

**PACE BRANTLEY SCHOOL**  
**Student Code of Conduct Handbook**



*Pace Brantley School's mission is to provide innovative research-based instruction, strategies and programs using a differentiated approach to meet state standards for our students with learning disabilities while building self-confidence and social skills within a smaller, traditional school setting.*

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## **Parent/Guardian Partnership**

Parents/Guardians are partners with faculty and administration of Pace Brantley School in the education of the students.

This partnership comprises:

- support of the Mission of our School
- open and respectful communication with faculty, administration, staff, and other parents.
- support of the students and their decision making by following dress code guidelines, observing attendance policies, abiding by School regulations (and state laws) upholding other School policies as outlined in Student Handbook, and involvement in the school community.

Pace Brantley School believes that a positive and collaborative partnership between the School and the student's parents(s) or guardian(s) is essential to the fulfillment of the School's mission. Behavior by the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) that is not in compliance with the School's policies or culture will not be tolerated. Inappropriate, aggressive, threatening, or harassing behavior towards a faculty or staff member is in violation of the school's mission.

In such cases, Pace Brantley School reserves the right to separate the student and family from the School for the current academic year or not re-enroll the student if the School concludes that the actions of a parent or guardian make a positive and collaborative relationship impossible or seriously interfere with the School's accomplishment of its educational and safety responsibilities. The decision of Pace Brantley School in these matters shall be final.

**By electronically signing the handbook in the FACTS Management System, you are acknowledging compliance with this Parent Partnership policy.**



**Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to  
Coronavirus/COVID-19**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

Pace Brantley School (“the School”) has put in preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the School cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the School or any school-based activity off campus could increase your risk and your child(ren)’s risk of contracting COVID-19.

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By electronically signing the handbook, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the School or any school-based activity off campus and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the School may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, School employees, volunteers and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death) illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)’s attendance at the School or its programs. On my behalf, and on behalf of my child(ren), I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the School, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the claims, including liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating to any of the risks of COVID-19 described above even in the event that the School, School employees, agents, representatives, volunteers, or parents , guardians or other caregivers for children cause the risk or its consequences to occur through their own negligent acts or omissions. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on actions, omissions, or negligence of the School, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether COVID-19 exposure or infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any School classroom instruction, program or event, including extracurricular events or activities.

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# RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

## **STUDENT RIGHTS**

Students attending Pace Brantley School have the right to an appropriate education, which includes the right to equal educational opportunities without regard to race, national origin, gender, disability, or sexual orientation. Students are also vested with other fundamental rights.

Among these is the right to:

- be informed of the rules from the Student Handbook
- a safe and orderly environment in which to learn
- know about and use school guidance services
- be treated with dignity and respect
- reasonable and fair treatment
- be protected by laws prohibiting the release of personally identifiable information, other than directory information, to any unauthorized party without the consent of parents/guardians, or students 18 years of age or older
- be notified of failure or the potential for failure as outlined in the progress-reporting schedule
- express opinions

\*Note: Any behavior which substantially interferes with the orderly operation of Pace Brantley School is prohibited and may be subject to disciplinary actions.

## **TEACHER RIGHTS**

Teachers have the responsibility to maintain order in their classroom, educate Pace Brantley School students to the best of their ability, and the right to expect certain behavioral standards.

Among these is the right to:

- maintain a positive atmosphere for learning
- expect students to follow instructions and guidelines of teachers, personnel, volunteers, and chaperones on campus and during off-campus school functions and activities
- take disciplinary measures as a means of helping students change their behavior including reprimanding, warning, counseling, use of reasonable period detention, removal from class, referral to the Guidance Support Team/Student Services, and use of parental conferences

## **ADMINISTRATOR RIGHTS**

School administrators maintain the authority to use their discretion in best practices for correcting unacceptable behavior or conduct. Severity and circumstances of a situation may alter consequence and remediation imposed on the student.

A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events, and outcomes. It is a catalyst and it sparks extraordinary results. - Wade Boggs

## **FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES**

By enrolling a child in Pace Brantley School, all parents/guardians agree to comply with the essential parental responsibilities including but not limited to:

- reviewing the contents of the Student Handbook with his/her child
- ensuring the daily attendance of their child and promptly report and explain any absences or tardiness from school
- providing their child with the resources needed to complete class work
- assisting their child in being healthy, neat, and clean
- bringing to the attention of the school any problem or condition which affects their child or other children of the school
- ensuring their child does not bring inappropriate (Section III) or contraband (Section IV, Level II) items to school
- discussing report card and work assignments with their child
- ensuring that the school has up-to-date home, work, and emergency telephone numbers
- ensuring that current emergency health care information regarding their child is on file with the school
- communicate with the school (i.e.: talk to the child's teacher, return requested forms, etc.)

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

- adhere to the guidelines set forth in Pace Brantley School's Student Code of Conduct Handbook
- attend all classes daily and be punctual
- come to class with all necessary materials and be prepared to learn
- take advantage of learning opportunities
- use guidance services for educational and personal improvement
- treat other people and property with respect
- report hazardous or dangerous situations to an adult in authority
- immediately report threats to do harm to an adult in authority
- immediately report illegal activities to appropriate authorities
- refrain from bringing inappropriate or contraband items to school
- follow the classroom guidelines and complete all classroom assignments, homework, and projects/reports as outlined by their current classroom teacher
- be cooperative, courteous, honest, reliable, and self-disciplined
- refrain from profane or inflammatory statements

- conduct themselves in a safe and responsible manner
- listen courteously to the opinions and points of view of others
- present a clean and neat appearance
- take responsibility for their own work and actions; and share with their parents/guardian's grades and progress reports received relative to their progress in each class

## **STUDENT EXPECTATIONS**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT OVERVIEW FOR PACE BRANTLEY STUDENTS**

School policies protect the rights of all students and promote a safe learning environment. Students must be free to learn and teachers must be free to teach. Students are accountable for their behavior during school and school activities, and while on the school grounds at any time. Pace Brantley School, as a private institution, reserves the right to dismiss any student whose attitude or behavior threatens the well-being of the community. A student that is arrested for a felony or a misdemeanor while under the jurisdiction of Pace Brantley School is subject to immediate dismissal.

### **EXPECTATIONS OF ALL STUDENTS:**

- be respectful and obedient always
- tell the truth
- respect their bodies, and not take drugs
- show strength and courage, by being leaders even when others choose not to be
- pledge to treat everyone with fairness, kindness, and respect

### **STUDENTS MAY NOT:**

- possess any weapon or dangerous object
- possess or attempt to distribute illegal and/or controlled substances or intoxicants
- possess contraband including but not limited to live ammo, dummy rounds, spent ammo, cartridges, and pornographic/obscene material
- fight, threaten, harass, bully, or intimidate anyone
- damage or take property of others
- gamble for money or exchange items for favors
- propagate or display through clothing or items any obscenity, profanity, offensive, or degrading content
- defy school authorities
- leave campus without permission
- cheat or falsify documents
- disrupt class or school activities

- use unauthorized electronic-communication devices
- skip school

## ATTENDANCE

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

The faculty and staff of Pace Brantley School know that regular school attendance provides students with the opportunities necessary to meet course goals and objectives; therefore, it is in the best interest of student success that Pace Brantley School has adopted the following attendance policy:

### CLASS ATTENDANCE

Class attendance is defined as the student being present and in class for at least seventy-five (75) percent of an assigned class period of instruction, which means if a student arrives to class one (1) to fifteen (15) minutes later than the published time class begins, he or she is marked tardy. If a student arrives later than fifteen (15) minutes after the published time class begins, he or she is marked absent. Each student can miss 9 hours per course, per semester. **In the result a student misses more than 9 hours per course, per semester, that student will be required to make up that time to receive credit.**

\*Students who miss 3 consecutive days will be required to have a doctor's note to return to school.

### ABSENCES AND TARDIES

**Attendance:** A student who exceeds 9 hours per course in a semester will receive an incomplete (I) as a grade, will have the opportunity to make-up instructional time. Upon completion of make-up instructional time, the student shall recover the earned grade for that grading period in that class. A student, who is not able to utilize Wednesdays or Saturdays to make up instructional time due to religious reasons, will be granted the ability to complete make-up time at another time.

### STATE OF FLORIDA ATTENDANCE STATUTES – Florida Statute XLVIII: Chapter 1003

- Parents/guardians are responsible for the attendance of their children within the compulsory school age (16 years of age) unless the child files a formal declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment with the School at age 16. The declaration must acknowledge that terminating school enrollment is likely to reduce the student's earning potential and must be signed by the student and the student's parent/guardian. Parents/guardians who refuse or fail to have a child in school commit a misdemeanor, punishable as provided by law.
- A habitual truant is defined by law as a student who has 15 unexcused absences within 90 calendar days, with or without the knowledge or consent of the parent or legal guardian. Accumulated tardies and early departures shall be considered unexcused absences. Three unexcused tardies or early releases will equal one unexcused absence

for the purpose of defining a habitual truant.

- Students 16 years of age and older, shall have all rights accorded to their records, unless they are dependent on their parents as defined in the Internal Revenue Code. Students, 16 years of age and older, in K-12 educational programs are required to follow attendance and discipline policies of Pace Brantley School.
- students and families violating the state truancy law may face court action

\*Regarding truancy, PBS will follow the Florida State Statute regarding excused vs unexcused absences.

## **DRESS CODE**

### **DRESS CODE POLICY**

Pace Brantley School maintains certain expectations, which result in the following guidelines of student dress: Students are expected to dress and groom themselves in a way, which reflects neatness, moderation, and appropriateness for school. Pace Brantley students are also expected to adhere to the spirit of the specified guidelines which reflect conservative standards of acceptability. Adherence to the dress code must be maintained from the student's arrival on campus to his/her departure. Students who are not in compliance with dress code and cannot bring themselves into compliance without leaving campus may be sent home. Time out of class will be recorded as unexcused. All dress code questions will be decided at the discretion of the Student Services Team. Furthermore, it is expected that students will adhere to the following:

#### **Ladies:**

- Students may wear white or royal blue polo shirts with khaki or navy pants/shorts. No skinny jeans, no skinny khaki, no cords allowed
- The length of the polo shirt/spirit shirt must cover the top of the skorts, shorts, or slacks with no midriff showing, even with arms raised
- Shorts/skorts must be no shorter than fingertip length
- Earrings may be worn in the bottom of the earlobe only. Cartilage piercings, gauge, plugs and tunnel style earrings are not allowed.
- Visible tattoos, facial and body-piercings are not permitted
- If makeup is worn, it must be worn in a conservative manner and not cause a distraction
- Belts are recommended but not required. Belts must be solid color: brown, black, or tan
- No trench coats allowed
- All jackets, hoodies, and sweatshirts must be royal blue, white, gray, or pink
- Garments that are distracting or inappropriate are prohibited including, but not limited to, those with see-through materials, skintight items, pajamas, trench coats, bandanas, rips/tears, printed profanity, or language/symbols/styles that promote the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, gang-related or other illegal activities
- The following items are prohibited: sleeveless shirts, halter tops, tube tops, backless dresses/tops, spaghetti straps, tank tops, yoga pants and sweatpants

## **Men:**

- Students may wear white or royal blue polo shirts with khaki or navy pants/shorts
- No oversized polo shirts
- No sagging, or bagging, no oversized uniform pants
- Earrings are not allowed to be worn on campus or at school sponsored activities
- Visible tattoos, facial and body-piercings are not permitted
- Belts are recommended but not required. Belts must be solid color: brown, black, or tan
- No trench coats allowed
- All jackets, hoodies, and sweatshirts must be royal blue, white, gray, or pink
- Garments that are distracting or inappropriate are prohibited including, but not limited to, those with see-through materials, skintight items, pajamas, trench coats, bandanas, rips/tears, printed profanity, or language/symbols/styles that promote the use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, gang-related or other illegal activities

## **Hair:**

- Male students' hair should be neatly groomed and clean. Extreme styles are unacceptable. Hair should not impede vision and not cause a disruption of the educational process or constitute as a health or safety hazard.
- Young men with facial hair must maintain a neat, well-groomed, and trimmed appearance always.
- Hair may not be worn in dreadlocks.
- Sideburns are not permitted past the ear.
- Students are only permitted to have natural colored hair.
- No unnatural hair colored strands or two-tone colors permitted.
- No patterns may be shaved into hair.

## **Shoes/Hats**

- Closed-toed shoes such as tennis shoes or flats shall always be worn. Cleats, bedroom slippers, flip-flops, crocks, sandals, wedges, boots, or backless shoes are not acceptable on campus at any time. Socks must always be worn.
- No hats or head coverings will be worn in buildings or classrooms.
- Only ball caps will be permitted on campus during outdoor activities.
- No bandanas
- Sunglasses can only be worn during outdoor activities.

## **Spirit Day**

- Spirit Days will be on Fridays each week.
- Spirit shirts with blue or black jeans, khaki or navy pants/shorts/skorts are allowed.
- If students choose not to wear a spirit day shirt, they must adhere to normal dress code attire.

## **Free Dress**

- Free dress occurs on the final Friday of each month.
- Guidelines will be emailed monthly regarding appropriate and inappropriate attire.

# COMMUNICATION

## COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME

The school communicates with parents/guardians at home in a variety of ways, including:

1. **Grades** – Grades are available online to parents and students daily through FACTS. Parents and students can also view attendance and homework.
2. **Telephone conferences** – made by teachers, counselors, or administrators
3. **Email with teachers or administrators**
4. **Personal conferences** – initiated by either parents or the school

## TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences may be requested by the school or by the home at any time. To schedule a conference please contact your child's guidance counselor.

## VISITORS ON CAMPUS

All visitors on campus must obtain a visitor's badge from the front office before entering campus. Visitors on campus without permission or a badge will be asked to leave.

Graduates of Pace Brantley who wish to visit must contact the front office and schedule an appointment 1 week prior to visiting. Visiting graduates may visit on Fridays during lunch time only once an appointment is confirmed. No visitors are allowed during testing.

## FIELD TRIPS

Education is not limited to the four walls of the classroom. Teachers may choose to take their classes to on-site locations for firsthand experiences. To participate in a field trip, a student must have a signed parent permission slip. Additionally, a student must be in good academic standing (C or above and no missing work) and have no behavior concerns. Students must demonstrate that they have the maturity to follow the rules and regulations that are necessary to have a safe and successful trip. The school reserves the right to prohibit field trip participation of students who have not demonstrated the necessary self-discipline. Disciplinary actions resulting from misbehavior on school-sponsored trips will be consistent with our discipline policy.

## SCHOOL EVENTS

Students that are not in good academic standing (C or above and no missing assignments) or have behavioral concerns will not be allowed to participate in any school event and/or privileges including, but not limited to, field trips, Field Day, Water Day, Senior privileges and outings, etc.

# TECHNOLOGY

## TECHNOLOGY – STUDENT ACCEPTABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS USE POLICY AND AGREEMENT

- Pace Brantley School (PBS), provides computers and network capabilities to students for the purpose of enhancing academic success through technological resources. Students may be granted access to the school's electronic communication system that may include access to the Internet. A student's activities while using this system must be in support of education and research and be consistent with the educational objectives and the direction of the teacher.
- This access is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of this privilege by IT (Information Technology) and/or disciplinary action by school officials. Students are responsible for demonstrating expected behavior on school computer networks. PBS may suspend or revoke a student's access to the school's system upon violation of policy and/or procedures. PBS provides filtering software to restrict access to inappropriate materials on the Internet. However, users must recognize that filtering cannot block access to everything that might not be of educational value. REMINDER: network storage areas will be treated like school lockers. School and IT authorities have the right to review and monitor all information stored on the network.
- Using the network to access, or to attempt to access, the accounts of others, or to penetrate, or attempt to penetrate, security measures of the PBS, or another entity's computer software or hardware, electronic communications system, or telecommunications/electronic communications system, whether or not the intrusion results in the corruption or loss of data, is prohibited.
- Using the services for any activity which adversely affects the ability of other people or systems to use PBS's network or the Internet is prohibited. This includes denial of service attacks against another network host or individual user. Interference with or disruption of other network users, network services or network equipment is prohibited. Using any unauthorized computer or network device on the school district's wired or wireless network is prohibited. Using or attempting to use another's (teacher, administrator, staff, or another student) login credentials, network resources or the Internet is prohibited.
- Using electronic resources, including, but not limited to, network access, Internet access, digital cameras, personal digital assistants (Windows mobile devices, iPod touch, Palm's, etc.), personal communication devices (cell phones, pagers, messaging devices, telephones, digital recorders), Mp3 players, iPods, USB flash drives, e-mail, computers and laptops, are prohibited, unless student has permission from the classroom teacher or administrator where the electronic resource will be used.

The following are examples of unacceptable use of telecommunications/electronic communications and

**students must not or must not attempt to:**

- use or share another individual's username and password
- leave computer unattended while logged on
- read, create, send, and/or receive personal email
- access, download, store, send, or display text, images, movies, or sounds that contain pornography, obscenity, or language that offends or degrades others
- **take photos or videos of students or staff on campus**
- use personal social network sites including, but not limited to, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, Musical.ly, chat rooms, etc.
- video streaming not related to the educational purposes or curriculum set by the school

or district

- download music or videos not authorized by the school
- install services or electronic file sharing mechanisms
- access, modify, harm, or destroy another user's data
- attempt to send or send anonymous messages of any kind or pretend to be someone else while sending a message
- cyber bullying on or off campus e.g.: threatening, harassing, embarrassing, terrifying, insulting, stalking, or attacking others which includes, but is not limited to, online threats and insults intended to embarrass, harass, or terrify others via electronic resources
- post personal information about self or others, sharing confidential information about students or employees
- agree to meet with anyone online
- intentionally waste limited resources
- bypass PBS filtering by use of anonymous proxies or unauthorized proxies and services
- download and/or install games, software, tools, or other unauthorized downloadable material
- connect to any unauthorized wireless access point or Internet service provider

### **IPAD STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

- I will be responsible for the care of my iPad.
- I will bring my iPad to school every day fully charged.
- I will protect my iPad by carrying it in a military style protective case and not stacking anything on top of it.
- I will not share passwords, usernames, or passcodes with others.
- I will do nothing on the iPad to bypass Pace Brantley security and filtering settings.
- I will not take photos or record class lectures/discussion/or other students without explicit permission from the teacher.
- I will use my iPad in ways that are always appropriate and respectful of others.
- I will never attempt or access social media websites/apps including, but not limited to, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, Musical.ly, or chat rooms on campus.
- If I replace my iPad with another, I will register my new iPad with the school.
- I will manage my iPad capacity and not allow my personal non-school related content to interfere with school-related iPad capacity needs.
- I will not read, create, send, and/or receive personal email.
- I will not access, download, store, send, or display text, images, movies, or sounds that contain pornography, obscenity, or language that offends or degrades others.
- I will not download music, videos, or games not authorized by the school.
- I will not install services or electronic file sharing mechanisms.
- I will not access, modify, harm, or destroy another user's data or iPad.
- I will not attempt to send or send anonymous messages of any kind or pretend to be someone else while sending a message.
- I will not participate in cyber bullying on or off campus e.g.: threatening, harassing, embarrassing, terrifying, insulting, stalking, or attacking others which includes, but is not limited to, online threats and insults intended to embarrass, harass, or terrify others via electronic resources.
- I will not post personal information about self or others, sharing confidential

information about students or employees.

- I will not connect to any unauthorized wireless access point or Internet service provider.

### **CELL PHONES**

Students bringing cellphones shall keep them turned off or silent during the instructional day. Parents, family, and friends shall refrain from texting and/or calling student cell phones, or other devices, during school hours. Only electronic devices approved by school officials will be permitted. Any other electronic devices will be considered a violation and will be prohibited. Electronic communications include but are not limited to video/audio recordings, photographs, and/or text messages. **It is strictly prohibited to record, possess, display, distribute, and/or transmit pictures, text messages, video, and/or audio recordings while on school grounds. The school will not be held responsible for lost or stolen cell phones and/or any electronic devices. No student may have in his or her possession any wireless communication device or any other item that records, stores, or transmits data during any standardized testing.** Violation of this provision may result in the loss of the student's privilege to possess a cell phone on campus in addition to any other prescribed disciplinary intervention. If a cell phone/electronic device is visible, being handled, or otherwise used in any manner during a test or exam, it will be considered cheating and the student will receive a zero for that test or exam.

***Note:** Use of a wireless communications device includes the possibility of the imposition of disciplinary action by the school or criminal penalties if the device is used in a criminal act.*

# DISCIPLINE

## PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH INFRACTIONS OF PACE BRANTLEY SCHOOL

Teachers & Staff will use an infraction form for Verbal Warnings and any disciplinary issues.

### Infraction Policy for Teachers

- teacher fills out infraction form
- the teacher describes the infraction in writing with the date
- infraction form sent to Student Services
- student signs infraction form
- infraction notice sent home for parent signature
- Parent Notification: Student returns infraction notice with parent signature to teacher

### Infraction Policy for Student Services

- assign point value for infraction
- add up previous points accumulated by student and follow infractions chart for required action
- ensure parent / guardian has signed infraction form
- Parent Notification: Student Services will contact parent/guardian
- parent/student conference scheduled based on infractions chart

### INFRACTIONS POINT SYSTEM SCALE

- zero is base of the point system
- each point earned will accumulate towards ten (10)
- any illegal activity may warrant police involvement
- Student Services/Administration has the authority to set level and consequences for any specific violation.
- any student with outstanding detention time or suspension time is out of compliance
- a maximum of two (2) infractions per day will be added to the student's total points
- at the end of each semester all points reset to zero

**PBS is a zero-tolerance school, which results in automatic expulsion.**

- This code may later be amended to include any other infractions not specified.
- All infractions or inappropriate actions not covered in this code will be dealt with by Pace Brantley School Administration/Student Services Team assessing from one (1) to ten (10) points depending on the severity of the offense.

<b>POINTS ACCUMULATED</b>	<b>CONSEQUENCES</b>
1-3 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Warning/Verbal Correction</li> </ul>
4 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Snack and Lunch Detention</li> <li>● Phone Call to Parent</li> </ul>
5 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 day In-School Suspension</li> <li>● Parent Conference</li> <li>● Loss of privileges, such as: sports practice or extracurricular/club session</li> </ul>
6 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 Week Detention (Snack and Lunch)</li> <li>● Phone Call to Parent</li> <li>● Loss of privileges, such as: sports practice or extracurricular/club session</li> </ul>
7-9 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1-3 days In-School Suspension/Out of School Suspension</li> <li>● Parent Conference</li> <li>● Loss of privileges for 1 week, such as: sports practice or extracurricular/club session</li> </ul>
10 points	Out of School Suspension / Possible Expulsion

<b>INFRACTIONS</b>	<b>POINT VALUE</b>
Assault on peer, staff, school employee or volunteer	10
Bullying of any type	5-10
Cell phone violation	1-4
Cheating/Plagiarism	1-5
Chronic Tardiness (to class)	1
Detention – missing snack or lunch	1
Disrespectful behavior	1-5
Disruptive behavior	1-5
Dress code violation	1
False fire alarm/911 call	10
Fighting	10
Inappropriate use of technology, including audio or video recording of students/staff, social media usage, websites, texting, and taking/sending photos of students	1-7
Harassment: including but not limited to racial, religious, sexual	4-10
Physical aggression	5-10
Possession of a controlled substance including drug paraphernalia	10
Possession of a weapon	10
Profanity	1-3
Public display of affection	1-4
Skipping a class/hour(s)	1-3
Smoking	10
Theft	5-10
Threat/Intimidation	4-8
Willful damage to school property	2-10
Weapons	10

**Abusive, Profane, Obscene Language/Materials** – use of either oral or written language,

electronic messages, gestures, objects, pornography, or pictures which are disrespectful or socially unacceptable and which tend to disrupt the school environment, a school function, or an extracurricular/co-curricular activity.

**Alcohol** – Possession, sale, purchase, distribution, or use of alcoholic beverages. Use will be reported only when the person is caught in the act of using or is discovered to have used during an investigation. It is a violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the distribution, manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation or use of any intoxicating alcoholic beverages – Students in violation are subject to the substance abuse program (see Section IV, Substance Abuse Program). The student or substance may be subject to testing.

**Arson** – (intentionally setting a fire to school property) to damage or cause to be damaged, by fire or explosion, any dwelling, structure, or conveyance, whether occupied or not, or its contents.

**Assault or Battery on Employee** – committing an assault or aggravated assault or a battery or aggravated battery upon an employee of Pace Brantley School, when the person committing the offense knows or has reason to know the identity or position or employment of the victim – An assault is an intentional, unlawful threat by word or act to do violence to the person of another, coupled with apparent ability to do so, and doing some act which creates a well-founded fear in such other person that such violence is imminent. In such cases, the offense shall be reclassified to the next higher level.

**Attendance Rules Violation** – willful disobedience of school attendance rules – The law requires mandatory school attendance until the age of 16. If a student arrives at school, and then leaves campus without school permission, the student is unexcused and truant, and the school must take disciplinary action.

**Battery** – physical use of force or violence by an individual against any other individual when the force or violence is carried out against a person who is not fighting back.

**Bomb Threats/Explosives** – any communication which has the effect of threatening an explosion to do malicious, destructive, or physical harm to school property or bodily harm to the person(s) in or on that property or attending a school function or extracurricular activity – This includes, but is not limited to, threat by telephone, telecommunications/electronic communications, spoken word, or written word. Also prohibited are preparing, possessing, using, or igniting destructive or explosive devices on school property or at a school function or extracurricular activity. Destructive device means any bomb, grenade, mine, rocket, missile, pipe bomb, or similar device containing an explosive, incendiary, or poison gas and includes any frangible container filled with an explosive, incendiary, explosive gas, or expanding gas, which is designed or so constructed as to explode such filler and is capable of causing bodily harm or property damage. An explosive is any chemical compound or mixture that has the property of yielding readily to combustion or oxidation upon application of heat, flame, or shock, including but not limited to dynamite, nitroglycerin, trinitrotoluene, or ammonium nitrate when combined with other ingredients to form an explosive mixture, blasting caps, detonators, and fireworks.

**Breaking & Entering/Burglary** – unlawful entry with force, or unauthorized presence in a building or other structure or conveyance with evidence of the intent to damage or remove property or harm a person(s).

**Bullying** – Systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment; or unreasonably interfere with the individual’s school performance or participation.

**Careless or Malicious Action** – action that results in the injury of person(s) or damage to property.

**Cell Phones and/or any Electronic Communications Devices** – failure to adhere to the school cell phone guidelines.

**Cheating** – willful or deliberate unauthorized use of the work of another person for academic purposes, or inappropriate use of notes or other material in the completion of an academic assignment or test. A student who is found to have cheated on a school assignment will not receive credit for that assignment and will be disciplined in accordance with this Code of Student Conduct. When grade reduction is determined to be the appropriate disciplinary measure, the student’s parent(s) or legal guardian shall be notified.

**Contraband Materials** – include, but are not limited to, ammunition, laser instruments, electronics (not including calculators), and beverage mixers intended to be consumed with alcohol –The possession, use, sale and/or distribution of contraband materials on school grounds, school-sponsored events, and/or on school transportation is prohibited. The school will not be held responsible for lost or stolen contraband materials

**Dangerous Instruments** – possession, distribution of materials, paraphernalia, or items that are dangerous. Possession of a dangerous instrument may be considered under this heading if there has been no threatening or intimidating display of the dangerous instrument. Dangerous instruments shall include, but are not limited to, clubs, blow guns, chains, pipes (any length, metal or otherwise), ice picks or other pointed instruments, shuriken’s (throwing stars), pepper spray, mace, laser instruments, common pocket knives, fishing knives, BB guns, pellet guns, paintball guns, airsoft guns, any type of bullet, slingshots, imitation weapons or firearms made of plastic, metal, wood or any other material which may be used in a harmful manner. Students shall be prohibited from carrying or concealing items considered to be dangerous instruments while on school grounds, buses, in school buildings, at school sponsored events, and vehicles parked on school grounds or adjacent thereto for school related activities. A pocketknife shall be defined as a folding knife with a blade less than four (4”) inches. If a student unintentionally brings a pocketknife 7/21/20207/21/2020to school, the student should immediately turn it over to school officials upon arrival on school grounds. The Head of School or Principal of Lower School will decide what action is to be taken. A student may be suspended for 10 days and be recommended for dismissal from PBS for possession of a dangerous instrument.

**Note: Dangerous Instruments used in a threatening or intimidating manner may be considered a Level IV infraction. A threat to use a dangerous instrument on school grounds, on school sponsored transportation, or at any school sponsored activity is prohibited. [I: 27 (SESIR)]**

**Defiance of Authority, Willful Disrespect, or Interference with School Authority** – non-verbal refusal to comply with school rules or directions from school authority, refusal to identify one’s self, giving false information or disrespect of school authority on or off campus.

**Disrespect** – conduct or behavior which demeans, degrades, antagonizes, humiliates, or embarrasses a person or group of persons, which includes, but is not limited to, hurtful acts,

words or other behavior committed by one or more students against another.

**Disrespect of Minor Nature** – conduct or behavior that lacks regard, civility, politeness and/or courteous consideration for a person or group of persons – This may include, but is not limited to, teasing, name calling, gossiping, spreading or starting rumors, and purposely embarrassing or humiliating another person.

**Disruption on Campus – Major** – any act that substantially disrupts the orderly conduct of a school function, the orderly learning environment, or poses a threat to the health, safety, and/or welfare of students, staff, or others.

**Dress Code Violation** – non-conformity to the established dress code.

**Drugs/Over the Counter** – use, possession, or distribution of over the counter or mood-altering substances, or any substances represented as drugs or drug paraphernalia. Students on medication must abide by established school policies.

**Drug Use/Possession – Excluding Alcohol** – using, possessing or being under the influence of any controlled drug, illegal, or narcotic substance or any substances represented to contain, mimic or that looks like a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, stimulant, depressant, intoxicant, or controlled substance of any kind, or any substance when used for hallucinogenic purposes. – Substance includes, but is not limited to, any substance that contains or is represented to contain chemicals, any substance that produces the same effect as or is represented to produce the same effect as a controlled substance, or any analogue of a controlled substance including, but not limited to, synthetic marijuana. **PBS is a zero-tolerance school, which results in automatic expulsion.**

**False Fire Alarm/911 Calls** – activation of a fire alarm or other emergency services without reasonable cause, which is at the discretion of the Head of the School or Principal of Lower School, was the result of a reckless or malicious act.

**Fighting** – two or more persons mutually participating in use of force or physical violence that requires physical restraint or results in injury requiring first aid or medical attention is considered fighting – Mutual participation is considered without regard to the original aggressor.

**Forgery** – The making of a false or misleading written communication to a school staff member with either the intent to deceive the staff member or under circumstances which would be reasonably calculated to deceive the staff member. Signing or allowing others to sign your parent's name to a school paper.

**Harassment** – Any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal, or physical conduct that (1) places a student or school employee in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property, (2) has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, or (3) has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school including any course of conduct directed at a specific person that causes substantial emotional distress in such a person and serves no legitimate purpose any willful and/or harassment for any other reason.

**Inappropriate Conduct or Behavior** – conduct or behavior that interferes with or disrupts

the orderly process of the school environment, a school function, transportation, or extracurricular/co-curricular activity – This includes, but is not limited to, a public display of affection, minor classroom disruption, bringing unauthorized electronic equipment, animals, or other materials to school.

**Kidnapping/Abduction** – forcibly, or by threat, confining, abducting, or imprisoning another person against his/her will and without lawful authority.

**Medication Policy Violation** – refer to Section III: Medication/Health Procedures

**Other Major** – any serious, harmful incident resulting in the need for law enforcement intervention not previously classified. Other major includes, but is not limited to, producing, or knowingly using counterfeit money, participating in gambling activities, possessing child pornography, or possessing drug paraphernalia.

**Physical Altercations** – physical conflicts between two or more persons that do not require physical restraint or cause injury without regard to who was the original aggressor.

**Plagiarism** – the use of ideas or words of another as one's own; work presented as new and original, an idea or product derived from an existing source. A student who is found to have plagiarized on a school assignment will not receive credit for that assignment and will be disciplined in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct Handbook. When grade reduction is determined to be the appropriate disciplinary measure, the student's parent/guardian shall be notified.

**Retaliation** - Retaliation is knowingly engaging in conduct that causes bodily injury to another student or damages the tangible property of another student, or threatens/attempts to do so, with the intent to get revenge against the other student.

**Robbery** – taking or attempted taking of anything of value that is owned by another person or organization, under the confrontational circumstances of force, or threat of force or violence, and/or by putting the victim in fear.

**Sexting** – A student who sends, creates, or possesses nude images, or any other sexually explicit content on school property.

**Sexual Battery** – any sexual act or attempt directed against another person, forcibly and/or against the person's will including persons incapable of giving consent because of age or because of temporary or permanent mental incapacity – The category includes rape, touching of private parts of another person (either through human contact or using an object), child molestation, and sodomy. This level warrants calling law enforcement.

**Sexual Harassment** – unwanted verbal or physical behavior with sexual connotations by an adult or student that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment, cause discomfort or humiliation or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school performance or participation An incident when one person demands a sexual favor from another under the threat of physical harm or adverse consequence. Any slur, innuendo, or other verbal or physical conduct reflecting on an individual's gender which has the purpose of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment; has the purpose or effect of unreasonable interference with an individual's work or school performance

or participation; or otherwise affects an individual's educational opportunities is prohibited. By statute, criminal penalties may also be imposed. Included in this definition is an incident when one person demands a sexual favor from another under the threat of physical harm or adverse consequence.

**Sexual Offenses** – any willful and/or deliberate act committed with the intention of promoting sexual favors, or any lewd or lascivious act – Any unsolicited sexual proposal, consensual sex or physical conduct of a sexual nature, offensive touching of another person, any act of indecent exposure, obscenities such as phone calls or other communication are included under this heading, as well as, the unlawful manufacturing, publishing, selling, buying, or possessing materials including, but not limited to, literature, photographs, or media from electronic devices.

**Tardiness** – late arrival to school or class without valid documentation from parent/guardian or authorized school personnel –Repeated tardiness may be considered habitual truancy.

**Technology Violation** – using technology in a manner that is inappropriate, but is not harmful or destructive (see Section III, Technology).

**Threat/Intimidation** – a threat to cause physical harm to another person with or without the use of a weapon that includes all of the following elements: (1) intent – an intention that the threat is heard or seen by the person who is the object of the threat; (2) fear – a reasonable fear or apprehension by the person who is the object of the threat that the threat could be carried out; and (3) capability – the ability of the offender to actually carry out the threat directly or by a weapon or other instrument that can easily be obtained. To place another person in fear of bodily harm through verbal threats without displaying a weapon or subjecting the person to actual physical attack – Threatening any school employee shall be considered a high-level infraction. Threats and implied threats, verbal or written, even if within an academic assignment or stated in humor, will be taken as an actual threat.

**Theft of a Minor Nature** – unauthorized taking, carrying, riding away, or concealing the property of another person without threat, violence, or bodily harm. – *Items under this heading would have a replacement value of less than \$300.00.*

**Threats Relating to Discharge of Destructive Device** – threatening to throw, project, place, or discharge any destructive device with intent to do damage to any property of any person.

**Threat/Intimidation/Harassment/Retaliation toward Employees/Volunteers** – any threat by a student through word or act, to do violence to a school employee/volunteer on or off campus, or damage to property of a school employee/volunteer, coupled with an apparent ability to do so, and creating a well-founded fear in the school employee or volunteer that violence is imminent – By statute, criminal penalties may also be imposed. Retaliation is knowingly engaging in conduct that causes bodily injury to a school employee/volunteer or damages the tangible property of a school employee/volunteer, or threatens/attempts to do so, with the intent to get revenge against the school employee/volunteer.

**Threatening Use of Dangerous Instruments** – the threat and use of, or the control of any dangerous instrument (as defined in Level III), paraphernalia, or object (other than a firearm or weapon) which could be used to inflict harm on another person or used to intimidate any

person and is not being used for the purpose for which it was normally intended.

**Tobacco/Electronic cigarettes/e-vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems** – the possession, use, distribution, or sale of tobacco/nicotine products on school grounds, school-sponsored events, and/or on school transportation by any student. A law enforcement official may issue a citation to any person found smoking tobacco on school grounds. PBS is a zero-tolerance school, which results in automatic expulsion.

\*It is unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to knowingly possess any nicotine product or nicotine dispensing device. Any person under 18 years of age who violates this subsection commits a noncriminal violation as defined in s. 775.08(3).

**Trespassing** – to enter or remain on school grounds/campus or at a school-sponsored event/off campus without authorization or invitation and with no lawful purpose for entry.

**Unauthorized Assembly, Publications, Petitions, Electronic Messages** – demonstrations and/or petitions by students, or possession and/or distribution of unauthorized publications, including misuse of electronic messages which interfere with the orderly process of the school environment, a school function, or extracurricular activity.

**Vandalism** – intentional destruction, damage, or defacement of public or private/personal property, without consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it – *Damage must be valued at \$1,000 or more* including time and labor to be considered under this heading.

**Vandalism of a Minor Nature** – intentional destruction, damage, or defacement of public or private property, real or personal, without consent of the owner or the person having custody or control of it – *Damage must be valued at less than \$1,000*, including time and labor to be considered under this heading.

**Vehicle Violation** – failure to adhere to the school vehicle guidelines.

**Weapon, Electric Weapon or Device, Dart-firing gun** – the possession, use, or control of any sword, sword cane, weapon, electric weapon or device, or dart-firing gun, whether- operable, inoperable, loaded or unloaded), razor blade, box cutter is prohibited – Weapon means any metallic knuckles, slingshot, billie clubs, tear gas gun, chemical weapon or device, or other deadly weapon except a common pocketknife, plastic knife, or blunt-bladed table knife. Electric Weapon or device means any device which, through the application or use of electrical current, is designed, redesigned, used, or intended to be used for offensive or defensive purposes, the destruction of life, or the infliction of injury. Dart-firing stun gun means any device having one or more darts that can deliver an electrical current. Bringing a weapon, electric weapon or device, or dart-firing gun to school, any school functions or onto any school sponsored transportation is prohibited. Pace Brantley School, will not tolerate weapons of any nature being taken on school property or at any school sponsored activity, whether on or off the school campus, in any manner at any time, and considers this notice as fair warning to all concerned of the serious consequences for violations of this policy. By statute, criminal prosecution may also result. [I: 27 (SESIR)]

## **STUDENT DETENTION, SEARCH AND SEIZURE**

### **I. Purpose**

A. A member of administration may temporarily detain and question a student when circumstances indicate that such student has committed, is committing, or is about to commit a violation of Florida Statutes or Pace Brantley rules. The purpose of this policy is to establish the parameters and procedures by which students enrolled in PBS may be subjected to search within the bounds established by law.

B. Administration may search students reasonably suspected of being in possession of contraband or other prohibited items while on Pace Brantley owned property or wherever students are under the official supervision of Pace Brantley employees, such as on field trips, at extracurricular activities, or while being transported to and from such places either by bus, by approved drivers, or by other means of conveyance. School personnel may conduct a warrantless search of a student's possessions, locker, vehicle, or any other storage area on school property when school personnel have reasonable suspicion that illegal, prohibited, or harmful items or substances, or stolen property may be concealed on the student's person or in a storage area.

### **II. Reasonable Suspicion**

Reasonable suspicion requires school personnel to be able to articulate the facts and inferences that led them to believe that a violation of the law or the *Student Code of Conduct Handbook* had been or was being committed, and that a search could produce evidence of that violation. In making such a determination, school personnel may consider factors, including but not limited to:

1. their training and experience
2. their personal observation
3. the reliability of informant information
4. their previous experiences with the student to be searched
5. their knowledge of the student's age, reputation, and discipline record
6. the prevalence and/or seriousness of the suspected violation of the law or the Student Code of Conduct Handbook
7. the urgency to protect the health and safety of students, school personnel, and others

### **III. Authority to Search**

The search of students, student possessions or storage areas is an action generally reserved for school administrators. Teachers, school security specialists, and other staff members who suspect a student may be in possession of illegal, prohibited, harmful items or substances, or stolen property should, whenever possible, notify a school administrator of their suspicion, rather than conducting a

search themselves. School administrators will consider the facts of the situation along with the suspicions of the teacher, school security specialist, or other staff members, and if he/she determines there is justification for a search, will conduct the search in accordance with the guidelines outlined in this policy. In those situations where teachers, school security specialists, or other staff members are not able to notify a school administrator of their suspicions, and they determine an immediate search is warranted, they shall conduct the search in accordance with the guidelines outlined in this policy.

#### **IV. Searches Involving Law Enforcement Officers**

Law Enforcement Officers must have probable cause to conduct a search. Probable cause requires the officer to have a higher degree of certainty than school personnel that the search will uncover illegal, prohibited, harmful items or substances, or stolen property.

#### **V. Random Searches**

The following searches may be conducted without individual suspicion of specific students being in possession of illegal, prohibited, harmful items or substances, or stolen property: canine search, electronic scanning devices, and drug tests for students who are on a behavior contract or students who participate in extracurricular activities.

### **BULLYING AND OTHER FORMS OF AGGRESSION**

**Bullying** is defined as willfully and repeatedly exercising power or control over another by systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students.

**Aggressive behavior** is defined as inappropriate conduct, whether a single isolated incident or repeated incidents that are serious enough to negatively impact a student's educational physical, or emotional well-being. It includes, but is not limited to, behaviors such as stalking, bullying/cyberbullying, intimidating, menacing, coercion, name-calling, teasing, taunting, making threats, and hazing.

**Relational aggression** is behavior that is intended to harm someone by damaging or manipulating his or her relationships with others. Relational aggression can include physical, verbal (malicious gossip, putdowns, insults, spreading rumors, lies, telling secrets, name calling and threats to withdraw friendships), or covert (body language, eye rolling, social exclusion, ignoring) aggression.

**Cyberstalking** means to engage in a course of conduct to communicate, or to cause to be communicated, words, images, or language by or through the use of electronic mail or electronic

communication, directed at a specific person, causing substantial emotional distress to the person and serving no legitimate purpose.

**Cyberbullying** is the use of information and communication technologies such as e-mail, cell phone, pager, text messages, instant messages (IM), personal websites, and online personal pooling web sites, whether on or off school campus, to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behavior by an individual or group, that is intended to threaten or harm others, or which causes emotional distress to an individual to substantially disrupt or interfere with the operation of a school or an individual student's ability to receive an education.

**Bullying should be reported directly to a teacher, Guidance Team Member, Principal or Head of School immediately.**

**HARASSMENT** –The purpose of this policy is to inform and educate students of their responsibilities, rights, and complaint/grievance procedures with regards to harassment. Any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal, or physical conduct that (1) places a student or school employee in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property, (2) has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, or (3) has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school including any course of conduct directed at a specific person that causes substantial emotional distress in such a person and serves no legitimate purpose. The term "harassment" includes verbal or physical conduct that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual. "Harassment" includes, but is not limited to: racial slurs, jokes, epithets, negative stereotyping, threats, intimidation, hostile acts, denigrating or hostile written or graphic material in student's possession or constructive possession (e.g. book bag, locker, etc.), worn, posted or circulated in the workplace or schools. The term also includes sexual harassment, which is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other inappropriate verbal, non-verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's educational performance.

**Note:** Students who report any of the above listed activities/information to the appropriate authorities may have their names held in confidence and Pace Brantley agrees not to release the student's name to any other student.

**Speak-Out Hotline 1-800-423-8477:** The "Speak-Out" program provides a monitored 24-hour hotline that allows students, parents, or community members to call anonymously and report concerns regarding drugs, weapons, violence, abuse, suicide, or other problems.

# HEALTH SERVICES

## ON CAMPUS HEALTH SERVICES

A registered nurse (RN) is on campus to serve as the Health Services Coordinator. The clinic provides care to students in any grade who become ill or injured while on campus. When notified of the need to go home, we request that your child be picked up from school **within 60 minutes of receiving the call**. If this is not possible, please consider making other arrangements to have your child picked up from school to prevent the spread of illness. We will have a “well” and “sick” area designated to prevent any cross contamination of germs.

## WHEN STUDENTS SHOULD STAY HOME

COVID-19 our details are being finalized daily; it is important to remember that the pandemic itself, prevailing medical information, and preparations to best return to normal operations are in a constant state of flux and we ask that you show flexibility as conditions warrant. Our school nurse will be providing updated information regarding COVID-19 as we receive direction from officials from CDC, FLDOH, FCIS and FLDOE. Due to the continuous changes these will be sent to families in a separate notification. It is imperative that you read the information being sent to you as we all must work together to keep our PBS community safe.

To provide and maintain a healthy environment for your children, the faculty and staff at PBS ask that you review and comply with the following guidelines regarding health conditions that may require your child to stay home from school. Regardless of the severity of the health issue, children should not attend school if they are unable to comfortably participate in classroom activities or if they have any of the following illnesses:

- **Chickenpox**- Children may return to school only after scabs have formed to cover the infection (usually approximately 5-6 days after the onset of rash).
- **Common Cold**- Children should stay home if they have a chronic cough that disturbs class or nasal drainage that is unable to be managed by the child.
- **Conjunctivitis** -Bloodshot eyes accompanied by swollen lids and discharge are likely infectious. Children with “pink eye” should remain home until they have been treated with antibiotic eye drops for at least 24 hours.
- **Fever**- Children with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher should stay home from school and only return once they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication, such as Tylenol (acetaminophen) or Motrin (ibuprofen).
- **Impetigo**- Children may return to school 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment if they are fever free. Lesions should be covered.
- **Lice**- Children with lice – including live insects in their hair or nits within a quarter inch of the scalp – must remain at home until treated and the nits are completely removed. Parents must

notify the clinic if their child has lice so we can properly screen their class and their sibling(s) class(es).

**Students who have been treated for lice must visit the clinic for a check before returning to their classroom.**

• **Ringworm-** Circular scaly patches that are pink at the outer edge and normal skin color toward the center are likely due to a fungal infection that is commonly called ringworm. A child with ringworm may not return to school until 24 hours after treatment has begun.

• **Strep Throat-** A child who has been diagnosed with Strep throat may not return to school until they are fever free (unaided) and have been on antibiotics for 24 hours.

• **Vomiting and/or diarrhea-** Children should not attend school until 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.

## **MEDICATION/HEALTH PROCEDURES**

### **Prescription Medication**

- All prescription medications with current date must be presented in the original container to the principal/designee. Parent/guardian shall bring medication to school and sign a Prescription Medication Consent Form (MIS 61D001).
- Directions/instructions on using the prescription shall be provided by the physician or pharmacist.
- The prescription medication shall be delivered to the office with the following information provided:
  - Name and purpose of medication.
  - Time medication to be administered must coincide with the doctor's order on the prescription.
  - Approximate duration of medication.
  - Reactions that might occur from the medication.Administration of Prescription Medication Consent Form (MIS 61D001) must be completed and signed by parent/guardian.
- Medication must be counted by the parents/guardians and the person receiving the medication and documented on the Medication Administration Form.
- All medication must be in the original container with a current date not to exceed 90 days and the label shall not be modified in any manner.
- The first dose of medication shall not be administered at school due to the possibility of allergic reaction.
- No more than a four (4) week supply should be delivered to the school at one time.
- All medication must be secured with lock and key.
- A student that needs to carry an inhaler must have a doctor's statement and parent/guardian written consent on the Prescription Consent Form. Inhalers that are carried by the student must have a prescription label with the student's name on the inhaler itself.
- A student, who must carry an EpiPen on their person at school, will be

required to have a Medical Procedure Form (MIS 61D018) completed and signed by physician and parent/guardian. The form must include a statement from the doctor and parent/guardian that the child must carry it on their person. A student who needs an EpiPen at school, but does not need to carry it, must have the Medical Procedure Form (MIS 61D018) completed and signed by the physician and parent/guardian. In both cases staff member(s) will be trained to assist and/or administer the EpiPen.

- Parents must notify, through written communication, the School Health Coordinator at the student's school about special health concerns or medication needs before field trips and other off-campus events including athletics. This written notification should be at least one week in advance for most medication or health concerns; however, the notification should be at least three weeks in advance for injectable medications or blood sugar monitoring.
- No medication of any kind may be carried on a student's person.
- Under no condition will children, including siblings, be allowed to share prescription medications.

### **Non-Prescription Medication**

- All non-prescription medication shall be delivered by parent/guardian.
- Non-prescription medication may be administered for 72 hours (three consecutive days) only with parental written consent on the Seminole County Schools Non-Prescription Form (MIS 61D003). After the 72-hour (three consecutive days) time frame, a standing order must be secured from the child's physician. The non-prescription medication shall be delivered to the office with the following information provided:
  - Name and purpose of medication.
  - Time and condition under which the medication is to be given.
  - Specific instructions on the administration of the medication.
  - Non-prescription medications are to be received in a new unopened container with 30 or less pills or no more than one-month supply.
  - The consent form (MIS 61D003) must be completed and signed by parent/guardian.
  - The first dose of any medication shall not be administered during school hours due to the possibility of allergic reaction.
  - All medication must be in original container and stored under lock and key.
  - Parents must notify, through written communication, the School Health Coordinator at the student's school about special health concerns or medication needs before field trips and other off-campus events including athletics. This written notification should be at least one week in advance for most medication or health concerns; however, the notification should be at least three weeks in advance for injectable medications or blood sugar monitoring.
  - No medication of any kind may be carried on a student's person.
  - Under no condition will children, including siblings, be allowed to share prescription medications.

**Note: Violation of the Medication/Medical Procedures Policy will result in an infraction.**

### Required Health Care Plans

Health Care Plans are developed under order of a licensed physician. If your child has a medical condition diagnosed by a licensed physician that may require a formal Health Care Plan, please contact your primary care doctor. Parent(s) must provide current medical documentation annually. Parents must notify, through written communication, the School Health Coordinator at the student's school about special health concerns or medication needs before field trips and other off-campus events including athletics. This notification should be at least one week in advance for most medication or health concerns; however, the notification should be at least three weeks in advance for injectable medications or blood sugar monitoring.

### **Pediculosis (Head Lice)**

- Pediculosis (head lice) has become common in school. It is highly transmittable, and all age groups are susceptible. Parents/guardians are responsible for checking their son/daughter's head for lice and their eggs (nits), even if the most common symptom of itching is not present. If lice or nits are found, it is important to treat the student and carefully monitor other family members.
- Students cannot be sent to school if any nits or lice are present in the student's hair. Upon a student's return to school, he/she shall be checked by the School Nurse.
- Pace Brantley School has a "no-nit" policy which means students may not attend school if nits remain in the hair after treatment. Any student that is identified as having head lice will be sent home with instructions for treating the child and the home. The student should be treated; nits removed and return to school the following day. When a student has been sent home due to head lice, the parent/guardian must bring the student to school for recheck before returning to class. If the student is free of lice and nits, the student will be given a pass to return to class. We do not wish to exclude any student from class; however, head lice can cause secondary health problems and must not be allowed to become an epidemic in our school. Parents/guardians need to instruct their students not to share brushes, combs, hats, or other personal items with others to avoid infestation. Instructions for treatment for head lice can be obtained from the Seminole County Health Department and your son/daughter's school.

### **NO SHARING FOOD POLICY**

Due to students with allergies we have adopted a non-sharing food policy during snack, lunch, and other school events.

### **PARTIES POLICY**

For any celebrations including, but not limited to, birthday and holiday class parties, students may bring non-edible items, such as stickers, pencils, erasers, trinkets, etc. to share with their classmates. Food items are not allowed.

## **SERVICE PROVIDER NOTES**

For a student to sit out/not participate in PE or recess a note from a physician is required.

For a student to remain inside during snack or lunch, a note from a service provider, such as a physician or therapist is required.

A doctor's note is required to participate in any physical activity after a sustained injury (medically documented).

# **PARKING**

## **PARKING/VEHICLE RULES**

The parking of a student's vehicle on campus is a privilege that is granted by Pace Brantley School. Students who repeatedly violate campus-parking rules may have their privilege revoked and/or are subject to disciplinary consequences. School authorities have the right to inspect any parked vehicles on campus to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of all students and staff. **Student drivers will have to purchase a parking decal and have it displayed in the car window each day.**

**Note: Privileges & Responsibilities: Parents are encouraged to review Florida law pertaining to the operation of motor vehicles by their children. High school students with operator's licenses may not be legally allowed to drive their vehicle home after a late activity. It is the student and parent's responsibility to know the law.**

- Students will not be permitted to drive any vehicle to school until filing the written consent of the student's parent/guardian and a written agreement to comply with all rules of Pace Brantley School with the Student Services Team. Students parking vehicles on campus without authorization are subject to disciplinary consequences
- students shall park cars driven to school in the area designated for student parking
- students who park a vehicle on a school campus are presumed to know what is contained in the vehicle and will be held accountable for any weapons, drugs, contraband, etc. which may be found in the vehicle
- no student shall loiter in or around the parking area or areas
- students shall not occupy cars during class hours, between classes, or before or after school, except as they arrive and leave for the school day and travel to and from approved programs at other locations
- students must follow all Florida Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) traffic laws and regulations while on school property
- Drivers who arrive after 8:30 AM will be considered late. Each student driver can be late only 5 times in a quarter. If a student exceeds 5 late arrivals, his/her driving privilege will be revoked for the remainder of the semester.
- students with grades below a 70 % (D or F) on a Progress Report or Report Card will have their driving privileges revoked until the grade(s) are improved to a 70% or higher, and Administration has approved reinstatement of driving privileges
- students with unsatisfactory behavior will have their driving privileges revoked

- Students are responsible for all items in their vehicles. School authorities have the right to inspect any parked vehicles on campus to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of all students and staff.
- When it is necessary that a student driver leave school during the school day, parents are required to call the front office, even if a student is of legal adult age. Handwritten notes will be verified by a follow-up phone call for parent confirmation. Students will not be released by handwritten notes only.

**Failure to follow any of the above guidelines will result in revocation of campus driving privileges.**

**ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL** (times and locations are subject to change)

The safety of Pace Brantley students is of paramount concern, particularly when it is traffic related.

Families must abide by the following procedures:

- Pace Brantley personnel are assigned to ensure the safe and efficient flow of arrival, dismissal, and traffic. For the safety of pedestrians and fellow vehicle traffic, please afford the Pace Brantley personnel your attention and courtesy.
- All vehicles are required to have a Pace Brantley decal visible.
  - **All vehicles without a decal will be sent to the front office**
- **Please do not arrive earlier than 8:00 a.m. unless the student is attending morning care. All students will receive a temperature check and parents / drivers shall not leave prior to approved confirmation from school personnel.**
- All students must remain in their vehicle until Pace Brantley personnel is present for arrival.
- The designated student drop-off area is in the rear of the school.
- Refrain from using cellular phones or other distracting devices while operating motor vehicles on campus.
- **Arrival**
  - Arrival traffic should line up in the right lane only
  - Be sure to pull as far forward in the line as possible
  - Do not stop on crosswalk
  - Max speed on campus is 5 mph
  - Students are not permitted to be dropped off at the front office prior to 8:30 am
- **Dismissal**
  - Updated dismissal plans TBA - see updates
  - Parents can arrive to campus 15 minutes prior to dismissal
  - 2 lines will be formed for dismissal around the car loop
  - Be sure to pull as far forward in the line as possible
  - Do not stop on crosswalks.
  - Max speed on campus is 5 mph
  - Follow all directions from Pace Brantley dismissal team
  - Remain in your vehicle
  - Be patient and understanding as delays may occur
  - Refrain from using cellular phones or other distracting devices while operating

motor vehicles on campus

- **Front Office Dismissal**

Students may not be dismissed from the front office after 2:30 pm, 1:30 pm on Wednesdays. After this time, the front office will direct you to join the parent pick up line. Phone calls will no longer be accepted to have your student brought up to the front office. The front office will call for your student only when a parent/guardian is present.

**BEFORE CARE/AFTER CARE**

- Before school care is available beginning at 7:15 a.m.
- After school care is available until 5:30 p.m.
- If your child remains on campus 15 minutes past the regular dismissal time, they will be sent to after care, and you will be charged the daily rate (if the child does not regularly attend after care).
- Accounts of children picked up after 5:30 p.m. will incur a late pick-up fee.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

**ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

For eligibility purposes, a grading period is defined as one semester. A semester is defined as one half of a school year (approximately 18 school weeks or 90 school days). This definition is applicable to all schools regardless of the type of scheduling format (e.g. block, traditional, etc.) utilized. A student must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 unweighted scale, or its equivalent, in all courses taken that are required by Florida Statute, at the conclusion of each semester to be eligible during the following semester for extracurricular activities:

- A student shall be eligible during the first semester of his/her ninth-grade year provided that it is the student's first entry into the ninth grade, and he/she was regularly promoted from the eighth grade the immediate preceding year.
- A student who is ineligible during the second semester of his/her ninth-grade year or during the first semester of his/her 10th grade year because the student's cumulative high school grade point average was below a 2.0 at the conclusion of the previous semester and continues to be below a 2.0 at the conclusion of the semester of ineligibility may regain his/her eligibility for the following semester provided:
  - the student signs an academic performance contract with his/her school at the beginning of the semester in which he/she is ineligible that states, at a minimum, that the student will attend summer school, or its graded equivalent, – AND
  - earns a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 unweighted scale, or its equivalent, in all courses taken during the semester of ineligibility.
- Once a student enters the 11th grade, and thereafter, he/she must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 unweighted scale, or its

equivalent, in all courses taken that are required by Florida Statute, at the conclusion of each semester to be eligible during the following semester.

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- All courses taken for high school credit by a student, including those taken prior to his/her ninth-grade year, shall be included in the computation of the student's cumulative high school grade point average.
- Pace Brantley School is a member of the Private School Athletic Association and shall be governed by the bylaws of that organization. Pace Brantley School shall also follow the requirements for all extracurricular activities as prescribed by Florida law. For further details, refer to the Florida Statute. [§1003.43(1) and 1006.15, Florida Statutes]

**Note: Signature Page will be in the enrollment packet on FACTS. This must be signed by parent and student.**

Notations from Florida State Statutes Title XLVIII K-20 Education Code  
Chapters 1000-1013