

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Slidell High School! We hope that the 2019-2020 school year will be a good one for you. In addition to all St. Tammany Parish School Board policies relating to students (See St. Tammany Parish Public School System Handbook on Attendance, Discipline, and Student Records), all students are responsible for the rules and regulations that are specific to Slidell High School as stated in this publication. The regulations of the St. Tammany Parish School Board that affect students are not repeated here, but are in effect at all times.

Additionally, changes in rules and regulations will be issued as they occur.

It is the responsibility of the student and parents to know and to follow all policies affecting student life, those of the St. Tammany Parish School Board and those of Slidell High School.

PHILOSOPHY SLIDELL HIGH SCHOOL

The faculty and staff at Slidell High School believe that the school's responsibility is to help each student develop into a responsible and productive citizen in the school, community, state and nation. We believe that the educational development of the individual student is the basic responsibility of the school but must be shared with the home and community in order to insure the student's fullest development intellectually, physically, emotionally, morally, socially and aesthetically.

We believe we should provide a strong academic background with a variety of courses, activities and experiences.

Recognizing that students have their own individual modes and rates of learning, we feel that all students should make provision in the curriculum of the school for the attainment of successful experiences.

In addition to the tangible curriculum, the intangible qualities of self-motivation, tolerance, perseverance, and inquisitiveness should be emphasized. We further realize that

the school environment needs to be safe for exploration and self-expression so that learning becomes a life-long process.

We believe that constant re-evaluation of our program is necessary to provide for the growth of the student in a changing society that is increasingly technological and global.

Finally, we believe that to implement our philosophy, a competent and caring administration and faculty are necessary.

BELIEFS

The mission is aligned with school philosophy which stresses:

- Preparation for productive citizenship;
- A variety of courses with a strong academic emphasis;
- A myriad of activities and experiences;
- Attainment of successful experiences for all students;

- Partnership between school, home and community;
- Concern for intangible qualities such as self-motivation and tolerance;
- A safe environment that promotes exploration and self-expression;
- Promotion of life-long learning;
- Re-evaluation of programs to adapt to a changing world;
- A competent and caring faculty and administration;

SLIDELL HIGH SCHOOL VISION

Slidell High School students, fostered by a sense of community and continuing a tradition of excellence, are guided by a family of educators actively engaging in dynamic learning experiences that promote self-reliance, encourage educational opportunities and champion the students' broader needs.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Slidell High School is to empower a diverse student population to compete in an ever-changing global community.

POLICY STATEMENT

STPPS adheres to the equal opportunity provisions of federal and civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, or disability.

SCHOOL TRADITIONS

The Slidell High School mascot is the tiger. The colors are Kelly Green and White, and the School Motto is "Truth shines a guiding light!"

ALMA MATER

We hail thee, Slidell High
By thee, we'll always stand.
Thy truth shines a guiding light
Throughout this fairest land.
Our Alma Mater, to us you'll always be.
We'll praise thy name so dear,
Throughout eternity.

FIGHT SONG

Fight Tigers Fight,
Down the field and show your might.
Roar Tigers Roar,
Grab that ball; let's see you score, Oh I Oh! Oh!
Go Tigers GO! Hit the line and mow them down.
For you can't hold those Tigers, Mighty Tigers
Go Tigers Go! Fight Tigers Fight!

SCHOOL CREST

The official Slidell High School Crest is a symbolic representation of the purpose and traditions of the school. The shield is divided into four quarters. The mother pelican, protective of its young, is depicted in the upper left quarter. The pelican, the state bird, locates the school in Louisiana and indicates that it is an arm of the Louisiana State Department of Education. In the lower left quarter is the open book and quill, representative of academics. It is symbolic of free education in a democracy and guides students to the realization that any real achievement in high school or in adult life results from work. The musical lyre in the upper right quarter represents the many extracurricular activities available to students. These activities are designed to be healthful, educational, and recreational, encouraging the total development of the individual. Completing the shield, in the lower right quarter is the winged foot that symbolizes athletics. It represents the enthusiasm that students have when in athletic training and competition, and the pride they have when representing Slidell High. Surrounding the shield are pine branches that locate the school in St. Tammany Parish. The four pinecones represent levels of achievement in school, one for each of the four years in high school. Rising above the shield stands the letters S.H.S. that identify the school. Through the large S is a stalking tiger, the school mascot which is noted for its strength and endurance. The tiger stands guarding the shield, protecting its academic, athletic and extracurricular traditions. At the base of the shield is a flowing ribbon that represents grace and gentleness. Inscribed on this ribbon is the school motto: "Truth shines a guiding light." These words depict an important element in the purpose of the school, to develop moral and social values that contribute to maturity and sound character. The torch rising through the shield also symbolizes this. At the ends of the ribbon, the founding year of the school, 1908, is depicted.

Student Responsibilities - THE THREE R'S

Each year we place significant emphasis on positive behavior and The Three R's of Slidell High School: **Respect, Responsibility, and Resolution.**

Respect – for oneself and for others.

Responsibility – for personal behavior, for success in the classroom and for good citizenship in the school community.

Resolution – of conflict and the prevention of violence through positive communication.

All students will be held to high standards, and the Three R's will be a part of everyday life of all our students.

ABSENCES

In order to be eligible to receive credit for courses passed, high school students may not miss more than five (5) days of non-exempted absences, unexcused absences, and/or suspensions per semester. It is very important that Students attend school each and every day, but if a student is sick the following procedures must be followed. Also, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you DO NOT MAKE APPOINTMENTS ON EXAM DAYS.

1. When returning from an absence, turn in your doctor's/parent note to the Student Services Office for entry into the computer system and filing.
 2. A doctor's/parents note must be submitted to Student Services within three (3) days of the student's return to school for a student to be allowed to make up missed assignments.
 3. A doctor's excuse is needed to make up either a nine week or semester examination.
 4. No one will be permitted to check in or out on days of nine week or semester examinations unless ill.
 5. Students may not participate in extracurricular events after school if they have not been present during the entire school day. When it is necessary for students to leave school during the school day, they shall not participate in any school activity that night.
 6. Students on school sponsored field trips are not counted absent.
 7. Exceptional situations may be considered by the Principal.
- * In High School, when a student accumulates three (3) absences in a semester which include non-exempted excused, unexcused, and/or suspensions, notification will be made to the parents/guardians. After the fifth (5) absence in a semester which includes non-exempted excused, unexcused, and/or suspensions, the school will notify parents/guardians of the seat time recover requirements.
- Students in danger of failing due to excessive absences may be allowed to make up missed seat time held outside of the regular school day. The makeup sessions must be completed before the end of the current semester for high school students.

Activities on Exam Nights

On nights before a nine week, semester, or final exam, all student activities are prohibited. This includes meetings, rehearsals, practices, etc. Activities may take place immediately after school, but must be completed by 6:00 P.M. The only exceptions to this rule are varsity district ball games that are scheduled by the athletic district and cannot be changed. However, non-district games, J-V games, tournaments and scrimmages are prohibited.

ATHLETICS

Slidell High School is a member of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association and District 7-5A. Other members of the District include Covington, Fontainebleau, Hammond, Mandeville, Northshore, Ponchatoula, St. Paul's, and St. Scholastica.

The Slidell High Athletic Program includes organized teams in the following sports:

- Baseball (Boys)
- Basketball (Boys and Girls)
- Cross Country (Boys and Girls)
- Football (Boys)
- Golf (Boys and Girls)
- Power Lifting (Boys and Girls)
- Soccer (Boys and Girls)
- Softball (Girls)
- Swimming (Boys and Girls)
- Tennis (Boys and Girls)
- Track (Boys and Girls)
- Volleyball (Girls)

Students interested in trying out for a sport should contact the head coach of that sport.

Athletic Awards at Slidell High School:

- First year lettermen/women in all sports receive an Award letter.
- Second and third year lettermen/women receive a bar for their letter.
- Team managers must manage 2 years in order to receive a letter.
- When a student receives a position on an All-District team, the student will be presented a patch by the school. All-State team members receive a plaque from the school.

Eligibility for Athletics:

To be eligible for participation on a school team:

1. A student must be enrolled in school during the first 11 days of the first semester or the student will be ineligible for the first 30 days of school.
2. A student must not be 19 years old before September 1 of the school year. Once a student enters ninth grade, the student has eight consecutive semesters in which to play athletics.
3. A student must provide legal proof of age with original or a certified copy of Birth Certificate.
4. At the end of the first semester, the students must pass at least 6 subjects and earn a 1.5 grade point average in all subjects taken.
5. At the end of the year and prior to the next school year, the student must pass at least six units with an overall 1.5 grade point average in all units taken for the year.

6. If the student attends a school outside their "home attendance zone", they are automatically ineligible for one year unless they meet the provisions of the transfer rule.
7. If a student has been recruited to the school for athletic purposes, the student will remain ineligible for as long as the student attends that school.
8. A student is ineligible if he/she loses his/her amateur status
9. In certain sports, a student cannot play on a school team and an independent team during the same sports season
10. A student must pass a physical examination prior to the sports season or at least once every 365 days by a physician.

BULLYING

Bullying is a form of aggression, and it occurs when a person(s) willfully subjects another person (victim), to an intentional, unwanted and unprovoked, hurtful verbal and/or physical action(s) at any school site or school-sponsored activity or event. Bullying may also occur as various forms of hazing, including initiation rites perpetrated against a student or a member of a team. Bullying is a SUSPENDABLE OFFENSE. Threatening behavior, of any kind, will be taken seriously and addressed appropriately. Students should immediately report any and all threats to school officials. Bullying and threatening behavior will not be tolerated at Slidell High School and guilty parties will face serious consequences. In addition to appropriate discipline, a formal threat assessment may be initiated when threats are made.

BUSES

A school bus with undisciplined passengers is a hazardous bus. The misbehavior of the students can lead to accidents. The driver must concentrate on the driving task at hand and cannot be expected to constantly discipline the students while the bus is in motion. Therefore, for the safe operation of the school bus, students should be aware of and obey the following safety rules:

1. Cooperate with the driver; your safety depends on it;
2. Be on time; the bus cannot wait;
3. Cross the road cautiously under the direction of the driver when boarding and leaving the bus;
4. Follow the driver's instructions when loading and unloading;
5. Remain quiet enough not to distract the driver;
6. Have written permission and be authorized by the principal to get on or off at a stop other than the designated stop;
7. Remain seated when the bus is in motion;
8. Keep arms, head or other objects inside the bus at all times;
9. Refrain from throwing objects in the bus or out of the windows and doors;
10. Use emergency exits only for emergencies and when instructed to do so;

11. Refrain from eating or drinking on the bus;
12. Avoid the use or possession of tobacco, matches, cigarette lighters, obscene materials, weapons, drugs or other prohibited items on the bus;
13. Take no glass objects and other objects on the bus if prohibited by state, federal law or local policies;
14. Take no band instruments, projects and other objects too large or too hazardous to be held by the passenger or stowed safely under the seat on the bus. They will not be permitted on the bus;
15. Refrain from damaging the bus in any way; and
16. Be courteous and safety-conscious. Protect personal riding privileges and enjoy the ride.

CAPS AND HATS

Caps and hats confiscated by a teacher or school administrator will be returned at the end of the semester. No student is to wear a cap, hat or any other headgear in the building or on any part of the campus during school hours.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURE

1. Students who are ill will be allowed to check out, but may not drive themselves home. A person designated on the emergency card will be needed to drive an ill student after having been checked out.
2. Students checking out are to report to the Student Services Office. Students will not call home for permission. The Student Services secretary will call the home.

If the parent or authorized person cannot be reached, the student will remain in school. An authorized person is one who has been designated in writing by the parent to dismiss the student. This information is found on the Emergency Procedure Information card required of all students. It is the responsibility of the parent and the student to make sure that the written authorization is on file in the Student Services Office.

2. Students will not be allowed to go to the Student Services Office to check out between class periods. A student who is to check out must secure a pass from the classroom teacher. Teachers will call the office to let the Student Services secretary know when a student is on the way to check out. Only students with passes will be processed for dismissal.

3. Students are not to initiate the checkout procedure by calling home before reporting to the Student Services office.
4. Students who leave school without properly checking out are considered "skippers" and will be referred to the assistant principal. This could lead to suspension.
5. The only acceptable excuses for checking out are:
 - Personal illness
 - Doctor's appointments; however, parents should schedule doctor, dental and orthodontist appointments around the school schedule. It is disruptive to the students' learning when they check in and out for these appointments.

- Court appearances.
 - Special reasons authorized by administration
6. Unacceptable excuses for checking out are:
- Obtaining a driver's license.
 - Errands for parents.
 - Vacations
 - Activities that are not school related.
 - Going home to get forgotten items.

7. Students are allowed to make up work if there is an acceptable excuse for checking out. Students who check out and have an unacceptable excuse will receive a zero for each period on all gradable work given during the time of his/her absence. Gradable work includes tests, projects, presentations, etc.

8. If a student checks out for a doctor's appointment, he/she must present a slip issued by the medical office upon returning from the doctor's appointment verifying the appointment.

9. A check-out card is maintained in the Student Services office. The parent/authorized person on the checkout card must give a reason each time it is used. If no reason is given the information is recorded, and the student is unexcused.

10. If a student returns to school on the same day after checking out, he/she must go through the Student Services Office and sign in on the checkout card.

CLOSED CAMPUS

Slidell High School operates a closed campus. This means that you may not leave the campus once you have arrived. This includes not only students' riding busses to school, but also those who arrive in cars. Leaving the campus without permission may result in suspension. The only authorized areas before school and at lunch are the interior breezeway and the library. All other areas are off limits. Students are to clear the campus immediately when the dismissal bell rings

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Participation in Activities:

Slidell High School has a number of academic and service organizations, which supplement the school program, develop school spirit, and offer a variety of opportunities for self-expression and development. Information concerning these activities may be obtained from the faculty sponsor of the organization or the school web page. Every student is strongly encouraged to take part in at least one of the extracurricular activities of the school. No student, however, should attempt to participate in these activities to the point that grades suffer, or he/she is unable to perform his/her duties efficiently.

Any events proposed or planned by any organization must be cleared through the principal in order to prevent conflicts and disappointments

School Board Policies:

1. Membership in subject area clubs is restricted to students enrolled in those subject areas.
2. School activities are not permitted on Sundays. Only the superintendent makes exceptions to this rule after being requested by the principal.
3. No students shall be excused to leave school to attend an athletic event unless the student represents the school in that event.

Requirements for Holding Major Office:

A student is permitted to hold no more than one major office: president, vice-president or secretary. Any student who has a record of repeated disciplinary offenses will not be permitted to hold an office. Officers of all student organizations should set examples of good behavior.

Major Offices are:

1. Class Officers -President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer
2. Editors of the Yearbook
3. President of any school club
4. Captain of any school organization
5. National Honor Society officers and Beta Club officers are bonus. A student cannot serve as both a Beta Club and National Honor Society officer.

Organizations at Slidell High School

Honor

Beta Club
Mu Alpha Theta
National Honor Society

Hobby/Interests

Chess/Gaming
Debate Club
F.C.A.
First Priority
Foreign Language
Future Educators of America
NJROTC
Robotics
Saga/yearbook
Writing Club

Service

Interact
LEO
Most of the clubs do perform service activities to the school and community.

Spirit/Performance

Band
Cable SHS
Cheerleaders
Flag Team
Swingerettes
Thespians

COLLECTION OF DEBT

The following is the procedure adopted by the St. Tammany Parish School Board on the collection of debts owed to the school.

Debt would include, but not be limited to such things as lost/damaged textbooks, library books/fines, unpaid lunch fees, etc.

Parents will be notified in writing of the item and fees owed to the school.

In order to appeal this procedure, an appointment must be made with the principal of the school to discuss the individual situation.

In the case of a student transferring to another school, all financial obligations shall be met before the withdrawal is complete.

All financial obligations shall be paid before a student can participate in extra-curricular activities. Graduating seniors who have not cleared their obligations will not receive a diploma until all obligations have been cleared.

CONDUCT AT ATHLETIC EVENTS

Persons who participate in athletics of any kind make great personal sacrifices. Those students who are spectators at athletic events are subject to the same rules that are observed in school and owe the participants every consideration and respect possible. Students should refrain from the use of abusive language and inconsiderate treatment to visiting athletes and officials.

DANCE POLICY

1. Major dances begin at 8:00p.m. and end at 11:00p.m.
2. For major dances all participants must arrive by 9:00 p.m. If a student arrives after 9:00 p.m., the student will not be admitted to the dance. No refunds of advanced sale tickets will be made to no-shows or students turned away.
3. **ID card must be shown at all dances.**
4. All participants must remain at the dance until 10:30 p.m. If a student leaves prior to 10:30, or if any other disciplinary infraction occurs at the dance, the parents will be contacted and the student will not be allowed to participate in any other dances for the rest of the school year. If a student leaves the Senior Prom prior to 10:30, the senior will not be allowed to participate in any additional activities except Graduation. This includes the senior trip.
5. Out-of-school dates must have a form signed by both the SHS student and the date agreeing to abide by the S.H.S. dance policy and school rules. An out of school date must be accompanied by the Slidell High student. Out of school dates are allowed only at the **Homecoming Dance, Military Ball, Saga Ball, and Senior Prom.** All other dances are for current Slidell High students only.
6. Singles will be encouraged to attend all school dances including the Senior Prom. There will be no "couples only" dances.

7. The only semi-formal dances will be the Saga Ball, Senior Prom and the NJROTC Military Ball.
8. Students suspected of drinking alcohol or taking illegal drugs prior to the dance will be isolated and their parents will be contacted to pick them up. Appropriate discipline will follow.
9. Required dress for the Homecoming Dance and Saga Ball is as follows: **Boys:** dress slacks, collared dress shirt, dress shoes or boots. A tie is recommended. Jeans and baseball caps are not allowed.
- Girls:** party dress, or coordinated pant or skirt outfit. Dress shoes, dress pumps or dress flats. The NJROTC Commander sets appropriate dress for the NJ ROTC Military Ball. If an out of school date is brought to the Homecoming Dance, Saga Ball, Military Ball, or Senior Prom, the Slidell High student is responsible to see that the date follows the dress code for the dance. If the dance is in the gym girls will be required to wear flip flops or tennis shoes in place of heels.

DISCIPLINE

Disciplinary Action Requirements:

1. **After School Support** -Students will report to the cafeteria at 4:00p.m., and remain until 5:00p.m. The student can choose to serve the detention on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon. Students can also choose to serve the detention on Tuesday morning in room 524 from 7:50 a.m. to 8:40p.m.
2. Students who fail to serve after school support will be assigned to Saturday school support for 4 hours. Students who fail to meet their detention obligations will be issued a 2 day suspension.
2. **Saturday Support (SD)** -Report to Slidell High School at 8:00a.m., and remain with the discipline coordinator until 12:00p.m (noon). **THE SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE WORN WHEN SERVING A SATURDAY DETENTION.**
3. **In School Suspension** - (ISS) - Report to the In-School Suspension Room (ISS) when the 1st bell rings with all materials for that day.
4. **Out of School Suspension** -Do not report to Slidell High.
 - A. **First Suspension** -Parent and student conference with assistant principal(s) before returning to class.
 - B. **Second Suspension** -A letter from the Child Welfare and Attendance Officer must be secured from the Slidell Annex before returning to school.
 - C. **Third Suspension** -A letter from the Discipline Supervisor at the St. Tammany Parish School Board office must be secured before returning to school.
 - D. **Fourth Suspension** -The student is recommended for expulsion and remains out of school until a hearing is held to determine the consequence.
5. Upon returning from suspension, the student must arrange with the teacher to have make-up work completed within a time frame not to exceed 5 school days. The date and time

within the 5 school day time frame for make-up is at the teacher's discretion. The discussion of assignments and dates of make-ups may not occur during instructional time.

- The maximum grade that a student can receive on any assignment/test given during a suspension period is 67%.
 - No previously assigned due dates will be extended due to suspension. Major projects due during the suspension must be dropped off at the front office on the due date and will be graded without penalty.
6. Students will receive a copy of the policy, and Tiger Family teaches will explain the policy in Tiger Family. Parents will receive a copy of the policy with discipline referral mailed home for the suspension.

Saturday Detention Policy

THE SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE WORN WHEN SERVING A SATURDAY DETENTION.

- A. Saturday detention is an alternative to a suspension.
- B. A miss of a Saturday detention will result in a two day(s) suspension each time a Saturday is missed.
- C. A Saturday detention may be rescheduled one time. In order to reschedule a Saturday detention, a parent must send a note or call Student Services by Thursday prior to the scheduled Saturday.
- D. If a detention is missed for a valid reason, the student must bring a note on MONDAY MORNING (or the next school day in the event of a holiday) signed by the parent stating the reason for the absence. Only one (1) absence per disciplinary assignment may be excused. The missed date will be reassigned. All notes will be verified.
- E. If the student fails to bring a note on Monday Morning, he/she will be suspended for two days.

Teachers may assign personal detentions to students for inappropriate behavior that takes place anywhere on the Slidell High campus. The student will be given 24 hour notice to secure transportation. A student with excessive disciplinary problems or serious infractions, such as violence or disrespect may forfeit student privileges, field trip participation, dances, driving/parking privileges, and extra-curricular participation. The disciplinarians will identify students with serious and/or multiple offenses that have not been remedied by normal disciplinary procedures. The Principal will notify students of the forfeiture of privileges. Students who are placed in ISS for the school days will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities held on that day.

Student leaders must be role models for the student body. The officers of all student organization must have a clean disciplinary record and exemplary behavior in their classes. Students must actively participate in the education process in order to be academically successful. Learning will not take place without a reasonable amount of work. Students who refuse to work cooperatively with their teachers will be disciplined.

DISHONESTY

Cheating is defined as giving or receiving help in any phase of class work, tests, homework, reports, exams, etc. A student caught cheating on a test, homework assignment, project or any other assignment shall receive a zero for the numerical grade on that particular assignment. Whether you give or receive information during an examination or an individual assignment, the offense is the same. You will receive a zero for the work.

EARLY RELEASE

1. Only seniors qualify for early release.
2. Early release will be granted on an individual basis. Students must have the written permission of the principal and the form must be signed by a parent and returned to the counselor.
3. Early release students must schedule five courses (I-5 periods).
4. Students who participate in athletics will not be able to have early release. This is any student requiring 7th hour PE.
5. Early release students must have transportation to leave campus and must leave within 5 minutes of their last class. Students on Early Release may neither remain nor return to campus for lunch. After school bus riders may not have early release.
6. Early release students must make arrangements to stay in school when the daily schedule is adjusted for special programs or testing.
7. Fourth year seniors must have 5 classes. Students who enroll in fewer than 5 classes will not qualify or be considered for Honor Roll or Senior Honors.

ELECTIONS

Homecoming Court:

The Homecoming Court consists of seven senior girls and seven senior boys. The members of the court must have an overall GPA of 2.5, must have a CLEAN disciplinary record and good attendance, and must have attended Slidell High School since the beginning of the current school year. Each organization in the school is invited to nominate one senior girl. The nominee need not be a member of that organization. The nominees are introduced to the student body, which in turn votes. The 7 young ladies with the highest number of votes will comprise the court. In the second election, the young lady with the highest number of votes among the 7 court members will be the queen who will then be crowned at the half-time show on Homecoming night. Seven escorts are chosen from the senior football players. They will serve as escorts to the girls at the Pep Rally and the dance. One parent will escort his/her daughter at the Homecoming Game half-time court presentation.

Mr. and Miss S.H.S. Court:

During the second semester, each faculty member has the opportunity to make nominations for the Mr. and Miss S.H.S. Court from the Senior Class. Nominees must have at least an overall 3.2 grade point average and must have been at Slidell High School since the beginning of the current session. Additionally, the Nominees must have a clean disciplinary record and good attendance.

A committee of seven faculty members appointed by and including the principal reviews the nominations and selects the boys and girls who will be voted on by the senior class. A ballot is then prepared with the names of the nominees. The entire student body then votes for one boy for Mr. S.H.S and one girl for Miss S.H.S. The boy and girl receiving the most of votes are named Mr. and Miss S.H.S. at the annual Saga Ball.

Class Favorites:

Each 9th, 10, and 11th grade Tiger family will nominate one boy and one girl for class favorite. Nominees must have a 2.5 GPA with a CLEAN disciplinary record and good attendance. Three boys and three girls from each class will be chosen. They will be represented at the Who's Who Dance. Senior favorites will be presented at the Prom

Class Officers:

Class officers for the sophomore, junior, and senior classes are elected in the spring. Each candidate who wants to run in the election completes qualifying papers. Candidates must have a 2.5 GPA, must have a CLEAN disciplinary record and good attendance. A simple majority is necessary for election on the first ballot. The following three officers are elected: president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer. Freshman class officers are elected in the fall. All elections are conducted under the supervision of the principal. All ballots and election results are stored at the school until the end of the school term.

ELECTRONIC TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES

Students shall be allowed to possess a telecommunication device (cell phone) on a school campus during the instructional day or on the bus to and from school provided the device is turned to the off position, completely stowed away, and not in use. Stowing of cell phones is defined as being placed in the student's lock, school bag, purse, or pockets and shall not be displayed in view using any type of clip or other device. If a student is found using a cell phone, displaying a cell phone, or in possession of a ringing cell phone during the instructional day or on the school bus, the disciplinary procedures as outlined in the District Handbook for Students and Parents shall be utilized as a consequence. The Superintendent or his/her designee may authorize exceptions to this policy on an individual, case by case basis. Nothing in this policy shall prohibit the emergence use of

electronic telecommunication devices by any student or person. Emergency shall mean an actual or imminent threat to public health or safety which may result in loss of life or injury. Use or operation of an electronic telecommunication device shall mean the device is either visible or turned on for receiving or transmitting signals. Possession and/or use of "other" electronic devices by students shall be prohibited unless authorized by the Superintendent or his/her designee. The School System will not be responsible for the lost or stolen electronic devices.

Cell Phone Consequences

Any student found using a cell phone, or displaying a cell phone, or in possession of a ringing cell phone during the instructional day, may have the cell phone confiscated by the principal/designee and have disciplinary consequences. The parent/guardian will be required to retrieve the cell phone from the school principal/designee.

Progressive consequences will be followed as outlined below:

Use or Related Disruption:

- Warning or Administrative Detention
- Administrative Detention or Saturday Detention or In School Suspension
- Saturday Detention or In School Suspension or Suspension
- Suspension and/or Expulsion

Related disruption and/or refusal to hand over a cell phone when directed by a school system employee may result in more severe disciplinary action such as suspension or/or expulsion.

FIELD TRIPS

When field trips are approved by the school administration, students will be notified in advance of the date and time of the event, the return time of the bus, and the cost of the event. The student must have the Parent Permission Form signed and turned in to the teacher prior to the trip. These forms must be filed with the Principal prior to the trip. The student will be excused from class, but will be required to complete all assignments, tests, and projects that are done during the absence.

If buses are scheduled to return after the regular ending of the school day, adult supervision will not be provided beyond 15 minutes of the return to the school building. Parents must provide transportation for the student once buses have returned.

While on a field trip, it is important to remember that students are representing their school. Students are required to obey all Slidell High School and St. Tammany Parish School Board Rules and Regulations.

FIRE AND TORNADO DRILLS

Periodically, fire and tornado drills will be held. During these drills, students must realize the importance of obeying the rules and regulations and remaining calm. Careful attention must be made to specific instructions by the teacher.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

1. Food and Beverages are not allowed in the school building. This includes food brought in before school begins.
2. Gum chewing is prohibited on the campus and in the buildings.
3. Students are prohibited from selling candy or other food items on the campus or in the building.
4. Students are not allowed to have fast foods (hamburgers, pizzas, etc.) delivered to them at the school during the lunch period or at any other time. This is in direct violation of the state and federal regulations regarding school food service.
5. Students may carry bottled water only with them, providing the water is in clear plastic bottles. **NO OTHER BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED!**

FRESHMEN ACADEMY SATURDAY

Slidell High School's Saturday Academy Program is designed to give 9th graders extra academic assistance. Students may receive tutoring from SHS National Honor Society student and Southeastern Louisiana University students, participate in grade recovery, and use computer labs to complete assignments. Students are assigned or may volunteer to attend Saturday academy.

GRADING SCALE

- A - 93 - 100
- B - 85 - 92
- C - 75 - 84
- D - 67 - 74
- F - 0 - 66

GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND RANK IN CLASS

Rank in class will be based on the quality points a student earns in grades 9-12. If a student could not attempt 3.5 credits per semester in another school system or was given permission for a shortened academic day, the student may take independent study, e-courses or approved summer school to earn additional credits.

All St Tammany Parish students shall attempt 3.5 credits each semester in the ninth, tenth, and eleventh grades. Students electing to take a short day schedule in the senior year will negatively impact their rank-in-class.

Students in St Tammany Parish may enroll in "weighted" courses in English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies in grades 9-12.

Students enrolled in weighted courses receive an extra Quality Point for Earning an "A", "B", or "C"

"A" = 5 quality points

"B" = 4 quality points

"C" = 3 quality points

Quality Points and Credits Attempted determine a student's Grade Point Average (G.P.A.)

Grade Point Average = Quality Points Earned/Credits Attempted.

HALL PASS and POLICY

Any student in the hall during class periods must have a GREEN PASS or a RESTROOM PASS from a teacher to justify being out of class.

Main hall and building:

Before school:

- All students should proceed to the 1st or 2nd courtyard, cafeteria, or library upon arrival.
- Students will not be allowed to linger or roam unnecessarily in the hallways.
- Students will be allowed to go to their lockers to exchange books when the bell rings at 8:38 a.m.
- Students will be allowed to go to a teacher's classroom with the teacher's permission. Students are not allowed in the classrooms unsupervised.
- Restrooms;
Female students may use the restroom next to the cafeteria;
Male students may use the restroom in 1st courtyard.

Lunch period:

- Students will not be allowed in the hallways unless they have a green hall pass or a restroom pass. Students are not allowed to use the 3rd hall restroom while at lunch.
- Students will be allowed to go to the lockers at the beginning of the lunch block.

HEALTH RECORDS

Students who have not reached the age of 16 by October 1 are required by law to present records of their immunizations.

If this information is not provided the student may not attend school until these records are made available.

HONORS AT GRADUATION

1. Students who graduate in the top 15% of the class will be recognized as graduating with honors and will wear a gold Tassel
2. Students who graduate in the top 10% of the class will be recognized as graduating with high honor and will wear gold cords.
3. Students who graduate in top 5% of the class will be recognized as graduating with highest honor will wear gold stoles.
4. The top 10 ranked students are seated on the stage formally at graduation.
5. Those students with 3.75 GPA at the end of the seven semesters are invited to write a graduation speech and present it to the principal and the faculty committee.
6. Academy students will wear green and white cords.

I.D. CARDS

- A Slidell High regulation student identification card is made for each student at the beginning of the school year.
- Students are required to wear their ID cards at all times during the school day.
- The I.D. card must be clearly visible and clipped to the collar.
- The I.D. card cannot be defaced and/or altered in any way.
- When attending school-sponsored activities, the I.D. card must be presented if requested.
- I.D. cards will be required at all dances.
- It is the responsibility of each teacher to check that students are wearing their I.D.
- A student may purchase a temporary I.D. before school for \$1.00 (prior to the first bell).
- If a student is sent to Student Services for not wearing his I.D. card after the first bell has rung or anytime during the day, the student will be given an after school detention.
- After a student has received 3 after school detentions for not having an I.D. during the semester, the student will issued a Saturday Detention for each additional infraction.
- The loss of the card must be reported to the Main Office immediately. Replacement cards are \$5.00.
- Students who drop out or transfer must surrender their I.D. cards.

KITS-Kids in Transition

Education of Children and Youth in Homeless Situations

The McKinney-Vento Act is a federal law passed in 1987 to help people experiencing homelessness. The Act requires state and school districts to make sure students in homeless situations can attend and succeed in school. The McKinney - Vento Act applies to all children and youth who do not have a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including children and youth who are living in the following situations:

1. Doubled-up housing with other families or friends because they lost their home or their family is having temporary financial problems;
2. Living in a motel/hotel because of economic hardship or loss of housing;
3. Living in an emergency or transitional shelter, domestic violence shelter or in a runaway/homeless shelter;
4. Living in a vehicle of any kind; trailer park or campground without running water and/or electricity; abandoned building; substandard housing; bus/train station;
5. Awaiting foster care placement; or
6. Abandoned in a hospital.

Children and youth in homeless situations have the right to the following:

1. Attend and succeed in school no matter where they live or how long they have lived there;
2. Enroll in school despite the lack of permanent address or lack of school and immunization records, birth certificate or other documents;
3. Receive services comparable to those offered to non-homeless children and youth;
4. Get transportation to school;
5. Access educationally related support services;
6. Make sure disagreements between students and schools are resolved quickly.

LIBRARY

1. The library will open each day 30 minutes prior to the first bell. It will close 30 minutes after the dismissal bell.
2. Students must have their ID cards to check out materials. Internet users must have a Technology Agreement signed and on file.
3. Overnight reserve books may be checked out after the dismissal bell and must be returned prior to the first bell on the following school day.
4. Reference books may be checked out overnight with special permission of the librarians.
5. Overdue books result in a fine of \$.10 per day for every school day overdue. Overdue reserve books result in a fine of \$.25 per day for every school day overdue.
- 6 Periodicals do not circulate; they are to be used in the library. Back files are available upon request.

7. Payment for lost books shall be based on the current list price if the book is in print. If the book is out of print, an average current replacement cost for a comparable book as suggested by the library selection catalogs or recommendations by the American Library Association will determine replacement costs.

8. If a student has an overdue book, additional books may not be checked out from the library until the fine is paid, and the book is returned.

9. Library check-out privileges will be restored when students have paid the fines, returned lost books, or negotiated with the librarian and/or principal as to reasons why the fine cannot be paid.

10. The excuse note for an absence must be presented upon return of overdue books.

LOCKERS AND LOCKS

The Tiger Family Advisor assigns lockers to students at the beginning of the school year. Students are required to keep their lockers locked at all times. Expensive personal items should never be stored in the student's locker. A locker that is left unlocked is considered out of use; its contents will be removed and the locker assigned to another person. Lockers are subject to inspection at all times and should be kept clean and presentable. Lock trouble should be reported to Student Services. Students may go to their lockers before school, between classes, and after school. Students will not be allowed to loiter at their lockers between classes.

MEDICATION POLICY

As a general principle, medications are not to be given at school. Ill students should be sent home. Students convalescing from an acute illness should remain at home until the need for medication no longer exists. Students are not allowed to have any drugs in their possession on the campus. Special circumstances exist for a health problem that can be expected to be of a long duration. When such a condition exists, the following St. Tammany Parish School Board Medical Policy will be adhered to. The parent is responsible for notifying the school of any abnormalities in the health of the student.

- A. Any student who is required to take medication during the regular school day must comply with the parish medical regulations. These regulations must include the following:
1. Parish Medical Forms filled out by physician and parent detailing name of drug, dosage and time interval. Forms may be picked up in Student Services.

2. Medication must be brought to school in a container appropriately labeled by the pharmacist or physician and kept in Student Services during school hours. This includes any over-the-counter medication.

3. A recent photo of student for ID purposes must accompany forms and medication.

B. For the well-being of the student, effective communication among the school, parents, school nurse, and physician is very important. Parents are urged to maintain close contact with the school during the child's illness.

MESSAGES AND DELIVERIES TO STUDENTS

The Student Services Office is primarily an Attendance/Discipline Office. When students are of high school age, they should be mature and responsible. If an item is forgotten at home and the parent feels a necessity to bring it to school (this includes lunches), the student will not be called as a reminder to pick up the item(s). Messages will not be given to students. All arrangements should be made prior to the start of the school day as to doctor appointments, etc. A classroom will not be interrupted to service one student. Balloons, flowers and gifts will not be accepted by the school for delivery to students.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SELECTION CRITERIA

Induction into the National Honor Society is held annually in the spring. Students eligible for induction must be in their Junior or Senior year. To be considered for membership, the student must meet the following criteria.

Scholarship: A student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better for the semester average. The student must be enrolled in at least 2 honors, AP or DE classes each semester. For Juniors, five semesters count toward eligibility. For Seniors, seven semesters count toward eligibility. All courses count, including those taken in summer school and those courses students received high school credit for in the 8th grade. However, proficiency credit is not counted since a letter grade is not designated. A student must not have a D or F as a semester average to be eligible.

Service: A student must have on his/her record, active participation in 4 different extracurricular or community related activities, three of which must be school related during a two year period. (For Juniors -the sophomore and junior years; for Seniors -the Junior and Senior years.)

Leadership: A record of leadership as determined by faculty input. This would include leadership in the classroom.

Character: Determined by faculty input.

PARKING

1. All cars parked on the Slidell High campus (including Ninth Street) must be properly registered in the Main Office and a parking decal secured. Cost of registration is \$10.00 per vehicle. The parking tag must be hung on the rearview mirror and be visible to faculty and staff at all times.
2. All student drivers must be licensed and covered by insurance.
3. The school is not responsible for the automobile or its contents.
4. There is to be no loitering in the parking lot (including Ninth Street) or visitation of it without permission. Students may not stay in their vehicles once they arrive at school.
5. There will be no speeding over 5 miles per hour or any form of reckless driving on the school grounds.
6. Student vehicles may be subject to search if there are reasonable grounds to believe that drugs, alcohol, weapons, stolen property or other contraband might be present in those vehicles.
7. After Labor Day a \$5.00 fine will be charged for vehicles improperly parked or not properly registered.
8. Parking regulations are strictly enforced. It is considered a privilege to park on the school grounds. Students must not park in faculty/staff parking areas designated in green. Suspension of driving privileges, towing of vehicles and/or suspension from school may occur when violations of these regulations occur.
9. Students applying for and receiving decals must fully understand their responsibilities in following these rules.
10. Cars that are double-parked or are parked in the lanes will be subject to towing at the owner's expense.
11. Students shall not park in surrounding businesses. If students park in these areas, it is the recommendation of the school to have the vehicles towed at the owner's expense.
12. All call announcements will not be made to have illegally parked cars moved.

PIERCINGS

Students are not allowed to have any body piercing other than ears. Extreme in size and extreme in numbers will not be allowed. Gauging or stretching the ear is not allowed. Nose or lip piercing is NOT allowed.

POSTERS

Any notices, posters or stickers that a student or club wishes to display on the bulletin boards or about the building must have the approval of the administration. Failure to obtain approval will result in the removal of the displayed article. Students or organizations displaying posters are responsible

for removing them immediately following the event or activity advertised. Tape must not be used on painted walls or windows Posters and announcements are to be placed on the bulletin boards or bulletin board strips only.

REPORT CARDS AND INTERIM REPORTS

Parents can electronically access grades through JPAMS at any time. Report cards are mailed at the end of second semester.

STUDENT INSURANCE

The school does not carry accident insurance on each student. Student insurance is available at a nominal cost and is optional. When a student is insured under this plan and is injured, a claim form may be obtained from the Main Office. This form must be completed by the parents/guardians and presented to the doctor or hospital. The school merely acts as the medium in making available the insurance and assumes no liability either for the injury or the subsequent negotiations with the insurance company.

TARDIES TO SCHOOL

Students are excused for the tardiness for the same reasons they are excused for absences. Unexcused tardiness to school will result in the assignment to the "Detention Hall for Tardiness" held on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 -5:00 in the Cafetorium, as well as 7:50 Tuesday mornings in room 524.

Students may not have more than 3 unexcused late arrivals to school in each semester. After 3 unexcused late arrivals, serious disciplinary action will be taken.

TARDIES TO CLASS

When a student is tardy to any class after 1st period, that hour's class teacher will document the tardy. When a student receives three tardies to that class, the teacher will write a discipline referral for excessive tardiness and send it to Student Services. Students who receive a referral for excessive tardiness will receive a Saturday detention for the first offense. A suspension may result on any further referrals for excessive tardiness to that class.

TEXTBOOKS

All textbooks are the property of The State of Louisiana. Student use of state-owned books carries with it the basic responsibility of proper use and care. If a book is damaged

beyond use or is not returned at the end of the session or when the student transfers out of the class, the student must make payment at the original cost of the book.

TRANSFERRING STUDENTS AND GRADES

Students who are transferring into Slidell High from a St. Tammany Parish Public school must withdraw from the current school before coming to Slidell High School to register.

The following documents will be needed for registration:

1. Three proofs of residence;
 2. Birth Certificate;
 - 3 Social Security Card;
 4. Immunization Records;
 - 5 Transferring Grades/ Withdrawal Slip;
- A parent/guardian must be with a student to register.

Once enrolled in Slidell High school, they will see a Guidance counselor to schedule their classes. The number of courses which a student is allowed to take varies considerably from one school to another. Students transferring into Slidell High can count on having all credit work entered on their permanent records. In the case of students who have failed to meet the yearly requirements of their previous school or fail to pass the regular course-load at Slidell High, the date of graduation will be extended.

When a transfer student enrolls after the beginning of the semester, it is understood that the student will be expected to fulfill, from the day of enrollment, Slidell High's standards and requirements, including final examinations.

TRUANCY

Truancy is defined as absence from class or school for any portion of a period or day without permission from home or school. Students are not to leave the campus before school, anytime during the school day, or after school while waiting for the bus. They must remain on campus at all times or be subject to disciplinary action. Louisiana Law states that students are subject to school disciplinary action from the time they leave their home in the morning until they return in the afternoon, regardless of whether or not they ride a bus. Cutting classes and forging signatures may lead to suspension.

Parents and students should be well aware that "skip days" are not allowed and students participating in such activities are considered truant and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against participants

UNIFORMS

Uniform Specifications:

Shirts/Tops: (boys and girls)

Shirts must be polo-style with collar and be unisex, long or short sleeve. Color options: Forest or Hunter Green (no olive, Kelly or mint green), white or Gray (ash or heather). Capped sleeves are unacceptable. A white oxford, button down collared shirt (long or short sleeve) with or without the school logo is also acceptable. A button up shirt must be buttoned. Undershirts must be covered by the uniform shirt. No undergarments should show.

The school logo is recommended, but not mandatory. Only the S H S logo is permitted; no other logo is permitted. For cold weather, short or long sleeve T-Shirts, turtlenecks or mock turtlenecks may be worn underneath the short sleeve uniform shirt.

It is suggested that winter outerwear jackets, coats, sweaters, etc.) zip, snap or button from top to bottom. Pullover sweatshirts or jackets are permitted, but apparel that covers the uniform shirt may not be worn in the classroom. The school uniform shirt must still be worn under the pullover. Slidell High athletic/team pullover outerwear is acceptable. Sweat shirts and jackets with names and logos from other local high schools will not be permitted. It is strongly suggested that outerwear be school related or a school color.

UNREASONABLY OVERSIZED SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, PULLOVERS OR JACKETS ARE UNACCEPTABLE AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. THE PRINCIPAL WILL DETERMINE WHAT IS OVERSIZED AND EXTREME.

ACCESSORIES AND ADDED APPAREL USED TO COVER OR CHANGE THE APPEARANCE OF THE UNIFORM IS NOT ALLOWED!!! EXAMPLES ARE A SLEEVELESS SWEATERS, VESTS, AND FEMALE SHRUGS, AND INAPPROPRIATE OUTERWEAR.

Bottoms: (boys and girls)

Boys: Slacks, shorts in regular khaki or the lighter color, commonly known as sand, are allowed. Slacks may not be decorated in any manner. No other colors are allowed. Lower undergarments must be appropriate for school. Slacks must meet the length requirements, and they must properly fit at the waist and not be too large or too tight.

Girls: Slacks, shorts, skorts, skirts or Capri pants are allowed. The bottoms must be regular khaki color. A lighter color, commonly known as sand, is allowed. No other colors are allowed.

PLAID SKIRTS ARE AVAILABLE. These uniform skirts are a specific plaid and pleat style chosen by the student body and must meet the STPSB dress code on length. ONLY the plaid and style elected by the committee will be allowed.

Pants must be straight legs/or slight flair. Oversize or undersize slacks, bell bottoms, elephant leg, wide leg pants, low cut hip huggers, overalls and overall shorts are unacceptable.

Career Academy Interns:

Seniors in Career Academies may wear their appropriate Career Academy uniform on Intern Days. The principal must approve the shirt. All bottoms must be as per the specifications above with the exception of the Allied Health Academy interns who wear "scrub" bottoms.

NJROTC Uniforms:

Thursdays have been designated as NJROTC uniform day. On Thursday of each week, NJROTC cadets will wear the proper prescribed NJROTC uniform designated by the ROTC Coordinator. On Thursday, cadets are exempt from wearing the school uniform.

Spirit, Club, Class, Game-Days:

Certain Days will be designated as Spirit Days. When these days are designated by the principal, an announcement will be made and approved apparel will be specified.

St. Tammany Parish School Board Dress Code Regulations:

All St. Tammany Parish School Board Dress Code Regulations will continue to be in effect. Shorts, skirts and skorts must meet the length requirement: While standing erect with arms extended down, the length must come to the tip of the fingers.

Pants worn by students must be secured at waist level with no undergarments revealed.

Uniform Compliance: All students in attendance at Slidell High School must be in the appropriate Slidell High school uniform by the first day of school. New students registering throughout the year will have 10 days from the time of their registration to comply. Students who are not in compliance with the school uniform policy will be disciplined as follows:

1st Offense -After School Detention and Parent/Guardian Notification

2nd Offense -Saturday Detention and Parent/Guardian Notification

3rd Offense -Alternative to suspension or Out of School Suspension (as determined by the Principal).

VISITORS

The school policy is to accept only those visitors who have legitimate business to attend to at the school. Guests and visitors must register in the office. Visiting in the classrooms is not permitted. Parents of students, however, are always welcome at appropriate times. Parents may have conferences with teachers before or after school hours by appointment.

Appointments are made through the counselor's office. No persons will be allowed to visit the school during school hours or to converse with students during school hours. This applies to the grounds as well as the buildings. Since this is a closed campus, this prohibits visitors during lunch hours or at any time except for legitimate business. All legitimate visitors

must provide the Main Office and secure a visitors pass that they must wear. With the exception of prearranged conferences, it should not be necessary for parents to come to school except to pick up a sick child. School supplies, lunch money and projects, must be handled before a student leaves home.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL NEEDS CONTACT

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need Special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Main Office. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the school to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.