

2022-2023

WALKER HIGH SCHOOL



STUDENT HANDBOOK

"We are Walker!"



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VISION

1. Walker High School will be a model school for dual academic and Jump Start pathways.
2. We will be a leader among high schools partnering with business and industry.
3. We will be the pride of Livingston Parish where parents want their children to graduate and students WANT to attend.
4. We will be an "A" school.

MISSION

Walker High School's purpose is to provide a safe and positive learning environment where all students have the opportunity to discover their potential and achieve success through a diverse experience of rigorous, relevant, and interesting courses within a college or career curriculum.

MOTTO

We ARE Walker – Where Opportunities Today Mean Success Tomorrow!

BELIEFS

1. All students can learn.
2. Success looks different for everyone and can occur with either a college or career path.
3. Courses should be rigorous, relevant, and interesting for the student.
4. Curriculum and instructional practices should include differentiated instruction to teach all students.
5. Students learn best when they are engaged in the learning process.

ALMA MATER

OH, HAIL TO THEE, THE GREEN AND WHITE,
WE HOLD YOU IN OUR HEARTS.
WE WILL GUARD YOUR NAME WITH PRIDE
AND SPREAD YOUR NAME BOTH FAR AND WIDE.
YOU HAVE TAUGHT US LOYALTY.
YOUR TRUTH SHALL BE OUR GUIDING LIGHT.
WHEN THROUGH YOUR PORTALS WE DEPART,
OH, WALKER HIGH, BE IN OUR HEARTS!

2022 – 2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Students Report/Classwork Begins	Tuesday, August 9, 2022
Labor Day Holiday	Monday, September 5, 2022
LPPS Professional Development (full day)	Wednesday, September 21, 2022
Livingston Parish Fair Holiday	Friday, October 7, 2022
LPPS Professional Development (half day)	Wednesday, November 2, 2022
Federal Election Day	Tuesday, November 8, 2022
Thanksgiving Holidays	Monday-Friday, November 21-25, 2022
First Term Ends	Tuesday, December 20, 2022
Christmas/New Year's	Wednesday, December 21, 2022–Thursday, January 5, 2023
Second Term Begins	Friday, January 6, 2023
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 16, 2023
Mardi Gras Holidays	Monday-Friday, February 20-24, 2023
LPPS Professional Development (full day)	Wednesday, March 1, 2023
LPPS Professional Development (half day)	Wednesday, March 29, 2023
Easter Holidays	Friday, April 7, 2023-Friday, April 14, 2023
Second Term Ends	Friday, May 26

INTERIM GRADE REPORTS ISSUED

Thursday, September 8, 2022

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Friday, November 11, 2022

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

REPORT CARDS ISSUED

Friday, January 13, 2023

Friday, June 2, 2023



Walker High School 2022-2023 Bell Schedules



REGULAR DAILY SCHEDULE

6:55	Students May Arrive on Campus
7:16	Students Report to 1 st Block
7:22 – 8:58	1 st Block
9:04 – 10:37	2 nd Block
3RD Block and Lunch Shifts	
A LUNCH SHIFT	B LUNCH SHIFT
Lunch 10:37-11:08	Lunch 11:30-11:59
3 rd Block Class 11:14-12:50	3 rd Block Class 10:43-11:30 / 12:03-12:50
C LUNCH SHIFT	
Lunch 12:19-12:50	
3 rd Block Class 10:43-12:19	
12:56-2:29	4 th Block

HOMEROOM DAY SCHEDULE

6:55	Students May Arrive on Campus
7:16	Students Report to 1 st Block
7:22 – 8:48	1 st Block
8:56 – 9:08	Homeroom
9:14 – 10:37	2 nd Block
3RD Block and Lunch Shifts	
A LUNCH SHIFT	B LUNCH SHIFT
Lunch 10:37-11:08	Lunch 11:30-11:59
3 rd Block Class 11:14-12:50	3 rd Block Class 10:43-11:30 / 12:03-12:50
C LUNCH SHIFT	
Lunch 12:19-12:50	
3 rd Block Class 10:43-12:19	
12:56-2:29	4 th Block

EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

6:55	Students May Arrive on Campus
7:16	Students Report to 1 st Block
7:22 – 8:08	1 st Block
8:14 – 9:00	2 nd Block
9:06 – 9:52	4 th Block
3RD Block and Lunch Shifts	
A LUNCH SHIFT	B LUNCH SHIFT
Lunch 9:58-10:18	Lunch 10:18-10:38
3 rd Block Class 10:18-10:58	3 rd Block Class 9:58-10:18 / 10:38-10:58
C LUNCH SHIFT	
Lunch 10:38-10:58	
3 rd Block Class 9:58-10:38	
10:58	Dismissal

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

I. Attendance Policies

Attendance Requirements

The Livingston Parish School Board lists personal illness with a doctor's note, death in the immediate family with a copy of the obituary, religious holidays, court dates, and extreme emergencies as legitimate excused absences. These absences are considered **subtractable** and do not count as one of the five days a student can miss each semester. Excessive unexcused absences may result in a "no credit" for a class regardless of the grade received. All excuses (doctor's excuse or note written by parent or guardian) should be turned in to the attendance secretary at the Wildcat Window or the Annex Building before/after school or during student lunch break. Students have 5 school days to turn in a doctor's excuse or note written by a parent or guardian; **excuses will not be accepted after this 5 day period.**

When turning in excuses, make sure student's name and the date(s) for excused absence is provided. **Do not alter, add to, or delete in any way official excuses given by a physician, court, etc. (name, date, etc.). This action will result in a suspension.**

Absences are recorded each block. Due to check-in/outs, a student may be over the limit of absences and receive no credit in one block while remaining eligible to receive credit in others. Any student missing 45 or more minutes of a block will be considered absent for that class. Any student with excessive unexcused absences in any class may receive no credit for that class.

If a student returns to school from an absence and does not bring a doctor's note, obituary, etc. (see list of acceptable excuses from first Attendance paragraph) or brings in a note written by a parent/guardian, the day will not be considered subtractable, but students can make up the missed work.

Makeup Work

All makeup work is due PRIOR TO the interim period grade deadlines listed below. Zeros will be entered for any work not turned in until it is made up.

Semester 1

Interim 1: September 8, 2022

Interim 2: October 11, 2022

Interim 3: November 11, 2022

Semester Ends: December 20, 2022

Semester 2

Interim 1: February 7, 2023

Interim 2: March 16, 2023

Interim 3: April 25, 2023

Semester Ends: May 26, 2023

The **ABC Taskforce** is proactive in monitoring Absences, Behavior and Course Work for all students to ensure they stay on track in these three areas. The ABC Taskforce will contact students and parents regarding excessive absences, behavioral issues and/or failure to stay on track with course work.

Zeros will be entered for any work not turned in until the work is made up. If an assignment due date was assigned prior to the absence and given a "hard due date", the assignment is still due on the original due date. In this case, work may not be accepted late or points may be deducted for late work at teacher discretion.

Example: Mr. Potter has assigned a project that is due within the next 2 weeks and the absolute deadline for the project is April 3rd. A student who is absent on April 3rd is still responsible for turning in the assignment on time. (This can be done by turning it in early or dropping off the assignment in the front office on the due date.)

[“Hard Due Date” – Essays, projects, and other long-term assignments assigned two or more weeks in advance or otherwise designated so are considered “hard dates” and will not be accepted after 2:45 on the due date. These dates are not flexible even if the student is not at school due to illness or other excusable reasons. To avoid grading penalties, students can turn in work early or he/she can have a parent drop off the assignment.]

For prolonged absences, parents can request make up work. A student must be absent at least 3 days and not expected to return for at least 2 more days to request work. Requests for Homework can be made through the school office at (225) 271-3200. Requests made prior to 8 am will be processed the same day. After 8 am, requests will be processed the next school day.

DMV Enrollment Forms

At this time, students do not need an enrollment form from Walker High School for the DMV to obtain a TIP card, driver’s license or permit. If the State changes that ruling, students will be told how to request such documentation.

Tardies

If a student enters a class after the tardy bell has begun to ring, the student is considered tardy unless he has a note from a teacher or the office stating a legitimate reason for being tardy. The student will be sent to the Main Office or the Annex Building to receive a tardy from the Tardy Calculator System. The following actions will be taken for students with any combination of excessive tardies:

1st, 2nd & 3rd tardies = Warning

4th tardy = After-school detention

5th tardy = Saturday detention

6th tardy = Saturday Clinic

7th and thereafter = suspension.

Tardies start over at mid-year. The overall disciplinary record **does not** start over at mid-year.

Check-Ins

A check-in is defined as arriving at school at any time after the 7:22 morning bell. All students who check-in must report to the Main Office or Annex Building to sign in, receive a tardy and an admit slip to class.

Check-Outs

If it is necessary for a student to leave school during school hours because of illness, doctor appointment, or other emergency, the student must comply with the following:

1. Students will report to the main office with a hall pass from the teacher and fill out/sign the check-out request. The student will return directly to class.
2. The office will call a parent or guardian and let the student know when he/she is in the office. Only those adults on the approved check-out card will be allowed to check out a student. Students are not allowed to walk home.
3. If a student checks out of school and returns the same day, he/she **must** have a legitimate official excuse (doctor’s excuse, court appearance, funeral, etc.) in order to check back in.
4. There will be no check-outs allowed after 2:00. Students are not allowed to use the phone during school hours. Phones will be available for student use before and after school.
5. Any student checking out or leaving campus for **any** reason must obtain permission and must sign out in the main office.
6. Students are not allowed to go into the halls before school until the bell rings at 7:16am. Students are not allowed in the halls during lunch unless they are going to the library. Students must use the restrooms in the cafeteria before school & during their lunch shift.

II. Discipline Policies

Disciplinary Code

It should be understood by all students that all teachers are obligated to carry out all policies of this school and that the students are obligated to take instructions from any teacher or school personnel. This includes bus drivers, custodial staff, lunchroom workers, and paraprofessionals. The administration reserves the right to modify/add to the Discipline Policy according to the requirements of the Central Office.

Changes to the Discipline Policy could occur when a specific need is recognized that warrants a change to ensure smooth operation of the school. Offenses involving illegal activities may result in police action in addition to school disciplinary measures. Students failing to cooperate in investigations involving school personnel are subject to disciplinary action. Student conferences are subject to being recorded by school personnel. Any evidence confiscated by school personnel may be turned over to the authorities. Any student and his/her belongings are subject to being searched if school personnel have reasonable suspicion of any material that may violate school policy.

Search and Seizure

Students and their belongings can be searched, and property can be taken if it violates School Board policy. Be very careful if you take something from another student to hold for him/her. Anything in your possession is considered to be your property.

Disciplinary Actions

Students may be subject to the following disciplinary actions for various offenses: Punish Work, After-school detention, Work detail, Saturday clinic, Suspension or Recommendation for expulsion

The following list includes, but is not limited to, a number of punishable offenses:

- Leaving campus or class without permission. Cutting class, skipping school, or coming on campus and leaving without reporting to office
- Forging signatures or altering school documents
- Having prohibited body piercings
- Possession of a cap or hat on campus
- Stealing
- Violation of dress code/uniform policy/grooming code
- Misconduct on school campus including the school bus & the cafeteria.
- Profanity, obscenity (written, verbal, or through mannerisms)
- Indecent behavior
- Fighting or inciting a fight
- Possession of a weapon
- Parking lot violations/tickets
- Threats of violence against students, faculty, or administration
- Gambling
- Harassment of any type (bullying, sexual, verbal)
- Running in halls or on campus
- Failure to have an ID; use of another student's ID
- Public display of affection (hugging, kissing, or any physical contact)
- Being under the influence of/using/possession /distribution/intent to distribute alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances, including prescription medications or "look alike" drugs
- Possession of or use of any tobacco product (snuff, cigarettes, etc.)
- Possession of or use of any vape pens or other e-cigarette paraphernalia
- Possession of electronic devices such as music players, laser pointers, etc. These will be confiscated and kept until the end of the year.

- Improper personal use of a cell phone
- Blatant disrespect or willful disobedience toward any school employee, including failure to follow instructions.
- Failure to attend after-school detention, Saturday clinic, or any other assigned punishment.
- Attending a school function during a suspension
- Sleeping in class
- Consistent failure to bring materials to class
- Failure to do/complete punish work
- Chewing gum
- Bringing fast food or drinks onto campus.
- Any behavior that endangers oneself or others
- Any violation of the state and parish guidelines on student discipline
- Any violation of the medicine policy
- Any student found in an unauthorized area will be suspended. An unauthorized area is any area a student has not obtained permission to be in.
- Any behavior that is unbecoming of a responsible Walker High School student
- Committing any other serious offenses as determined by the administration

TECHNOLOGY INFRACTIONS (Effective 12/20/22)

Any student that does not bring the school issued laptop ready for use to school will receive a technology infraction. The same applies should a student need to charge their school issued laptop and not have the charger in their possession to do so. The ladder for infractions is below.

Infraction Number	Consequence
1st-3rd	Warning
4th	After School Detention
5th and 6th	Saturday Detention
7th	One-day Suspension
8th	After School Detention
9th	Saturday Detention
10th	Two-day Suspension
11th	After School Detention
12th	Saturday Detention
13th	Three-day Suspension
14th	Expulsion

**WALKER HIGH SCHOOL CELL PHONE POLICY
EFFECTIVE 12/20/2022**

All students will be required to place their cellphones in the cellphone pouches located in their classrooms. No student will be allowed to be in possession of their cellphone when leaving the classroom during class time. Any student seen in possession of a cellphone during class time (this includes in hallways, offices, labs, and restrooms) will receive a one-day suspension for willful disobedience. Students are allowed to be in possession of and use (not to make phone calls) their cellphones before school, while transitioning between classes, at lunch, and after school.

Purpose

In an effort to be proactive with today's growing social and interactive technology trends, it is our hope that this policy of cell phone usage only when deemed appropriate by a teacher for academic work, will increase awareness and training while putting into practice social and professional etiquette relating to electronic devices while enhancing instruction helping our students move from being consumers of knowledge to creators of knowledge.

Cyber Safety

Cyber safety rules including digital citizenship, cyber bullying, and protecting personal identifiable information will be reviewed with students throughout the school year. Students will be required to complete the Student Cell Phone training module before using personal devices on campus. In addition to the rules outlined in these guidelines, students will be expected to comply with all class and school rules while using personal devices.

District Network

Students will be required to login to the district wireless network and content filter to access the internet. Walker High School does not guarantee connectivity or the quality of the connection with personal devices. Walker High School is not responsible for maintaining or troubleshooting student personal devices. Any unethical violation may result in the loss of network and/or cell phone privileges as well as other disciplinary action.

Lost, Stolen or Damaged Devices

Each student shall be responsible for personal devices at all times. Walker High School is not responsible for storing or keeping the device(s) secure at any time. A student brings such device at his/her own risk. Walker High School will not be responsible for searching for lost or stolen devices.

Usage Charges

Walker High School is not responsible for any possible device charges (i.e. apps a student downloads during class) to your account that might be incurred during approved school-related use.

Stoplight Zone Indicator Protocol

RED ZONE: Cell phones may not be used at any time in areas of the school campus that are designated as "Red Zones." Red Zones include, but are not limited to: Main Office, Annex Building, Guidance office, hallways during class time, all restrooms, all locker rooms, and in vehicle while driving. Classrooms are red zones upon entry and until the teacher approves usage for a class activity in lesson plans.

YELLOW ZONE: Cell phones may be used in a limited capacity as permitted and directed by school personnel in areas of the school campus that are designated as "Yellow Zones." Yellow Zones include classrooms and the library only when approved by the teacher. This gives each teacher the flexibility to change between Red and Green depending on the appropriate environment needed for instruction.

GREEN ZONE: Cell phones may be used at any time in areas of the school campus that are designated as "Green Zones." Green Zones include the common areas before and after school and during lunch and in the hallways during non-instructional time between classes.

Disciplinary Action for Inappropriate Cell Phone Usage

1st – After School Detention

2nd – Saturday Detention

3rd – Saturday Detention

4th – Suspension

5th – Lose all phone privileges

6th – Three day suspension if caught with phone after privileges have been taken away.

Prohibited Actions

The use of a cell phone is not a right, but a privilege. It may not be used to cause any disruption in the educational process or for unethical or illegal purposes. Students found in severe violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion. Severe violations of this policy involve highly inappropriate activities including, but not limited to:

1. Electronic communication that contains inappropriate content, profanity, intimidation, cyberbullying, harassment, or threats to others;
2. Academic dishonesty, plagiarism, or cheating;
3. The use of camera or recording features of cell phones and portable digital media devices in restrooms, locker rooms, or for any use constituting an invasion of any person's reasonable expectation of privacy;
4. Communicating, in any way with outside groups or individuals to participate in violent acts, or other inappropriate or unlawful activities on school property or at school-sponsored activities;
5. Any activity prohibited by the Walker High School Student Handbook to circumvent LPPS network security or for any unauthorized access to or inappropriate use of the LPPS computer network;
6. Interference, disruption or obstruction of the educational environment.

Suspension/Unauthorized Areas

Students are not allowed to go to the parking lot anytime during school hours. During lunch and all school hours, students are not allowed to go to any unauthorized areas. An unauthorized area is defined as any area a student has not obtained permission to be in.

Drug Policy

State law and parish policy will be followed. A copy of the parish policy will be sent home for parents to review, sign, and return to the school.

Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco

All three of the following substances are prohibited on school grounds and school-sponsored activities, whether on or off campus, including athletic events, performances, dances, practices, etc. This includes being under the influence of any drug or alcoholic beverages.

- Drugs: Students 16 years or older will receive a 4-semester expulsion. Students under the age of 16 will receive a 2-semester expulsion.
- Alcohol: Any students in possession or under the influence will be suspended from school. On the first offense the student will be required to get an assessment from an approved agency before returning to school. A second offense may result in an expulsion.
- Tobacco: Any student in possession of or using tobacco, snuff or cigarettes, E-cigarettes or vaping pens will be suspended from school for each violation.

Harassment Policy

It is part of the mission of the faculty, staff, and administration of Walker High School to provide a safe environment for all students and employees. Therefore, there is zero tolerance for any type of harassment, be it verbal, physical, sexual, or otherwise. Also, Walker High School does not tolerate bullying, including cyberbullying, or intimidation of any kind on its campus. Students should report such behavior to a teacher or administrator, and it will be investigated and appropriate action will be taken.

Lost or Vandalized School Property

Any school property that is damaged or lost must be paid for by the student. Vandalism will result in a suspension or expulsion in addition to financial responsibility for the loss. Vandalism will be reported to the police department with criminal charges filed when applicable.

Weapons on Campus

Weapons are prohibited from campus; an expulsion can result from this offense. Students are expected to report to a teacher or an administrator anyone carrying a weapon on campus. The report will be confidential and is critical to maintaining a safe environment. Weapons include knives, guns, chains, or any other items that can cause bodily harm.

Surveillance Cameras

Certain areas of the campus are monitored by surveillance cameras. You consent to be searched upon entering these areas.

Cheating/Plagiarism

Each student is expected to do his or her own work unless specified by the teacher. Any student who cheats or copies from another source without permission is considered to be cheating or plagiarizing. This will result in the student receiving a zero for the assignment.

Saturday Clinic/After-school Detention

Saturday clinics and after-school detentions will be assigned primarily for minor offenses and will be used as an alternative to suspension at the discretion of the administration.

1. For infractions that do not involve suspensions, written notification will be sent home with the student for Friday clinic and after-school detention. A parent or guardian signature is required on the detention notification letter for students to attend Friday clinic and after-school detention.
2. Clinics and detentions are scheduled in advance and will not be rescheduled for any reason.
3. Any violation of rules governing the clinic will result in an automatic suspension from school.

Suspensions/Expulsions

1. The student may not return to Walker High School campus.
2. The student may not attend or participate in any school sponsored activity on or off campus, including participating in sporting events, homecoming and prom dances, field trips, etc.
3. The suspension begins at 2:45 P.M. on the day the student receives the suspension from school.
4. The student may make up work missed during the period of suspension for a maximum of 30% of the possible assigned points.
5. Walker High School will notify the suspended student's parents by telephone and/or letter.

Internet Use Policy

Students must adhere to the guidelines found in the Livingston Parish School Board Internet Acceptability Use Policy. Students **MUST** present a current Walker High School student ID to access the Internet. Internet privileges may be suspended at any time.

LPPS Acceptable Use Policy:

http://www.lpsb.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_546/File/SiteMigration/Technology/aup%20in%20the%20student%20handbook.pdf

ID Cards

All students are required to wear their own personal ID card clipped to his/her collar while on campus. Each student receives a free ID and clip. The ID is used to identify students, to check in and check out of school, and for all library transactions. Failure to wear the current school year ID will result in disciplinary action. Failure to wear your own personal school ID will result in disciplinary action. On the 3rd offense, the student will receive an after-school detention. On the 4th offense, the student will receive a Saturday detention. On the 5th and every subsequent offense, the student will receive a one-day suspension.

If a student forgets his or her ID card, the student will receive a dress code violation from the Main Office or the Annex Building. A new ID can be purchased from the library for \$3.00; a new clip costs \$1.00. The ID card must be free from personal stickers and all writing/defacing.

III. Dress Code Policies

Dress Code/Personal Appearance

Each student should take pride in his or her appearance, and the following guidelines will be in place. Students will adhere to the parish dress code policy. The administration will determine if an article of clothing, hair style/color, or other dress/grooming example is acceptable or not. No student's appearance, including but not limited to his/her attire, shall be considered proper and acceptable for school if it distracts from, or in any way disrupts, the educational process.

It is the responsibility of each student to use good judgment regarding appearance and attire. Cleanliness shall be a basic consideration. In the event that health and medical considerations for a particular student require an exception to the Dress Code, the principal shall determine that exception and make his/her faculty and staff aware of the exception.

The following guidelines have been established regarding all student's dress and appearance:

- Styles of dress and grooming never should be such that they represent a collective or individual protest.
- Uniform pants and shirts must fit properly and be an appropriate length. **Tight shirts are prohibited, and you will be required to get another shirt. Pants should fit properly and should not be too tight or worn below the waist. Pants must be worn at the waist.**
- Solid navy blue or solid white golf/box style polo shirt or solid oxford cloth shirt. No emblems or logos. Cap sleeves are not permitted. Undershirts should be white. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. **A detention will be given if your shirt is not tucked in. No warning will be given. If your shirt cannot remain tucked in, it is too short.**
- Khaki pants, shorts, skirts or skorts. No flaps are allowed on pockets of pants. No slits are allowed in seams. **No rivets on uniform pants.** The length of shorts and skorts must be no shorter than four inches from the top of the knee. Skirts must reach the top of the knee.
- Students will be permitted to wear an official Walker High School polo each Wednesday. Polos can be purchased from the Cookie Site. Only these approved polos will be allowed on Wednesday's, with the exception of a regular solid white or solid navy uniform shirt or a special school spirit day or fundraiser.
- All outerwear other than a zip up jacket or coat must be solid white or navy blue with no logos or emblems or Walker High School apparel.
- Belts must be a solid color: brown or black, or navy blue. Oversized belt buckles will not be allowed as they present a safety hazard.
- Patches, decorations, slogans, symbols, tags, marks, or advertisements are prohibited. (Examples: beer, cigarettes, drugs, obscene suggestions, sexual connotations, political, etc.)
- Hair should be neat, clean, and out of the student's eyes. Students should have natural hair color. Extreme unnatural colors are not allowed. Sculptured hair styles that include pictures, symbols, letters, numbers or hair curlers, rollers or excessively teased will not be permitted. The principal has discretion if a hairstyle, including accessories interferes with learning. Shoes must have a back and rubber sole. Slippers, shower shoes, flip-flops and

crocs are not allowed.

- Neatly groomed facial hair is acceptable, including mustaches, beards and goatees.
- Earrings are acceptable for all students provided they are not a safety concern or a distraction on campus; jewelry, including earrings, worn during the school day should be a size and dimension that is not a safety concern or a distraction on campus; All other facial piercings are not allowed. If a student has a facial piercing, they may wear a clear stud while at school. On the first offense, the ring or other device will be confiscated and the student's parent notified. A suspension will be given on all subsequent offenses.
- Caps, hats and unprescribed glasses are not permitted.
- Tattoos that are vulgar, obscene, political, offensive or otherwise disruptive to the school environment are not permitted and must be covered at all times.
- Student IDs must be clipped to the collar.
- Dress on special dress days as described below, shall be consistent with the intent and spirit of the School Uniform Dress Code.



Special Dress Guidelines



Fundraiser Fridays \$2.00 (last Friday of each month)

- **Shirts:** Full coverage
No spaghetti straps or tank tops
No see-through
No halter-type
- **Bottoms:** Jeans, sweats, capris, skirts, shorts
Lengths follow uniform dress code
No holes
Not too tight
- **Dress:** Top and bottom same as above
- **Hats:** Outside only

Note: Yoga pants, tights, jeggings, running shorts, and pajama bottoms are NOT allowed as pants.

- MCJROTC Uniform - required for class
 - Scrubs – required for class

Spirit Day (Announced by Administration)

- **Shirts:** Any homemade or purchased shirt that promotes WHS clubs, athletics, academics or events.
- Regular uniform bottoms

Event Shirt Day-Admin Approved

- **Shirts:** Specific to event
Exs: Club Day – Club Shirt
Bank Promo – Bank Shirt
Drama Publicity – Play Shirt
Prom Eve – Prom Shirt, ...ETC...
- Regular uniform bottoms

Homecoming Week:
see special dress requirements

IV. Campus Policies

Cafeteria

Breakfast and lunch will be free for ALL students.

Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria. Students who choose to bring a bagged lunch may do so on a day-to-day basis. They may decide to get a meal at any time during the month.

During lunch, students are to abide by the following rules:

- Follow directions the first time they are given.
- Walk in a quiet, orderly manner.
- Speak in a soft voice when seated.
- Clean your lunch area.

Students, parents or friends may not bring fast food/drinks or other food/drinks from off campus to any students. Adults and students are prohibited from bringing carbonated beverages into the cafeteria during meal service.

30-30-30

The 30-30-30 rule guarantees all students will be in class for the first thirty minutes of instruction and the last thirty minutes of instruction. During the middle thirty minutes, teachers may allow students to leave the room, one at a time, to use the nearest restroom. If a student feels he or she needs more frequent restroom breaks or needs the restroom at times outside of the designated thirty minutes, the student will need to provide the office with a medical excuse.

Students may be allowed to leave class at any time for services such as the read aloud lab or talented music, art, or theater. They may also be called from class by an administrator, guidance counselor, or office staff. Additionally, students may leave class for special testing, field trips, or other events approved by the principal.

Students learn best when they are in class with their teachers. Personal business such as turning in absentee excuses, checking out a library book, or scheduling an appointment with a counselor should be conducted before school, after school, or at lunch.

Campus Stores: Green and White Cookie Site and PJs Coffee

Students are permitted to visit the Green and White Cookie Site located in the Main Building and PJs located in the new gym, before school and during lunch periods. Students cannot leave class to visit these campus stores.

Deliveries

Walker High students are not permitted to receive any outside deliveries. If an order is made to the campus Green and White Cookie Site, it will be delivered to the student during 4th block.

E-Ticket System

Walker High School uses an e-ticket system for admission to all athletic events, dances, and other events where it is deemed appropriate. In regard to dances, fieldtrips, and other events, all outstanding obligations and fees must be paid in order for the student to participate in these extracurricular events.

Extracurricular Activities

There are some co-curricular and extracurricular clubs at Walker High School. Almost all clubs at Walker High School have membership policies that allow all students to join once dues are paid.

Fees

Walker High School assesses each student a \$60 instructional fee for copy paper, copy machine rental and maintenance, one student ID and clip, postage, test answer sheets, medical and sanitary supplies, etc. There are minimal individual course fees (i.e., Dual Enrollment, AP, band fees, athletic fees, club fees, etc.). Walker High School is also assessing each student a \$15 technology fee and each student will be loaned a laptop for use during the school year. Students may not participate in field trips, may not attend the homecoming dance or the prom, and may not participate in the graduation ceremony until all outstanding debts are cleared.

School Fees will be added to each student's profile as an Obligation through the Online Payment System. Other fees may be assessed through this system as well, i.e. dual enrollment fees, AP fees, athletic fees, etc. To see current fees go to the link: http://lpsb.ss4.sharpschool.com/parents/online_school_payments/ and look under the Obligation tab. Fees are added as club sponsors, coaches, etc., contact the financial office at Walker High.

Field Trips

When field trips are scheduled by a teacher or club sponsor, permission must be given by the parent for the student to attend. A form for this purpose will be provided and collected by the sponsoring teacher. Students on a field trip are held to the same behavior and discipline requirements as during the regular school day. The administration may deny participation in a field trip to any student because of disciplinary reasons, poor attendance record, academic concerns and/or outstanding financial responsibilities. Parents must fill out and sign a Student Release of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement form for students to be able to participate.

Fire and Emergency Drills

It is crucial to the safety of everyone on campus and to the effectiveness of the Crisis Management Plan that each student be held accountable for knowledge of and compliance with established emergency procedures. Failure to comply with emergency procedures and policies in an efficient manner will result in disciplinary action.

Guidance

The Guidance Department will strive to assist each individual to grow to his/her maximum potential as a mature individual who is a contributing member of society. The counselors work with students individually and with classes as a whole, stressing values, coping skills, reaching academic potential, problem solving, and planning for the future. The Guidance Department is open between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 2:45 P.M.

Homerooms

Students will be required to go to their Homeroom every Wednesday where important information, papers, etc. will be communicated and distributed. Attendance will be taken. On Wednesday's students will report to 1st block as normal, then go to homeroom, and then report to 2nd block after homeroom. AM Literacy Center students can pick up information missed from their homeroom teachers.

Library and Textbooks

Textbooks are loaned to the student at the beginning of each school term. Books that are damaged, lost, or destroyed will be paid for by the student before a replacement can be issued. **Students must return the books issued to them through the scanning process.** Students are encouraged to write their names in the front of their textbook in the appropriate location. Once the textbooks are issued, it is the responsibility of each student to examine his/her textbooks to determine if any damage exists. The student will purchase any textbook that has damage that was not previously reported. The function of the library is to assist the students and teachers with resources and media to enhance the learning process. The library is staffed by one librarian. There will be a **\$1.00** charge for any damaged or missing barcodes on any library or textbooks that are returned. Students will receive updates on opening times as they become available.

Medication Policy

As per Act 87 passed by the Louisiana Legislature in 1993, **NO** medicine will be administered to any student without a written order from a Louisiana licensed physician or dentist and a letter of request and authorization from the student's parent or guardian. For more information, contact the school.

The LPSB policy states that students cannot have in their possession, take, or be given any prescription, or non-prescription medication such as Tylenol, aspirin, cold medication, ointments, etc. except by designated school officials during school hours. Medication forms are to be completed and remain on file in the office. A parent or guardian must bring medicine to school. Any violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action. All medication must be picked up by parent/guardian at the end of the school year or it will be discarded.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parents/Guardians may request a personal or phone conference with a student's teachers by calling the main office to set up an appointment (271-3200). The reason for the conference must be stated, and conferences are scheduled as quickly as possible. If a parent or teacher must cancel the appointment, those expected at the conference should be notified. Parents may also contact teachers via the teachers' e-mail.

Visitors

All visitors must report immediately to the main office upon arriving on campus and be given permission to visit other parts of the campus. All visitors will be given a visitor's pass. Visitors are to park in the administrative parking lot that borders Florida Boulevard. Students are not allowed to bring visitors to school. Visitors are limited.

Student Parking

Student drivers (**10th through 12th grades only**) are required to park in their designated parking area on campus and display a Walker High School parking tag on their rear view mirror. Applications for parking tags may be obtained online. Failure to complete an application and/or drive to school without purchasing a tag will result in the vehicle being ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense. Tags must be paid for online. The cost is \$20. Students must have a valid driver's license and insurance on the vehicle to purchase a tag and must provide a copy of each. Parking business and questions are handled before/after school and during your lunch shift only in the Annex. Failure to display parking tag or parking in the incorrect parking area could result in disciplinary action, the vehicle being towed (see above), and loss of driving privileges on campus. When student drivers arrive on campus, they must park in a designated parking area and proceed to the commons area. Students are not be allowed to congregate in the parking lot or remain in vehicles once they park on campus.

Parent Carpool Line

The entrance to Carpool is located off of N. Palmetto Drive behind the CTE/Industrial Arts building. Students are to exit vehicles at the Drop Off point at the curb by the Cafeteria then move from the car rider area, then to grab a breakfast and to the commons areas. Students are to be picked up in the afternoons at only that same location.

Transportation/Buses

The school bus is an extension of the school; therefore, all school rules apply on the bus, while students are waiting for the bus, and immediately upon exiting the bus. The bus driver is an authorized school employee and should be treated with respect. For the safety of all students, behavior unbecoming of a responsible Walker High School student will not be tolerated, and disciplinary action will be taken when infractions occur.

V. Classroom/Grading Policies

Grading Procedures

Students will receive two report cards, one at the end of each semester. The report card will be a cumulative grade of the entire semester's work based on weighted grades per subject. **Grades will be weighted to include Major Assessments (MA), Assessed for Accuracy (Quizzes, Labs, Projects, etc...)(ACC), Participation/Completion (PC), and End of Semester Assessment (SEM EX). In a 100% grading system, MA will carry a weight of 40% of the total grade. ACC will carry a weight of 35% of the total grade. PC will carry a weight of 10% of the total grade. SEM EX will carry a weight of 15% of the total grade.**

Grade Reports

Three interim reports will be issued each semester: 4 ½ weeks, 9 weeks, and 13 ½ weeks. Interim grades are cumulative as well. Report cards are issued at the end of each semester. Specific dates are as listed on Page 4 of this Handbook. When calculating percentages to determine a letter grade, .50 and above will always be rounded off to the next highest number. GPAs are not rounded! It is strongly encouraged to check PowerSchool grades at: <https://lpps.powerschool.com/public/> Please contact the office for initial login information. A mobile App is also available for download.

Homework/Classwork

All teachers will have lessons/assignments posted in their Google Classroom. Any assignment given by a teacher must be completed by each student. Work assigned should be considered an extension of the current lesson. Learning does not occur in isolation, rather in collaboration with many things. Each teacher is held accountable for providing each student with the opportunity to learn; each student must take responsibility to learn.

The State Library of Louisiana offers homework services which can be found at the following web link <http://www.homeworkla.org/>.

End-of-Course LEAP 360 Tests

Students must pass certain state mandated LEAP 360 tests for graduation requirements; the score on the LEAP 360 will also be 15% percentage of the final grade in the courses that require an LEAP 360 test. State mandated tests will be given in the following courses: English I, English II, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, and US History. In addition, all students must earn the necessary Carnegie units in order to receive a diploma. The state set a schedule for LEAP 360 tests, a student who misses his/her scheduled test must return to school before LEAP 360 testing ends to take a make-up test or must provide a Doctor's note that covers the all of the dates of LEAP 360 testing, otherwise the student will receive a zero on 15% of the final course grade.

Parish Proficiency Tests

Students will take a parish proficiency test in courses that do not require a state LEAP 2025 test. These proficiency tests are weighted 15% of the final grade. The administration sets a schedule for proficiency tests and final exams; proficiency tests and final exams will not be given early. Students who miss these tests must have a doctor's excuse in order to make up the exams.

PowerSchool Parent Portal

The PowerSchool program is an excellent way for parents to keep up with their child’s academic progress and his/her attendance. It is available 24-hours a day via the internet at the website. Parents can create an account by following the instructions at <https://lpps.powerschool.com/public/>. A mobile app is also available for download. If a parent or guardian is missing key information such as the student’s access ID and password, please come to the school to receive the information. Please be prepared to show a picture ID.

Scheduling

The counselors begin scheduling students for the new school year in early spring. It is very important that students and their parents take this process seriously. Once the classes are selected and the master schedule is set, it is almost impossible to make schedule changes because adding or removing students in one class has a domino effect in almost all other classes. Schedule wisely and carefully. Priority in scheduling is given first to graduation requirements, then to TOPS requirements, then to college requirements.

Grading Scales

Regular Classes		College Board Advanced Placement Classes (starting in 2014-15)		Advanced Level Classes (Honors, Dual Enrollment, etc)	
Grade/Point Value	Average	Grade/Point Value	Average	Grade/Point Value	Average
A = 4	93 – 100	A = 5	90 - 100	A = 4	90 - 100
B = 3	85 – 92	B = 4	80 - 89	B = 3	80 - 89
C = 2	75 – 84	C = 3	70 - 79	C = 2	70 - 79
D = 1	67 – 74	D = 2	60 - 69	D = 1	60 - 69
F = 0	0 – 66	F = 0	0 - 59	F = 0	0 - 59

Credits Required for Grade Placement

Freshman	0 – 4 Credits/Units
Sophomore	5 -10 Credits/Units
Junior	11- 16 Credits/Units
Senior	17 Credits/Units

Graduation Ceremonies Participation Policy

In order to participate in the graduation ceremonies at Walker High School, a student must adhere to all of the following:

1. Earn the required number of Carnegie units as mandated by the State of Louisiana.
2. Take and pass all required portions of the LEAP 2025 as well as ACT and/or WorkKeys.
3. Earn required Jumpstart Credential if on the Jumpstart Diploma Track.
4. Be a “student in good standing” by meeting one of the following requirements:
 - A. Be a full-time student at Walker High School or mid-term grad
 - B. Be enrolled in an approved early-release program
 - C. Be participating in dual enrollment through an approved college, university, or vocational program
5. Complete FAFSA form or an “opt out” FAFSA form, TOPS Consent form, PII, IGP, and/or any other forms required by the district or state.
6. Order a cap and gown from our approved vendor and pay the Graduation Participation fee to WALKER HIGH SCHOOL.
7. Participate in graduation practice in school uniform, as well as follow graduation ceremony dress code.

Plans after Graduation

While updating the 5-year education plan each year at scheduling time, parents should work with their child to identify his/her talents, abilities, and interests so that wise choices for post-secondary education can be made. Choices may be college, technical or trade school, an apprenticeship, the military, or joining the workforce.

Admission to College

Admission requirements to Louisiana community colleges, technical schools, and 4-year universities vary from institute to institute. There is a wealth of information regarding admission to certain post-secondary schools available on the guidance Facebook page. You will also find TOPS information on this site.

VI. Parish Policies

Student Rights and Responsibilities

It is a goal of this administration, faculty, and staff to provide each student with a quality education and to see that students grow in a mature and responsible fashion.

Right: Students have the right to pursue, through study and self-application, a quality education at public expense and to attain personal goals through participation in the entire school program.

Responsibility: In order to obtain a quality education, students must do the following:

1. Be on time when time is involved.
2. Do whatever is asked by school personnel the first time it is requested.
3. Obey all school and school board policies.

Use of Student Pictures

At times, students' school pictures and/or candid photographs may appear on the school website, in the newspaper, etc. If a parent does not want his/her child's picture to be displayed in such media, the parent must come to the school and sign an Opt Out form stating the denial of inclusion.

Audio and video recordings by non-staff are not allowed at Walker High School due to possible violations of FERPA and HIPPA, both of which regulate and protect the right to privacy for adults and minors. Any audio or video recordings at Walker High School require the prior approval of the Principal. Please note that this policy does not apply to general assemblies, award ceremonies, and other school sponsored events at Walker High School.

Livingston Parish Public Schools Health Rules

The following guidelines are offered to help you determine when the student should not attend school.

- **Diarrhea/vomiting:** Students who are vomiting or having diarrhea (2 or more watery stools) will be sent home from school. They will not be allowed to return until they are symptom free for 24 hours from the onset of symptoms. Children should be kept home if they were vomiting or experienced diarrhea during the night.
- **Fever:** Students who have a fever of 100.0 F or higher will be sent home. Students will be readmitted after they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications. (ex: Tylenol, Motrin, or Advil).
- **Cold/flu:** Students with severe colds, sore throats, cough or "flu like" symptoms will not be allowed to stay at school. They should stay home for rest and proper attention to their symptoms.
- **Pink Eye:** Symptoms of pink eye such as eye drainage, crusty eyelids, redness on the white part of the eyes, swelling, and itching may indicate pink eye, which is a contagious disease. Children with these symptoms will be sent home and should be seen by a doctor for a diagnosis. A doctor's excuse will be required to return to school. If diagnosed with pink eye, the student must be on treatment for at least 24 hours before he can return to school. Some conjunctivitis may require the student remain at home until all symptoms are resolved.

- **Rash/Lesions:** A student with an undiagnosed rash or lesion will not be allowed to stay at school. Skin rashes or lesions will be considered possibly contagious. Child may return to school after rash is determined to be non-contagious by a physician or to be no longer contagious after proper treatment. Students may return with a note from the Physician's office.
- **Boils:** Students with boils must be seen by a Physician. If it is a staph infection they must remain home for 24 hours after starting antibiotics. A Physician's note will be required for them to return to school. The boil must be covered. If the boil is draining extra clothes and bandages should be sent with the student in case the bandage becomes saturated or if the clothes get wet.
- **Lice:** A student's hair must be free of nits and bugs in order to remain at school. The student will be readmitted to school after the parent has treated the child and *all nits and bugs* are removed. After successful treatment, the parent will need to bring the student to the office to be rechecked for lice by school personnel before being allowed to stay at school. *It is recommended that parents check their child on a regular basis for signs of head lice.*
- **Medication:** If your child needs to take medications for chronic conditions at school please contact your **school nurse**. State law requires a *medication administration form* be completed by the Physician and parent. This includes prescription and over-the-counter medications. If a student is prescribed a new medication, they must remain at home for 12 hours after the first dose to be observed for adverse reactions. Parents are allowed to bring medications to the school and administer them to their child. If Parents cannot come they may send the medication with someone listed on the child's contact card. If the parent or someone on the contact card cannot come then the parent may send an adult not listed on the contact card. The School will require a written or verbal consent from the parent if the adult is not on the contact card and an ID will be checked.
- **Immunizations:** Louisiana State Law Statute LA R.S. 17; 170 - Students entering school for the first time shall present a completed or up to date immunization record.

All students that are 11 years old must have a Tdap Booster, Meningitis vaccine, and a second varicella (chickenpox). Students that are 16 years of age must have a **second** meningitis immunization.

Parents of students that are unable to receive their immunizations due to medical, religious, or personal reasons must submit a written *letter of dissent*. This letter may be found on the LDOE and LPPS websites.

Students that have not received proper immunizations may not be allowed to come to school if there is an outbreak of a communicable disease at school (Chickenpox, Measles, Pertussis, etc.). By state law, these students must be excluded from the school setting, for the incubation period of the disease. These absences may not be excused.

- **Vision/Hearing:** Students vision and hearing are screened by the school nurse in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th & 9th grades and from parent or teacher referrals. If a problem is detected notes will be sent home to the parent referring them to their physician for a more complete evaluation.
- **Scoliosis:** Students are screened in 6th grade for curvature of the spine. If signs are seen, students will be sent home with a letter referring them to their physician for a more complete evaluation.
- **Medical Conditions:** If your child has a chronic medical condition, contact the school nurse **annually**. Some examples of chronic medical conditions are: Seizures/Epilepsy, diabetes, asthma, celiac disease, severe allergic reactions to insects or food that require use of an Epi-pen or Benadryl during the school day. A **SPECIAL DIET ORDER** form is required **annually** from a physician if your child has specific food allergies.
- **Post-Surgery or Hospitalization:** If your child is hospitalized or has surgery he/she must return with a note from the Physician allowing him/her to return to school. Any restrictions must be noted on the return to school form.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may call Jennifer Wilkinson, RN School Nurse Coordinator at (225)686-4368 or contact the school nurse at your child's school. **In order for proper care to be provided at school, it is the parent's responsibility to notify the School Nurse with any medical conditions or needs your child may have or any changes to their medical conditions during the school year.**

CHILD FIND

In accordance with the State of Louisiana Child Search Program, annual and ongoing activities are conducted to identify and locate children (ages 3 through 21) suspected of being exceptional and in need of special education and/or related services. If you have a child or know of a child between the ages of 3 and 5 years old who seems to have difficulty learning, help is available. Contact the Livingston Parish Public Schools Child Search Coordinator at (225) 686-7600. If your child is school-aged, contact your home-based school district regarding these concerns.

Asbestos Management Plan

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires all schools to conduct detailed inspections to identify all asbestos containing building materials that may be present in the school environment. AHERA requires the inspection results and the associated Management Plan to be submitted to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ). A copy of the Management Plan must be maintained at the administrative office for review by the public.

Walker High School maintains a proactive asbestos awareness program. Periodic surveillances (every six months) are performed by a qualified individual to assess the condition of the remaining asbestos containing building materials (ACBM). All of this information is updated in the Management Plan and available for review.

This letter of notification is an annual requirement to the public. If there are any questions, please contact the Designated Person at 225-686-4212 for more information or assistance.

Student Accident Insurance

The Livingston Parish School Board is pleased to inform parents and students that optional Student Accident Insurance Coverage is available again this year. Multiple coverage options, plans, and rates are available to allow for a coverage plan that best suits each family's needs. Policy information is available at <https://www.bollingerschools.com/site/>

If parents already have coverage (personal healthcare coverage) for those injuries and/or claims contemplated by the plans offered under the Student Accident Insurance Coverage policy noted above, the existing coverage will likely provide primary coverage for associated claims. The above noted Student Accident Insurance Coverage policy, if selected, would likely provide secondary coverage for associated claims for individuals who already have personal healthcare coverage. A failure to secure either personal coverage or the coverage outlined in the attachment could result in an absence of coverage for student injuries.