

2020-2021

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Barren County High School

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MISSION:

“The Mission of Barren County High School is to enable all students to reach their full potential in a caring environment by providing a strong academic foundation and advanced opportunities in all areas.”

MOTTO:

“Inspiring Excellence”

Administration

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Student Name: _____

Programs, Clubs, and ExtraCurricular Activities

Academic Team	Broadcasting Club	FBLA	Pep Club	Swim Team
Applied Science/TSA	Cheerleading	FCA	Prom Committee	Tennis Team
Art Club	Chorus	FFA	SADD	Track Team
Band	Class Officers	Fishing Team	Skills USA	Travel Club
Baseball Team	Co-Op	Foreign Language Club	Soccer Team	Trojan Ambassadors
Basketball Team	Cross Country Team	Golf Team	Softball Team	Volleyball Team
BETA Club	Dance Team	Green Team	Social Studies Club	Y Club
Best Buddies	Drama Club	JROTC Club	Special Olympics	Yearbook Staff
Bowling Team	Exchange Student Program	HOSA	STLP	Youth Service

School Song

Fight on for ole' BC
 Fight on, fight on, to victory
 Our Alma Mater dear
 Looks up to you
 Fight on and win for ole' BC
 Fight on to victory
 Fight on.

School Calendar 2020-2021

August 7-20	Contract Days-Certified/Classified
August 21	Opening Day (No Students)
August 24	First day for Students
September 7	Labor day-schools closed
October 5-9	Fall Break-schools closed
November 3	Election Day - No School
November 25-27	Thanksgiving break-closed
December 21 thru January 1	Christmas break-schools closed
January 18	MLK Day- schools closed
February 15	Contract Day (No Students)
March 12	Contract Day (No Students)
April 5-9	Spring Break
May 14	Last day for students
May 17	Closing day (No Students)
May 18	Contract Day (No Students)

Possible make up days will be:

February 15

March 12

April 5, 6

May 17, 18, 19, 20, 21

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The faculty, staff and administration would like to welcome you to Barren County High School & Barren County High School - Trojan Academy. **(Trojan Academy being a small learning community of Barren County High School will fall under the same policies, procedures and rules as the high school & from this point forward when Barren County High School is referenced it refers to both)** The purpose of our school is to develop self-reliant, responsible, self-disciplined, and well-educated young adults.

We believe that Barren County High School should provide a comprehensive program of educational experiences designed to serve the interests, goals, and abilities of all students. Therefore, we need some common guidelines to create and maintain an atmosphere of teaching and learning.

Barren County High School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, marital status, sex, or disabilities in its treatment of students.

School day pictures and senior pictures must be from a contracted photographer to appear in the yearbook.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Each teacher or staff has the authority and responsibility to correct any student at any time, anywhere, while the student is under the jurisdiction of the school.

1. Once a student boards a bus, he/she is the responsibility of the school; such responsibility ends when the student is delivered to the regular bus stop at the end of the day. Drivers are considered on school property when the vehicle is on the property of any school in the Barren County System. (After boarding a school bus, students must ride a bus to and from school.)
2. K.R.S. 158.150 – Possession of or use of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages on school property or during school-sponsored activity may result in student expulsion, alternative placement, and/or legal prosecution.
3. K.R.S. 438.050 – Possession of tobacco products, matches, e-cigs, vapor pens, or lighters or use of tobacco products is prohibited by students of Barren County High School, including school sponsored activities.
4. K.R.S. 158.150 – Use of profanity or vulgarity is strictly prohibited.
5. K.R.S. 158.150 – Willful defiance of the authority of the teachers or administrators may lead to suspension or expulsion, alternative placement, and/or legal prosecution.
6. K.R.S. 158.150 – Assault or battery (or the threat of such) of students or school personnel constitutes cause for strict discipline, alternative placement, and/or legal prosecution.
7. K.R.S. 161.190 – Insult or abuse of any teacher constitutes cause for strict discipline, alternative placement, and/or legal prosecution.
8. K.R.S. 159.150 – Absence or tardiness without valid reason for more than three days constitutes truancy. Six days constitutes habitual truancy and constitutes cause for court action.
9. Playing any game of monetary chance is prohibited.
10. K.R.S. 159.150 – Any dangerous weapons are subject to confiscation and are thus prohibited and cause for strict discipline, alternative placement, and/or legal prosecution.
11. Tardiness is defined as not being inside the classroom or assigned place when the tone starts to sound.

12. Any audio or electronic devices are not to be used or visible without permission of the teacher.
13. No petitions may be circulated at school. Secret clubs or organizations are prohibited.
14. School officials must approve the sale of any articles.
15. No student should be in the corridors without a hall pass during the regular school day.
16. Any clothing and accessories (jewelry, belt buckles, necklaces, etc.) with obscene pictures, confederate flags or sayings alluding to drugs, alcohol, sex or violence are not permitted at Barren County High.
17. Fighting on school property is strictly prohibited and cause for strict discipline, alternative placement, and/or legal prosecution..
18. All student cars must be parked in the marked spaces of the student parking lot and the student should report directly to school. (No loitering in cars.) No parking on grass. All student cars must display a parking permit. Drivers shall use one exit lane when exiting from the parking lot. No smoking in parking lots or school property.
19. No student shall be dismissed early from school without permission from the Principal or his/her legal guardian.
20. Late arrivals must check in through the office for an admit slip and will be referred to a principal for a discipline form. Students must not miss more than half of a class period to be counted present.
21. Dismissal for work at public places will not be made until 3:00 p.m. unless in school programs.
22. Students are forbidden to leave school to patronize restaurants and return to school or bring meals to others during the school day or have non-students bring meals to them.
23. Students desiring to ride a different bus or desiring to get off at a different location other than normal must bring a note from a parent and/or guardian with the student's name and grade, where the student is getting off, and a number where the parent and/or guardian can be reached included in the note. Students must bring the note to the front office to secure a bus note, have it approved by a principal and present the note to the bus driver. Buses will not stop in Glasgow unless emergency circumstances warrant the stop.
24. No personal locks are to be used on permanent lockers. Gym lockers may be locked.
25. Student lockers, cars or personal belongings may be searched by the principal or his designee if there is reasonable cause to do so. Each student is responsible for his/her locker and lock. Permanent lock numbers can be changed. Locks damaged by putting paper in latch will cost students \$7.50, if replacement is necessary.
26. Students must pay for damaged or lost textbooks. Any debts at the close of the year will result in schedules being withheld and no grade cards being sent. Any seniors who have debts will not receive a diploma. Students must present payment for those fees and debts prior to being permitted to purchase a ticket for a function (Fall Formal, Prom, ect.).
27. After a student is absent/tardy from school they must present a note that is written, dated and signed by his/her parent/guardian, or physician explaining the reason for the absence. Notes must be presented within three (3) days of the student's absence in order for the absence to be considered excused and shall include the date of and reason for absence. Make-up work shall be permitted for excused absences only. Students having excused absences shall be allowed the same number of days to complete make-up work/tests, as they were absent (i.e. students missed Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday then they have 3 days to make-up work/tests). It is the student's responsibility to contact each teacher regarding make-up assignments and schedule a time before, during, or after school
28. Attendance will be verified in the homeroom each attendance month (every 20 school days). This will be an opportunity to address any errors in attendance documentation.

SEE ATTENDANCE POLICY REGARDING MORE THAN 12 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES.

29. Visitors are not allowed unless approval is secured through the office. After approval from the office, all visitors must wear a visitor's pass.
30. Periodic fire and emergency drills will be conducted. Students must follow the instructions of the teacher, and leave the building immediately.
31. Fireworks of any form are prohibited at school.
32. Theft will result in restitution, disciplinary action, or court.

DETENTION

Students serving detention will have one week to serve. The detention will be instituted for a period of 1 hour in the afternoon on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or any morning in the front office at the high school from 6:55 to 7:50. Students are to report to detention at 3:00 pm. Students must furnish their own transportation home. Accumulation of excessive detentions may result in alternative classroom placement. If the students cannot provide their own transportation they are subject to other consequences including Alternative Classroom.

Detention Rules

1. No talking, getting out of the seat, etc.
2. Students must bring their own books and supplies.
3. Students must be on time.
4. Students must work on schoolwork while in detention (No Sleeping).
5. Leave the room clean and free of paper, garbage, etc.
6. Do not write on desks, walls, etc.

IN-SCHOOL ALTERNATIVE CLASSROOM

In-school suspension to an alternative classroom is a classroom located at College Street Campus where students are in strict confines in the room, under a teacher's supervision. Not only will they be required to keep up with what is missed in the regular classroom; they must work at all times. They will be allowed to talk only to the teacher. Any student breaking any of the strict rules of the AC will have another day added. Refusal to serve or work in AC results in suspension. Students assigned to the Alternative Classroom will not be allowed to participate or practice in extra curricular activities on the day the AC is served. Refusal to serve AC will result in suspension and court referral.

SUSPENSION

A student who has been in violation of a severe clause rule, committed serious offenses, or violated local, state, or federal laws may be suspended from school. Length of the suspension will be determined by the school authorities and will reflect the offense committed. Parents or guardians will be notified in writing or in person of the action taken. A suspended student shall not be on school property or at any school sponsored event or activity. A grade of zero (0) will be given for the classes missed while suspended. A student and his/her parents will have to agree upon a more satisfactory conduct with the administration before the student is readmitted to school.

ALTERNATIVE TO SUSPENSION

A student who has been in violation of a severe clause rule, committed serious offenses, or violated local, state, or federal laws may be suspended from school. Length of the alternative classroom will be determined by the school authorities and will reflect the offense committed. Parents or guardians will be notified in writing or in person of the action taken. An AC student shall not be on school property or at any school sponsored event or activity.

Students will not be counted unexcused while attending AC. Work will be sent to AC & or will be made up when sent back.(see excused absence policy) A student and his/her parents will have to agree upon a more satisfactory conduct with the administration before the student is readmitted to school.

AUTHORITY OF FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS

All faculty and staff members of this school have authority over all students. A student is under the authority of the school and its employees while the student is in school, on the way to and from school, and during all school sponsored activities, whether they are at BCHS or at another school.

This school will not tolerate any mass disruption or disturbances by the student body in any form for any reason. Disruptions of the learning environment will result in disciplinary action

Substitute teachers require the same respect, as does the regular teacher. All substitutes have the same authority as the regular teacher and any disrespect or lack of cooperation with the substitute will be dealt with in a strong disciplinary manner.

OFF LIMIT AREAS

1. Gymnasium dressing rooms unless your class is meeting in P.E. class
2. Gymnasium to all students until 7:40 a.m. and after 3:00 p.m. and during morning break unless supervised by a school official
3. Mechanical room, janitors' closets, cooking area of kitchen, stairwells
4. Buses during the school day
5. Teachers' offices, teachers' workrooms, behind counter in office areas
6. Auditorium and lobby of auditorium is off limits except for a class or meeting
7. Student parking lot from 7:55-3:00 unless permission from administrator.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

See Board of Education Policy Handbook for more information. In addition to board policy there is an extra curricular participation policy. First violation of the policy shall be suspension from participation in interscholastic games, and extra curricular activities for fourteen (14) school days. Second violation of the extra curricular activities participation policy shall be a suspension from participation in extra curricular activities for the remainder of his/her school eligibility.

YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Barren County High School's Youth Services Center offers various educational/ support groups to students. These groups are completely voluntary. If for any reason a parent should object to the student's participation in these groups, please contact the YSC.

CLASSROOMS

Each student is expected to have books, paper, pencil and supplies for all classes. Teachers may assign seats at any time. Teachers, not the tone, will dismiss the class.

HALL PASSES

Students in the hall after the tardy bell has sounded must have a valid hall pass issued by the appropriate teacher. Students are expected to take care of personal business between classes.

VISITOR POLICY

Any visitor to the school must sign in at the front office and remain there to meet with a student or staff member, unless the principal or her designee grants permission for that visitor to enter into other areas of the building. Visitors must leave ID in office and obtain a visitor tag.

CARE OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Any person who willfully or negligently destroys or mars school property shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action including the requirement to pay in full for the damage.

LOCKERS AND SEARCHES

Lockers are the property of the school and are subject to school regulations and supervision. A student, his/her locker, and/or vehicle will be searched only when there is just and reasonable cause.

COURSE CHANGES

There will be no course changes. Course changes will only be made because of scheduling errors or inappropriate placement as determined by the principal and guidance counselor.

CAFETERIA

All students may deposit money into their lunch account. Money in lunch accounts may be used to purchase lunch only for the student to whom the account is assigned. NO charges will be accepted.

Cafeteria Rules:

1. Deposit all litter in the proper containers.
2. Return all plates to the dishwashing area.
3. Leave the table and area around you clean.
4. Do not leave the cafeteria for any reason without permission from the staff on duty.

STUDENT VALUABLES

Do not bring large amounts of money or valuables to school. Do not share a locker. Keep track of your personal possessions at all times. Do not give out the combination to your locker. Do not leave money or valuables in the locker room during P.E. unless you lock them up. Students are responsible for their personal property.

FIRE EVACUATION OR DRILLS

In order to secure a speedy and safe exit from the building in a fire or a drill, the following rules should be observed:

1. Walk, do not run, keep moving, and do not try to save personal belongings.
2. Do not talk; be prepared to take instructions from firemen and teachers..
3. Close all windows and classroom doors before leaving, if possible.
4. Do not re-enter the building until given notice by the administration.

Drills for tornado, earthquake, fire, and lockdown are conducted periodically throughout the school year.

ATTENDANCE

When it is necessary to miss school, you should follow the outlined procedure: Have your parent, guardian or doctor write an excuse giving your name, date of absence and reason for absence.

If a student presents a false or altered excuse not issued by a parent/guardian or doctor, the student will be subject to appropriate action, such as suspension or Alternative Classroom.

1. Excuse notes should be left in the basket in the front office of high school or Trojan Academy.
2. A student's absence/tardy will remain unexcused until the excuse note is presented.
3. Students are allowed 3 parent notes each semester. After 3 parent notes (absences and/or tardies), students must have a doctor's excuse for any absences. ex. 1 absence + 2 tardies or 2 absences + 1 tardy or any other combination of 3 total per semester.
4. Students accumulating excessive absences (as defined by board policy) will be subject to court action.
5. Students must obtain prior approval from the principal or his designee for school activities.
6. Make-up work/tests shall be permitted for excused absences only. Students having excused absences shall be allowed the same number of days to complete make-up work/tests, as they were absent (i.e. students missed Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday then they have 3 days to make-up work/tests). It is the student's responsibility to contact each teacher regarding make-up assignments and schedule a time before, during, or after school.
7. **Students are responsible for reporting discrepancies in attendance during homeroom attendance verification.**

Each parent, guardian, or other person residing in the state and having custody or charge of any pupil between the ages of six and eighteen shall send the pupil to a regular public school for the full term unless the child is legally exempt from school. The parent or guardian shall keep the pupil in regular attendance.

State law and Barren County Board of Education Policy require all students to attend school every day school is in session. Attendance is checked in first period class and all subsequent classes.

ATTENDANCE POLICY STATEMENT

Students who have met the requirements of graduating seniors at Barren Co. High School shall meet the following criteria to participate in any and all graduation exercises including walking at Graduation. A senior student must have no more than TWELVE (12) unexcused events during the school year. After the 12th unexcused event, the student will be denied the opportunity of participating in all graduation exercises (including the Senior Breakfast, Senior Activity Day, and the Graduation Ceremony) for their senior class. The student will receive their diploma if they meet the graduation requirements but will forfeit the opportunity to participate in graduation exercises.

- Students of Barren Co. High School wishing to attend the Prom or Fall Formal must be in good standing, which means no suspensions for the school year and have no more than 12 unexcused events during the school year.
- Absence event is defined as a full or half day absence or tardy.
- Tardy is defined as late to school, leave early and come back, or leave early and not return.
- Unexcused: No valid parent note, or a doctor's note.
- Excused: Parent note or a doctor's note. Students are allowed 6 Parent notes per year.
- Any unexcused absence beyond 6 will be referred to the D.P.P.

TARDIES AND EARLY DISMISSALS

A student will be considered tardy if he/she is not in his/her assigned room when the tardy tone sounds. No student shall be dismissed early from school without permission from the Principal or his/her legal guardian.

CHECKING OUT AND LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

A student is not permitted to leave the building or the school grounds at any time during the school day without permission from the principal or assistant principal. If a student must leave the building or grounds because of illness, driver's test or emergency, his or her parent or guardian must contact the school office prior to being checked out. The assistant principal (or designated person) must talk with the parent on the phone or in person before a decision is made as to whether work missed will be excused or unexcused. Students are expected to miss only the portion of the day required to attend a funeral, take a driver's test, or see doctors. A check out form signed by the principal's designee must be completed before the student leaves the building. Leaving without completing the form will be considered "leaving school without permission" or "skipping" and the consequences will apply. Someone other than the custodial parent/guardian may pick up students if that person's name is on file in the attendance office. The authorization form must be completed by the custodial parent/guardian and shall list all those people who may pick up the student.

EXCEPTIONS

A student may be released to a person with lawful authority to take custody of the student i.e., a police officer with a warrant. In such cases, the student's parents shall be notified at the earliest opportunity.

SMOKING

KRS 438.050 expressly prohibits tobacco products, e-cigs, vapor pens etc. on school grounds at any time students are present. For this reason, no smoking is allowed. This policy includes all forms of tobacco and violation of this policy will result in AC or other action as necessary.

Any student found using or possessing tobacco products on school property will also attend a TFT (Tobacco Free Teens) program which will be facilitated by Youth Services Center staff.

FIGHTING--THREAT OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE

Any student fighting or having a threat of force or violence violation will attend Teen Anger Management Program (T.A.M.), which will be facilitated by the Youth Services Center staff.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

Any student who violates severe clause rule or is found to be guilty of severe misconduct may be removed from any office or organization or activity with which they are involved.

Students involved in school-sponsored activities are expected to be exemplary citizens and representatives of Barren County High School.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

Breakfast and lunch are available in the cafeteria at “no charge” due to the Community Eligibility Provision program. The Community Eligibility Provision or CEP is a program offered through the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs that allow schools and local educational agencies (LEAs) located in low-income areas to provide free breakfast and lunch to ALL students in the Barren County School District. Please refer to the district student handbook or the beginning of the year student folders for information about student meal charge policies and required documentation for the CEP program. The only items that will require payment are a la carte items and second meals, if students choose to purchase these items. Students may also be able to utilize a share table, when available, at no charge to the students.

GRADING SCALE

A=90-100
B=80-89
C=70-79
D=60-69
F=Below 60
I=Incompetent
NG=No Grade

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Sophomore = 5 credits
Junior = 10 credits
Senior = 16 credits
Graduate = 22 credits and must attend a minimum 8 semesters

Grade cards are given in homerooms 1st, 2nd & 3rd nine weeks. They are mailed home at the end of the 4th nine weeks.

Tutoring is available – Check with School Counselor for more information.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are a regularly scheduled part of the curriculum and are designed to be educational as well as entertaining. They provide one of the few opportunities in school to learn formal audience behavior. Regardless of the type of program, courtesy demands that the students be respectful. In live entertainment the performers are very conscious of their audience. Talking, whispering, whistling, stomping feet and booing are discourteous. Yelling is appropriate only at pep rallies.

AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

Students should not be on school property after 3:30 p.m. unless supervised by pre-arranged specific school personnel such as teachers, coaches/directors, club sponsors, etc.

GRADUATION

No student shall be permitted to participate in graduation exercise until he/she has fulfilled all graduation requirements.

DRIVING TO SCHOOL

See Board Policy

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

The Barren County Board of Education is affiliated with an Alternative School. This school creates another step for students who fail to adjust and/or obey the rules and/or regulations of the regular classroom. Once a student has progressed through the assertive discipline program or commits a serious discipline infraction at the traditional school level, he/she may be referred to the Alternative School for a minimum of one semester as opposed to possible long-term suspension or expulsion. A student may also be sent to the Alternative School for any of the following reasons:

- Continuous unacceptable behavior
- Exhibits poor academic performance
- Referred through a pre-board hearing
- Court action

OUT OF DISTRICT/18 YEAR OLD STUDENTS

A student who lives outside the Barren County School District or is 18 years old must sign a contract that states he/she will abide by school rules, have 96% attendance, maintain 2.5 GPA and not have any absences without a valid excuse. Students who do not meet the requirements of the contract may be withdrawn from school.

DRESS CODE

The purpose of the dress code is to create a positive learning environment for all students. Students need to be dressed comfortably but appropriately. Their bodies should be appropriately covered from just below their necks to just above their knees through a full range of motion (bending over, raising arms, etc.). Clothing should fit appropriately.

1. Dress and appearance that distracts from the proper decorum and smooth operation of the school and attainment of the educational goals of the community will not be permitted.
2. Shorts and skirts must be just below the knees while standing.
3. Jeans/pants/shorts/skirts with ragged holes showing skin must be at or below the knees
4. All shirts/dresses must have at least a 2 inch strap over the shoulder.
5. The following items are inappropriate for school and not allowed:
 - a. Spaghetti straps, halter tops, cut-out shirts, tube tops, strapless tops, strapless dresses, racer-back tops.
 - b. Shirts that expose the midriff, back or cleavage.
 - c. Exposed undergarments
 - d. Sagging pants or shorts
 - e. Caps, hats, hoods
 - f. Sleepwear, house shoes or slippers
 - g. Chains or jewelry that may be perceived as dangerous or as a weapon
 - h. Clothing that advertises or identifies (directly or indirectly) the use of drugs, tobacco, or alcohol; obscene or suggestive language that promotes lewd, dangerous behavior; confederate paraphernalia or promotion of hate crimes

If any type of clothing is worn in the building that leads to confusion or misunderstanding, the administration will make the final decision as to the clothing's appropriateness. Disciplinary action will be taken for non-compliance/defiance.