violate this policy will be considered truant. Parents will be notified and violators will be assigned detention. Section 44808.5 of the Ed. Code further states: *"Neither the School District nor any officer or employee thereof shall be liable for the conduct or safety of any pupil during such time as the pupil has left the grounds pursuant to this section."*

**POSTERS/FLYERS** Only posters approved by the administration may be posted in designated areas of the school. Signs should be removed the day after the advertised event is concluded by the student or organization responsible.

**GUESTS/VISITORS** As a general rule, students are not allowed to have visitors in the school building or on the grounds during the school day. Students who wish to bring a guest on campus during school hours must request permission for the visit from the office at least 24 hours prior to the visit.

Students will not be allowed to have guests on campus during exams or during the week prior to exams. Guests may not visit FRHS students during lunch or assemblies.

**DANCE AND ACTIVITY GUESTS** Written requests for guest passes for dances must be submitted to the office no later than the deadline posted in the bulletin. **Guests must be under 21 years of age on the day of the activity.** The principal shall approve or deny the request. Junior high students may not attend high school dances and high school students may not attend junior high dances. High school students may "DJ" at junior high dances subject to the advanced approval of the principal. 9th grade students may attend the 8th grade promotion dance. Only appropriate and acceptable dancing will be permitted.

**FLOWERS, BALLOONS, AND GIFT DELIVERY** Gifts sent to students during the school day will be kept in the office until dismissal. The student to whom they are sent will be notified.

**TELEPHONE USAGE** Students may use office telephones for school business with the approval of office staff. Parents may leave messages for their students at the front office.

**CELL PHONE USAGE** Most of our students now have cell phones. **Cell phones must be off and put away during school hours (students may not use cell phones between classes). Students may only use cell phones during their lunch break in the lower foyer and outside the school building.** If the phone policy is disregarded, the phone is in danger of being confiscated. Students should go to the office if it is necessary to make a call during class time.

**PUBLIC AFFECTION** Handholding is the only acceptable display of public affection tolerated at school or at a school-related activity, on the way to or from school or any school activity

**MAKE UP WORK Excused Absences** Students shall be given the opportunity to make up school work missed because of an excused absence and shall receive full credit if the work is turned in according to a reasonable make up schedule (number of days absent plus one). Phone requests for homework must be made by 10:00 a.m.

**Unexcused Absences** Students who miss school work because of unexcused absences may be given the opportunity to make up missed work for full or reduced credit. Make up is at the discretion of the teacher.

**Suspensions** Teachers may require a suspended student to complete any assignments and tests missed during suspension. (Education Code 48913). A suspension is an unexcused absence.

## **EMERGENCY/DISASTER PROCEDURES**

**Lockdown** The principal will announce the lockdown over the PA with scrolling information on classroom clocks. (staff, students, and visitors will remain locked within classrooms until a safe environment is returned).

**Evacuation/Relocation** The principal will announce the evacuation/relocation over the PA (staff, students, and visitors will exit all buildings and will be directed to a relocation site).

**Fire Alarm** A continuous bell (staff, students, and visitors will exit all buildings and meet in front of the school on the north side of the parking area).

**Intruder on Campus** The principal will announce the intruder on campus over the PA with scrolling information on classroom clocks. All students and staff will go into active shooter protocol.

**SCHOOL BUS CONDUCT** Students are expected to behave in a responsible manner while riding the school bus. Safety is of primary importance. If students distract the driver, the well-being of all students is jeopardized. School policies are expected to be followed while riding a bus. Misbehavior on the bus may result in suspension from school or possible expulsion from school.

1st Incident: Bus ticket and parent notification, a detention may be assigned. A serious offense may result in suspension from bus service and/or school.

2nd Incident: Misconduct notice and parent notification, and may be suspended from bus privileges. A serious offense will result in suspension from bus service and/or school.

3rd Incident: Misconduct notice and parent notification. May be suspended from bus service and/or school, and may lose bus privileges.

## LOCKERS

**Hall:** Book lockers will be assigned at the beginning of the school year after you have turned in your new year registration form.. You are responsible for the locker assigned to you. Switching lockers may result in loss of locker privileges. Money or other valuables should not be kept in school lockers. If you must bring money or valuables to school, please bring them to the main office. Be sure your locker door is kept closed and locked. Nothing may be left outside of the locker. Students are not to share lockers nor are they to give their combination to anyone. All lockers must be cleaned for end-of-year check out. **Students should never “set” their locker.**

**Gym:** Students will be assigned gym lockers in physical education classes. In order to protect personal property, students are required to use their assigned lockers and to keep them locked (**students should never “set” their lock**). PE locks may be purchased for \$7.00 at the office.

**PARENTAL VISITS/CHECK-OUT OF STUDENTS** The Administration of Fall River Jr/Sr High School considers itself authorized to release a student from school or permit visits to students during the school day **only** to/by the custodial parent. Previous permission must be granted, in writing, by the custodial parent in the event that the non-custodial parent will visit the student at school or check him/her out during the school day. It is the responsibility of the custodial parent to inform the school if any limitations exist with regard to the non-custodial parent’s rights to visit or remove the child from school.

**STUDENT ACTIVITY CLEARANCE** This form must be completed whenever a school activity necessitates a student missing class. Club Advisors, teachers, and coaches are responsible for obtaining forms from the office. It is the **student’s obligation to obtain permission** to participate in the activity from all affected teachers. Completed forms should be checked and returned to the office one day prior to the activity. If students are representing Fall River Jr/Sr High in an academic or athletic function, they will not be marked absent.

**COUNSELING DEPARTMENT** Grade level meetings will be held throughout the year. These meetings allow parents and students to evaluate class choices, graduation requirements, and college and career information. The counselor will meet with students annually to develop or update Individual Academic Plans. Parents can also contact the office to request a S.S.T. meeting for their students. S.S.T. (Student Study Team) is comprised of students, staff, counseling, and administration – this time is used to assess student grades and/or behavior to build a support team for the individual. These valuable services are offered in an ongoing commitment to the success of our students.

## **PURPOSE of our Dress Code**

- **Support Student Safety**
- **Promote Health & Hygiene**
- **Prepare Students for Their Future**
- **Establish a Learning Environment Focused on Education**

**DRESS CODE** is made to promote a healthy and high quality learning environment where students can be their best in MIND, BODY and SPIRIT. Clothing shouldn't violate federal, state, or local health and obscenity laws, or affect the welfare and safety of the student or students. Dress depicting alcohol, drugs, drug symbols, or tobacco is not acceptable. Any student wearing clothing that does not support student safety, health and hygiene, and does not establish a learning environment focused on education shall be referred to the principal or designee. The student's parent/guardian shall be contacted and the student sent home to change clothing if necessary.

**Dress and Grooming:** The following shall apply to all school activities:

1. Shoes must be worn at all times. In some activity classes (shop, PE), a protective type of shoe may be required.
2. Clothing, jewelry and personal items shall be free of writing, pictures, or any other insignia which are crude, vulgar, profane, dangerous or sexually suggestive, which bear drug, alcohol or tobacco company advertising, promotions and likenesses, or which advocate gun violence, weapons, racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.
3. No head coverings in school; hats, caps, hoods, or bandana type head coverings
4. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. See-through or fishnet fabrics, halter tops, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, bare midriffs and skirts or shorts shorter than mid-thigh are prohibited.
5. No "bro tanks" or sleeveless cut off shirts that expose the under arms and sides.

## PROMOTION/ACCELERATION/RETENTION

The Governing Board expects student to progress through each grade within one school year. To accomplish this, instruction should accommodate the varying interests and growth patterns of individual students and include strategies for addressing academic deficiencies when needed.

Students shall progress through the grade levels by demonstrating growth in learning and meeting grade-level standards of expected student achievement.

It is the desire of the Governing Board that the end of the year Eighth Grade Ceremony/Celebration be a joint venture between the school and parents. Eligible eighth grade students may take part in the ceremony/celebration. Those students who wish to participate shall be required to wear an academic gown, either borrowed or privately purchased through the student body treasury. All eligible students will receive a Certificate of Achievement.

Eighth grade students must pass the four core classes each semester. These are Math, Social Studies, English, and Science.

Progress toward high school graduation shall be based on the student's ability to pass the subjects necessary to earn the required number of credits. The student must also meet the minimum proficiency requirements set by the Board and complete a Senior Project.

When high academic achievement is evident, the Superintendent or designee may recommend a student for acceleration into a higher grade level. The student's social and emotional growth shall be taken into consideration in making a determination to accelerate a student.

As early as possible in the school year and in students' school careers, the Superintendent or designee shall identify students who should be retained and who are at risk of being retained in accordance with law, Board policy, administrative regulation, and the following criteria:

Students shall be identified on the bases of grades and/or performance.  
**Students in the 8<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade must be satisfactorily making progress by the district's established "Make Day." If on this date students are not progressing to standards, their name will be removed from the graduation/promotion list.**

When a student is recommended for retention or is identified as being at risk for retention, the Superintendent or designee shall provide opportunities for remedial instruction to assist the student in overcoming his/her academic deficiencies. Such opportunities may include but are not limited to available tutorial programs, after-school programs, summer school programs, and/or the establishment of a student study team.

**STUDENT USE OF TECHNOLOGY**  
**Computer/Internet Access Is A Privilege**  
**These Rules Must Be Observed**

Internet Use - You must sign the Acceptable Internet Use Contract to use the Internet.

- No sites deemed as being destructive or harmful will be allowed.
- No programs or applications are to be downloaded.
- No surfing, games or chat rooms.
- No personal e-mail access without prior authorization from your instructor.
- Internet sites that are accessed must be strictly within the parameters of your class assignment.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE REGULATIONS WILL  
RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION. CONTINUED FAILURE TO  
COMPLY MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF COMPUTER/INTERNET  
PRIVILEGES. (This may have a grade impact in classes that require  
computer produced assignments).**

**Acceptable Internet Use Contract**

**Note:** All students who use District computers and have access to the Internet must sign the FRJUSD Acceptable Internet Use Contract. There is no guarantee, implied or otherwise, that students will not be able to access inappropriate sites purposefully or inadvertently. The Fall River Joint Unified School District (hereinafter FRJUSD) furnishes electronic information services to students and staff as a part of their instructional program. FRJUSD strongly affirms the educational possibilities of electronic services and recognizes the potential to support our curriculum and enhance student learning resources. Our goal in providing their service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. FRJUSD desires to protect students from misuses or abuses arising from their experiences with an information service. All users should be continuously on guard to avoid inappropriate and illegal interaction with the information service. I realize that security on any computer system is a high priority because there are so many users. If I identify a security problem, I will notify the instructor at once. I will never demonstrate the problem to other users. I will never use another individual's account. All use of the system must be under my own account or user ID. A user identified as a security risk may be denied access to the information system. I understand vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to alter, harm, or destroy equipment or data of another user or any other agencies or networks that are connected to the system. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses. Any vandalism will result in the loss of access to computer services, disciplinary action, and possible legal referral. I understand and will abide by the provisions and conditions of this contract. I understand that any violations of the above provisions may result in disciplinary action, the revoking of my user account, and appropriate legal action. I also agree to report any misuse of the information system to the FRJUSD system administrator. Misuse can come in many forms, but can be viewed as any messages sent or received that indicate or suggest pornography, unethical, or illegal solicitation, racism, sexism, inappropriate language, consumer fraud, and other issues described above.

Students will be given personal email accounts that they will use for school purposes.

## **“THINGS” YOU NEED TO KNOW**

In the Fall River Joint Unified School District we are always concerned about the health, safety, and the welfare of all stakeholders: Employees, parents, and students who have concerns, have access to the district’s uniform complaint form and procedure. It is equally accessible to all. Ask our school secretary for the form, if you have concerns.

### **Student Body Card:                   \$30.00**

Purchase of a Student Body Card allows you admission into all regular season home games and school activities at reduced prices. Since it is necessary to present your card for identification at school functions and to receive appropriate discounts from merchants, students are encouraged to carry their cards with them at all times.

### **Cafeteria:**

Breakfast and Lunch are FREE to ALL FRJUSD students.

Additional milk cost = \$0.50

## **SCHOOL SONG**

### **Fall River Jr./Sr. High School Fight Song**

**“O’hail to Fall River High – Our school, our Alma Mater.  
The beauty of our country – We’ll always love you true.  
Old memories of fellowship – Always will remain.  
We love our Alma Mater – Fall River School’s our name**

***More than 100 years of***

# **PRIDE**



## STUDENT HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read and I understand the Students Rights and Responsibilities, Standard Disciplinary Procedures, General Rules of Conduct, Policies and Procedures for Attendance and I agree to abide by these policies.

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Student Signature

Printed Name

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Parent Signature

Date

**\*\*The Student Handbook in its entirety can be found on FRHS Classroom AND under the “student” tab at [www.frhs.frjUSD.org](http://www.frhs.frjUSD.org)\*\***