



# FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE ACADEMY HANDBOOK

## **Mission**

The academy will ease the transition to high school in order to provide the best possible nurturing and structured environment for students to learn and teachers to teach. We strive to develop students into socially responsible and academically accountable lifelong learners.

## **Vision**

The vision of New Brunswick High School is to provide each student a diverse education in a safe supportive environment that promotes self-discipline, motivation, and excellence in learning. The New Brunswick team joins the parents and community to assist the students in developing skills to become independent and self-sufficient adults who will succeed and contribute responsibly in a global community.

## **The Goals**

All students are expected to make positive choices, set goals and priorities, evaluate their own progress, and are supported in developing the skills needed to meet these expectations.

1. To provide interventions to increase 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade academic and social success.
2. To promote academic excellence and rigor.
3. To promote personal and social responsibility in and out of the classroom.
4. To encourage school involvement of parents and students.
5. To increase the percentage of promotions to 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade.
6. To decrease the number of student referrals per student from the previous year.

## **Expectations**

Freshman /Sophomore Academy students are expected to maintain a C average or better.

Failure to maintain a C average may result in academic intervention to determine cause of and solution to academic difficulties. Behavior and/or failure to comply with school policies may result in an intervention.

Once referred for an intervention, student progress will be monitored on a bi-weekly basis to determine if further steps are needed.

Failure to progress may result in loss of credit for classes and a repetition of the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **Common Classroom Expectations**

1. Students are required to be on time to class; they are considered late when the classroom door has been shut, and they must then sign in.
2. Students are required to bring their binders and agendas to class every day.
3. Students are required to wear the school uniform in all academy classes.

## **Attendance**

Per school guidelines.

## **Hall Passes**

Hall passes will not be given to the guidance office.

Hall passes will not be given to another teacher's classroom.

Hall passes will not be given during class instruction, and only at the teacher's discretion.

A maximum of 3 passes will be given per student per marking period.

- Unused passes MAY be used as extra credit per teacher discretion.
- Unused passes are not transferable and cannot be rolled into the next marking period
- If more than 3 passes are needed in a marking period, the teacher MAY assign penalties at their discretion.

As per school policy, passes will not be given during the first and last 10 minutes of class.

## **Homework/Classwork Policies**

- No late work will be accepted after a given due date.
- In the case of unexcused absences, missed classwork will be accepted at the teacher's discretion.
- Strict due dates for all work will be enforced at teacher discretion.

## **Rewards**

The Freshman/Sophomore Academy frequently offers students incentives and rewards for high achievement and accomplishment in academics, attendance, and character development. These rewards will be determined and announced throughout the year.