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OTTO-ELDRED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CALENDAR & HANDBOOK

The mission of the Otto-Eldred School District is to maintain a safe, supportive, and healthy school environment in which to prepare and encourage students to pursue academic excellence and to lead exemplary and commendable lives.

ADMINISTRATION

Main Phone Number: 814-817-1380

Mr. Matthew Splain, Superintendent: Option 3

Mrs. Lindsay Burns, Pupil Services/Special Ed: Option 1

Mrs. Jodi Flexman, Business Manager: Option 3

Mrs. Nichole Garthwaite, Elementary Principal: Option 1

Mr. Nicholas LaBella, High School Principal: Option 2

HOW TO USE THIS HANDBOOK

PARENTS

In order to meet the challenge of providing the best education possible for the children of the Otto-Eldred School District, our instructional staff is committed to providing a high-quality education program. We recognize that the most important component in providing all children with the highest quality of education is having a highly qualified teacher as the instructional leader in all our classrooms. Our school district also recognizes the importance of providing plentiful opportunities for our instructional staff to engage in meaningful and research-driven professional development, which ensures that all staff are well-versed in both the knowledge of the curriculum as well as how to best deliver instruction through effective teaching strategies.

The School Handbook has been written to provide important information concerning specific rules, policies, and procedures related to the safety and operation of our schools. In order for schools to operate safely and efficiently, you and your student(s) must be familiar with and abide by the expectations, procedures and rules outlined in this handbook.

If you have any questions regarding this handbook, please contact your student’s building principal.

SCHOOL WEBSITES

The Otto-Eldred School District maintains three official websites that are kept up to date with information and dates of importance. Please check the website frequently for news, pictures, and other school-related information.

Otto-Eldred Elementary School.....www.oees.org

Otto-Eldred Jr. Sr. High School..... www.oehs.org

Otto-Eldred District Page..... www.ottoeldred.org

We are proud of our school faculty and staff and appreciate their continued efforts and dedicated support to help provide a safe and engaging learning community for the students. Parents and teachers share in the role of providing educational opportunities for our students. As educators, we welcome your thoughts, ideas, concerns, and participation in school events. When we all work together toward the common goal of helping to provide meaningful, relevant learning for the students, we create a culture of academic success for the students to prosper from. As the parent of a child enrolled in our school, you have the legal right to request and receive information regarding the professional qualifications of your child’s teacher. This information can be obtained by contacting the building principal. Thank you for your continued support and assistance in our school!

The purpose of these pages is to provide guidelines to aid students of the Otto-Eldred School District in adjusting to and functioning successfully within the school setting. It is, therefore, extremely important that all students become familiar with the information contained in this document and conduct themselves accordingly.

These pages are designed to help the school community achieve an orderly, quiet atmosphere for proper study and instruction. We all can contribute to a more efficient and pleasant school setting, making Otto-Eldred a school of which we are proud. Please share these pages with your parents as some of the material pertains directly to them. Also, it is important that they know what is expected of you as a student and learner.

ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Otto-Eldred School District has prepared its Annual Public Notice relating to all screening and evaluation procedures that district students may be eligible to obtain. A copy of the Annual Public Notice may be obtained by calling the high school (814-817-1380), or by picking up a copy of the Notice at all local post offices. The Notice is also available on our website at www.oesd.org.

EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

The Otto-Eldred School District declares itself to be an Equal Rights and Opportunities District. It does not discriminate against individuals or groups because of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, age, sex, marital status, veteran status, or handicap or disability status. The District's commitment to nondiscrimination extends to students, employees, prospective employees, and the community.

This statement is in compliance with federal laws (including Title IX of Education Amendments of 1972, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990), state laws, and State Department of Education regulations concerning equal rights and opportunities. To assure compliance within our community, the Compliance Officer is the high school principal and can be contacted at 814-817-1380.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Chapter 14

The Otto-Eldred School District offers a wide range of educational services for students with special needs. Students who meet the criteria to obtain an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) will receive the necessary modifications and accommodations that are deemed necessary. The majority of our special education students are provided with educational services within the district. If a student presents with significant academic, behavioral, social, and/or emotional needs that cannot be met within our district, intensive educational programming outside of the Otto-Eldred School District can be accessed. Necessary related services including speech and language services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, vision therapy and hearing therapy are also provided at the school in which the student is attending. Otto-Eldred School District will provide FAPE for any enrolled student.

Chapter 15

The Otto-Eldred School District will provide protected handicapped students with the aids, services and accommodations that are designed to meet the educational needs of these students adequately as the needs of non-handicapped students. The Otto-Eldred School District does not discriminate against protected handicapped students and follows the district's responsibility under this chapter. The school district and parents/guardians will develop a service plan (504 plan) that outlines necessary services and accommodations for students in need. Any necessary medical documentation can be obtained to support the need for the 504 plan.

CHAPTER 16

The Otto-Eldred School District operates a Gifted Education Program for students who have qualified with mental giftedness and deemed in need of enrichment or acceleration services. Activities and units of study are presented in various subject areas depending on student need. Students receiving enrichment services will access both learning experience within the school and outside of the school that will continue to promote rigorous and accelerated growth in identified gifted areas. Students will also be challenged to develop leadership skills, communication skills, interpersonal skills and build overall self-esteem.

If you have questions or concerns about Special Education Services, Gifted Education Services or 504 Plans, you may contact Mrs. Lindsay Burns, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education, at (814) 817-1380 or via email at lburns@ottoeldred.org.

SPECIAL EDUCATION TESTING & SERVICES

The Education for All Handicapped Children Act (Public Law 94-142) guarantees that all exceptional children be given free, public education suited to their own specific needs. The law also requires that all exceptional children receive an Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.). All handicapped children, gifted children and children receiving speech, vision or hearing therapy must receive an I.E.P. No child will be placed in an educational program for exceptionalities without written parent consent. As a parent, you have a right for your child to be tested for special education services. If you wish to request testing for your child or you would like further information, please contact Mrs. Burns at (814) 817-1380.

A behavior management program will be developed for those seriously emotionally disturbed, as well as those eligible students whose actual or anticipated behavior as determined by an IEP team is a manifestation of the student's disability.

As part of the behavior planning the IEP team will review the District's Procedure for Behavior Management as well as those relevant portions of the student discipline policies for possible inclusion into the plan. The application of the agreed-upon plan will not constitute a change in educational placement. A complete copy of the District's Procedure for Behavior Management is available upon request.

HOMELESSNESS

The Otto-Eldred School District is dedicated to supporting and educating children and youth experiencing homelessness in our community. The McKinney-Vento Act provides guidelines followed by the district, including the definition of homelessness which includes families living under any of the following conditions:

1. Public or private shelter
2. Sleeping in vehicles, parks, hotels, motels, campgrounds, or any other space not ordinarily used or regular sleeping accommodations
3. Domestic violence shelters
4. Living with friends or relatives due to lack of housing/Transitional housing
5. Migrant families
6. Children abandoned in hospitals or awaiting foster care.

If you have any needs or questions regarding homelessness, contact Mrs. Burns, Director of Pupil Services & Special Education for assistance.

RELATIONSHIP TO BOARD POLICY

The student handbook and school board policy manual are two separate resources. However, the student handbook should reflect school board policies. It is a concise guide to board policies that govern student behavior while at school, school-sponsored events, or traveling to and from school or school-sponsored events.

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 BAND CAMP 8:30 - 4:00 JV/VARSITY FOOTBALL HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION	6 BAND CAMP 8:30 - 4:00 JV/VARSITY FOOTBALL HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION	7 BAND CAMP 8:30 - 4:00 JV/VARSITY FOOTBALL HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION	8 BAND CAMP 8:30 - 4:00 JV/VARSITY FOOTBALL HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION	9 BAND CAMP 8:30 - 4:00 JV/VARSITY FOOTBALL HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION	10
11	12 1st Day Fall Sports Practice Golf @ Coudy Invite Music Booster Mtg. 5:30	13 Golf - Coudy School Board Mtg 6:30	14 K-CAMP PRE-K OPEN HOUSE Golf @ Smethport	15 K-CAMP KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE	16	17 VFB @ Port Allegany Scrimmage 10 am
18	19 IN-SERVICE DAY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	20 IN-SERVICE DAY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Golf - Kane	21 IN-SERVICE DAY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	22 **WELCOME BACK** FIRST STUDENT DAY HIGH SCHOOL PIC DAY	23 VFB - Coudy 7pm	24
25	26 JVFB - Sheffield 6pm	27 VB @ Port Allegany 6pm JrHVB @ Port Allegany 6pm Golf - Smethport	28 JrHVB - NoPo 6pm	29 VB - NoPo 6pm Golf @ Cam Co ELEMENTARY PIC DAY	30 VFB - Sheffield 7pm	31
					HOME GOLF MEETS @ BOLIVAR CC	
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ACCESS TO STUDENT RECRUITING INFORMATION

All local education agencies (LEAS) must provide to military recruiting institutions of higher education, upon request, access to secondary school (i.e., juniors and seniors) and directory information on those students. The military affairs law requires the release of directory information consisting of secondary male and female students by name, home address, and telephone number. Both the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and the National Defense Authorization Act for the Fiscal Year 2002 reflect these requirements. The list is compiled by the first day of the academic year in which the senior students graduate. A secondary school student or the parents of the student may request the student's name, address and telephone listing be excluded from the list and not be released without prior written consent. Otto-Eldred High School may notify the students and parents of the option to compile and shall comply with any request.

School Parent Involvement Policy - Title I

- I. Information related to the Otto-Eldred Elementary School Wide Plan will be shared with parents annually at the start of the school year. Parents will receive notice of the nature of the Title I program; what data is used to make decisions and improvements made through this plan.
- II. Title I will convene an annual meeting in early Fall to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I.
 - a. At this meeting, the Title I program and its correlation to the regular classroom curriculum will be explained, and parents will be informed of their rights to be involved in planning Title I services for their children. Parent involvement will be encouraged.
 - b. At the annual fall meeting the School Parent Involvement Policy will be reviewed. A separate evaluation/suggestion sheet for updating the policy will be given to all parents in attendance.
 - c. Individual parent/teacher conferences will be held following the Fall meeting. Title I teachers will discuss with parents the goals and objectives for each child and how these relate to the state's and the district's high performances and high standards. Parents will be asked for their input in meeting these standards.
 - d. Title I teachers will explain to parents the multiple criteria used for eligibility: (1) Teacher survey, (2) Parent Survey, (3) Report Cards, (4) District learning outcomes for both Reading and/or Math.
- III. A section for parent comments and suggestions is provided in the report. All parent suggestions will be honored and responded to in a timely way.

IV. The school will provide materials to parents upon request to help parents promote education at home. In addition to parent requests, information will be distributed through: A district-wide newsletter; Monthly fliers sent home with the children; at periodic parent meetings throughout the year. Linkage to parent literacy programs, parent workshops and Head Start will also be done via the district newsletter and website. Phone numbers and meeting times for these services will be published.

V. A School Student/Parent Compact developed by teachers, administrators, students, and parents will outline the mutual responsibilities of the home and the school as they relate to the child's education.

CLASS RANK - ALL STUDENTS

Every year grades 9-12, after the cumulative averages are calculated, averages are arranged in order from highest to lowest. This is the class ranking and includes all students in each grade. Only end-of-year GPA reflect weighted courses.

CLASS RANK - BY CURRICULUM

Students are also ranked by curriculum. This method compares only the students in a particular curriculum. The curricula are academic, career and technical, and agricultural education.

KEYSTONE EXAMS

Keystone Exams are given in three subject areas: Biology, Algebra, and Literature. These exams are taken by high school students after successfully completing the corresponding courses. Students must meet proficiency on all three exams. Exams can be readministered after remediation if proficiency is not met. After remediation and exam retakes, if proficiency is not reached for each exam, there are four alternative pathways to graduation that provide students an alternative route to proficiency (PDE Act 158). Individual meetings with the student, parent/guardian, and building principal and/or school counselor will be held to identify each student's appropriate pathway and develop a successful plan. Requirements will be in accordance with PDE regulations.

PSSA TESTING

PSSA tests are administered each spring to students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. A student's level of proficiency on the PSSA may affect his or her scheduling or tutoring requirements.

GRADING PROCEDURE

Report cards are sent home every nine weeks. Elementary school parents may keep the report form but must sign and return the report card envelope. If any grade clarifications

or questions come to mind, you may request a teacher conference.

All parents are encouraged to check their child's academic progress by establishing an online account through CSIU. You may do this by contacting Mrs. Strait at sstrait@ottoeldred.org. Parents may view their student's grades at any time through this procedure.

In pertaining to elementary school students, all intermediate grades (4-6) will be assessed percentage grades. Grades of O (outstanding), S (average), U (unsatisfactory), and N (needs improvement) will be given in other subject areas. Primary grades (K-3) will be assessed through standards-based reports using a scale of 1, 2, 3, 4. It is important that all grades are computed accurately and fairly. For this reason, every faculty member uses the grading scale when reporting student progress. Below are the percentage grading standards and their corresponding letter grades:

A (94 - 100%): Excellent work, consistently goes beyond minimum requirements, is helpful and leads in class discussions.

B (87 - 93%): Above average work, usually goes beyond minimum requirements, often helps, and participates in class discussions.

C (76 - 86%): Average work, usually completes required assignments, and contributes at times to class discussions.

D (65 - 75%): Passing work, completes some assignments, occasionally participates in class discussions.

F (64 - 0%): Failing work, does not complete assignments, rarely participates or contributes to class discussions.

District states retention is considered and a meeting with parent, teacher and principal is held. School policy dictates that a student receives a grade of 50% or higher regardless of the actual "earned" grade for the first three grading period. Students receive the "earned" grade during the final grading period. This policy exists to encourage students to continue to work hard for passing grades throughout the school year.

MARKING PERIOD INCOMPLETE

If a student has work or tests that are not complete. The work or test must be completed within a two-week period or a grade of zero will be assigned to the incomplete work or tests.

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day NO SCHOOL	3 XC @ Coudy 4:00	4 VB @ Oswayo Valley 6pm JrHVB - Oswayo Valley 6pm Golf - Cam Co	5 JrHFB - Sheffield 6pm VB - Cam Co 6pm	6 VFB - Kane 7pm	7
8	9 JVFB @ Kane 6pm VB @ Galeton 6pm Golf @ Coudy Music Booster Mtg 5:30	10 JrHVB @ Galeton 6pm School Board Mtg 6:30	11 Patriot Day VB - Austin 6pm Golf @ Kane	12 JrHFB @ Smethport 6pm JrHVB - Austin 6pm	13 VFB @ Bucktail 7pm	14 JVVB @ Kane 9am Kane JV Tournament
15	16 JVFB @ Port Allegany 6pm	17 XC @ Smethport 4:00 JrHVB - Cam Co 6pm Golf @ Smethport NPWGL Championship	18 VB @ Smethport 6pm JrHVB @ Smethport 6pm	19 JrHFB - Port Allegany 6pm VB @ Coudy 6pm JrHVB @ Coudy 6pm	20	21 VFB - Cam Co 1:30pm AUTUMN CLASSIC
22	23 VB - Port Allegany 6pm	24 XC - HOME 4:00 JrHVB - Port Allegany 6pm	25	26 JrHFB @ Bradford 6pm VB - Oswayo Valley 6pm JrHVB @ Oswayo 6pm	27 VB @ NoPo 6pm JrHVB @ NoPo 6pm	28 VFB @ Sheffield 1:30pm
29	30 JVFB - Smethport 6pm VB @ Cam Co 6pm JrHVB @ Cam Co 6pm Golf @ Kane D9 Championship					
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MARKING PERIOD INCOMPLETE CONT.

The zero grades will be factored in with other grades to determine the nine (9) weeks final grade. The principal may grant special consideration for extenuating circumstances. Students will be allowed to make up incomplete work for excused absences only. Any grade assessment missed due to excused absence must be made up within three (3) days of the student's return to school. The building principal will allow exceptions in extenuating circumstances.

OTTO-ELDRED JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Below is a listing of graduation requirements approved by the Otto-Eldred School Board of Directors. These course and credit requirements meet the expectations set in Chapter 4 of the PA School Code. In order to graduate from Otto-Eldred Jr/Sr High School, a student must complete the following minimum credits of approved study:

English.....	4.00
HISTORY.....	4.00*
S.T.E.M.....	8.00*^
PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH.....	2.00+
ELECTIVES.....	6.00

MINIMUM GRADUATION CREDITS: 24.00

All students must complete the school board-approved graduation project. All students must score proficient on available Keystone Exams or meet the requirement through demonstration of proficiency in locally designed curriculums.

Credit for Career & Technical Center (CTC) program is 3 credits per year.

* Because of period limitations, the number of Math, Science, and History credits required of CTC and co-op students is one less than listed.

+ Physical Education is required each year.

^ Students MUST take at least 2 credits of science and 2 credits of math including Biology, Algebra I, and Geometry. The remaining 4 S.T.E.M. credits can come from courses in math, science, or technology.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Otto-Eldred Jr./Sr. High School requires all students to successfully complete competency in college or career readiness. All students will complete a resume, cover letter, and mock interview. Guidance in completing their requirements will be given via the school counselor and Language Arts courses. Additionally, all students are required to complete twenty hours of community service prior to graduation.

MANTLE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum requirements to receive an Otto-Eldred High School diploma are outlined in the previous section. To be eligible for a mantle in the Academic Curriculum, CTC Curriculum, or Agricultural Science see the requirements listed below.

***ACADEMIC MANTLE CURRICULUM

4-Yr sequence of ELA, History, Math (Alg, Geometry, Alg II, Adv Math), Science (Bio, Chem, and combination of 2 weighted courses or DE courses), 2-year sequence of a language, 1 Adv Elective (Calc AB, Calc BC, Psych, Physics II, Language 3, Language 4, Non-Language Online Course, or other high-level science course), 2 Health/PE. By permission of OEHS Principal, approval of unanticipated elective may be counted as the Adv Elective.

***CTC MANTLE CURRICULUM

4 Credits ELA, 3 History (Gov't +2), 6 STEM (Bio, Algebra, Geometry, +3), 2 Health/PE, and CTC program.

***AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES MANTLE CURRIC.

4 Credits from Ag (no more than 1 SAE Credit), FFA Chapter Degree in 9,10, or 11th. 4 ELA, 4 History (Government +3), 3 Science (Bio, Chem, +1 Non-Ag Sci), 4 Math (Alg, Alg II, Geom, +1) and 2 Credits of Health/PE.

WEIGHTED COURSES

Purpose: To recognize the increased difficulty level of upper-level courses and to provide more incentive for students to take challenging courses. Weighting Calculation: Each high school course credit will be assigned a weighted factor of 1.0, 1.03, and 1.06. A weighting of 1.0 acts as a multiple of 1, and thus does not change the grade. A multiple of 1.06 would increase quality points by 6%. A committee consisting of teachers, school counselor, and principal will determine the weighting factor for each course. Quality points = course average X credits earned. Weighted Course Criteria: The committee will assign a weighting factor of greater than 1.0 for courses that meet the following standards:

- Courses receiving a factor greater than 1.0 (weighted course) are substantially more challenging in terms of skills to be acquired or intellectual accomplishments to be demonstrated than typical courses offered at the same grade level (unweighted courses).
- Instructors expect that students in weighted courses are able to work and learn independently.
- Weighted courses require a mastery of material of greater depth, require greater creativity, and require more intense and focused effort than un-weighted courses.
- The expected rate of learning in weighted courses substantially exceeds that of unweighted courses.

Weighted courses include those comparable in intellectual challenge and student level of effort to Advanced Placement or College in the High School courses.

Initial Classes to be weighted:

Advanced Math	6%	College Literature.....	6%
Biology II.....	6%	College Civic/Govt.....	3%
Calculus	6%	College English	6%
Chemistry II	6%	College Env. Science...	6%
Physics	6%	College History	3%
Psychology	3%	DE Art.....	3%
Human Biology	6%	DE Algebra II.....	6%
Spanish IV.....	3%		

* Additional Dual Enrollment Courses will automatically be considered for weighting.

HONOR ROLL

In order to be eligible for the honor roll for a particular marking period, a student must have no mark below 76% in any subject for that marking period. The student must also have at least an 87% average for honor roll and at least a 94% average for high honors. The school office sends the honor roll listing to the local newspapers regularly and in a timely manner as each marking period ends. The newspapers themselves determine the timing of the publishing of the information.

RETENTION POLICY/ACADEMIC STANDING

In all cases of retention, the parents shall be fully involved and informed throughout the process.

Academic achievement, attitude, effort, work habits, behavior, attendance, and other factors related to learning shall be evaluated regularly and communicated to students and parents.

The district shall utilize multiple measures of academic performance as determinants in promotion and retention decisions.

Progress toward high school graduation shall be based on the student's ability to achieve the established academic standards and pass the required subjects and electives necessary to earn the number of credits mandated by the Board for graduation. The building principal shall be assigned the final responsibility for determining the promotion or retention of each student.

Requirements for Senior High Standing:

Freshman: Student must meet requirements for 8th grade.

Sophomore: Student must accumulate more than a total of 5 credits.

Junior: Student must accumulate more than a minimum of 11 credits.

Senior: Students must accumulate a minimum total of 17 credits.

Graduate: Student must accumulate a minimum total of 24 credits.

SUMMER SCHOOL GRADING POLICY

A grade earned in summer school will be weighted on a 2/3 to 1/3 basis. Example: Final course grade of 60 and a summer grade of 75 (60 + 60 + 75 =195/3=65).

The student's grade would be recorded as a 65 on the transcript.

SENIOR DEBTS

All Senior debts must be paid in full before the graduation ceremony. If student's senior debts are not paid, he or she will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Induction into the National Honor Society is one of the highest honors to be bestowed upon an Otto-Eldred student. Selection for membership in the National Honor Society is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a member of the junior or senior class.

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 XC @ Oswayo Valley 4:00 JrHVB - Galeton 6pm	2 VB - Galeton 6pm	3 PSAT JrHFB @ Cam Co 6pm VB @ Austin 6pm	4 VFB @ Coudy 7pm	5 VB @ Kane 9am Kane Varsity Tournament Golf @ Kane D9 Golf Finals
6	7 JVFB - Coudy 6pm Music Booster Mtg 5:30	8 JrHVB @ Austin 6pm School Board Mtg 6:30	9 JrHVB - Smethport 6pm Elementary Pic Retakes	10 JrHFB @ Kane 6pm VB - Smethport 6pm	11 VFB - Smethport 7pm Homecomming	12 Homecoming Dance
13	14 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL JVfV @ Sheffield 4pm VB - Coudy 6pm	15 XC @ NoPo NTL Meet 4:00 JrHVB - Coudy 6pm	16	17 JrHFB - Coudy 4pm	18	19 VB @ ECC 9am Tournament
20	21	22	23	24	25 END OF MP#1	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		
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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CONT

Candidates must have been in attendance at Otto-Eldred the equivalent of one semester. Candidates must have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 90%. They shall then be evaluated based on service, leadership, and character. The high school faculty will do this evaluation and make the final decision of those to be inducted. Being academically eligible does not automatically insure induction. If one who is eligible as a junior is not inducted, he or she again has an opportunity, if still eligible, as a senior.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR TELEPHONE NUMBER

It is important that we have your correct address and telephone numbers, both home and work, in the office. Should you move during the school year, or your telephone number is changed, please notify the school office immediately.

SCHOOL CRISIS PLAN

The Otto-Eldred School District has developed a Crisis Team trained in methods of response to crisis that may occur in our school. The faculty, staff and students are trained on a yearly basis, with practice drills occurring on a monthly basis. Inquiries about the Crisis Plan may be directed to the district office at (814) 817-1380 opt. 3.

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION P.T.O.

The Otto-Eldred Elementary P.T.O. meets regularly (usually once a month). This organization furthers communication between the school and the parents of the children in the school. The P.T.O. plays a critical role in providing funding for field trips, the purchase of equipment, and procurement of assembly programs. The P.T.O. is beneficial to the school as well as the surrounding communities and needs the support of everyone. Please join! For more information, please contact the school for the meeting schedule.

RECESS AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A recess break is scheduled at midday for all classes. It is important for your child to dress appropriately to the forecasted weather conditions throughout the entire school year. If it is 35 degrees or higher with no precipitation, students will be outside. If, for some reason, you wish your child to stay indoors during the recess break, please notify the classroom teacher of your wishes with a note. Without such notice classroom teachers expect all students to participate in recess.

RESTROOM USE

Restrooms are provided for use by the students. However, students who misuse them or abuse the privilege of going to the restrooms may have this privilege restricted or disciplinary action taken.

Normally, students are not permitted to go to the restrooms during instruction or a test. If your child has a health problem that necessitates his/her going to the restroom frequently or is unable to wait until a scheduled time, be sure to notify us so we can make appropriate arrangements.

HEALTH SERVICES

The school nurse will be available at varying times during the school day. Whenever a child is too ill to remain in school, the parents or "emergency contact" will be notified. It is the responsibility of the parents to make arrangements for the child to be transported home; nevertheless, we will assist in any way possible. Certain health screening services will be provided to students throughout their elementary schooling.

SCREENINGS/EXAMINATIONS

Pre-K: Vision, Hearing, Height & Weight (fall and spring)
K: Vision, Hearing, Height & Weight (fall and spring), Dental,
1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th: Vision, Hearing, Height & Weight
3rd: Vision, Hearing, Height & Weight, Dental
6th: Vision, Height & Weight, Physical, Scoliosis screening
7th-12th: Vision, Height/Weight
6th: Hearing, Scoliosis, & Dental
11th: Hearing & Physical

STUDENT SICKNESS/NURSE'S OFFICE VISITS

If your child exhibits one or more of the symptoms of illness such as: sore throat, runny nose, diarrhea, chills, coughing, earache, paleness, skin rash, inflamed eye, enlarged glands, or upset stomach, please don't send your child to school. Many times, this only results in the school having to contact you later in the day to take your child home. If a student is feeling ill, he or she may request to visit the school nurse. Students should not make phone calls home to report illness during the school day. The school nurse will assess the situation and contact parents if necessary.

LICE

Periodically, a case of head lice does occur at school. If your child is identified, the parents/guardian will be notified and advised of the proper treatment and care in getting rid of the unwelcome guest. Lice can infest anyone--no matter how clean you keep your family. Please check your child's head occasionally throughout the school year. If you identify your child with lice at home, please notify the school nurse so proper measures can be taken in the classrooms.

GUIDELINES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINE DURING SCHOOL HOURS

The Otto-Eldred School District recognizes that parents have the primary responsibility for the health of their children. Although the district strongly recommends that medication be given at home, it realizes that the health of some children requires that they receive medication while in school. Parents should confer with the child's physician to arrange medication time intervals to avoid school hours whenever possible. When medication absolutely must be given during school hours, certain procedures must be followed.

- Any medication to be given during school hours **MUST** be delivered directly to the school nurse by the parent or a responsible adult.
- The medication **MUST** be brought to school in the original prescription.
- A doctor's order is necessary to have on file.
- Consent form for all medications including over-the-counter such as Tylenol, cold medicines, etc., should be signed by the parent at this time.
- All medications need to be picked up by a parent or guardian at the end of the school year. If medication is not picked up, it will be discarded.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

Transportation is provided by the district for all students. For safety and security purposes, students will be assigned one bus stop for the school year. Allowance of an additional bus stop will only be permitted in situations that involve custody or court documentation stating the necessity for more than one physical address. **Students will NOT be permitted to ride different buses even if a note is provided.** If a child must go to a different location, the child must be picked up at the school or at their designated bus stop. Any note changing the location of where students need to go after school (parent pick-up, MATT) **must be received by 1:00 pm in writing.**

Emails can be sent to acoffman@ottoeldred.org (ES) or rheffner@ottoeldred.org (HS)

BICYCLES

If your child rides their bike to school, we suggest the use of locks and chains for security, and bike helmets for safety. They must park their bikes in the bike rack provided in front of the school. The school district is not responsible for damage incurred to bikes while they are parked at the bike rack.

BUS CIRCLE/PARENT PICK-UP

The location for elementary parents to pick up and drop off their children is the parking lot on the Mechanic Street entrance. **The cul-de-sac in front of the school is for buses only.**

- Please reserve the handicapped parking spots for those in need.
- Please don't park along the curb that separates the parking lot and the cul-de-sac.
- Also, parking along the front sidewalk is for bus/vans or 10-minute parking.
- High school drop-off is at the rear of the building.

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Daylight Savings	4	5	6	7	8 IN-SERVICE DAY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	9
10	11 Veteran's Day Music Booster Mtg 5:30	12 School Board Mtg 6:30	13 ASVAB	14	15 1st Day Winter Sports Practice	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 BBB @ St. Mary's Scrimmage 11am
24	25 FFA Poinsetta Sale	26 GBB @ Smethport Scrimmage TBA FFA Poinsettia Sale	27 ASVAB Career Workshop	28 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30
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BUS GUIDELINES

Failure to follow school policies is potentially more dangerous while in a vehicle than in a school building. Riding a school bus is a privilege. The following rules must be followed for the transportation system to function smoothly.

1. Sit in seats. Do NOT stand. Bus drivers may assign seats.
2. No use of abusive language or profanity.
3. No food/drink is to be consumed on the bus.
4. No fighting on the bus.
5. Students boarding or leaving the bus should do so in an orderly fashion. Students boarding at the elementary building for transport to the high school are to wait behind the white sidewalk line until driver signals for boarding.
6. Throwing water, paper wads, pencils, or other projectiles is strictly forbidden. Because of the possibility of injury to others and for road safety, a first offense of this nature will be treated under the terms of the second offense as shown below.
7. Keep arms, hands, etc. away from windows and doors. Objects are not to be thrown out of the bus.
8. Students are to board and exit buses at assigned stops.
9. Be on time at your home bus stop.
10. Wait at bus stop off the highway out of the way of traffic.
11. Remain in one seat for the entire trip.
12. Students may ride only the bus to which they are assigned.
13. No use or possession of tobacco products, alcohol, or drugs (automatic suspension).
14. **Parents of children under the age of 10**, are to be at the bus stop when their child/children are dropped off after school.

15. Students are not permitted to provide transportation to other students between school events.

If bus discipline needs to be assigned, the administration from the school will contact the parents. Bus discipline will be at the discretion of the building administrator and handled on a case-by-case basis.

Bus Drivers or Contractors may notify the parents to discuss concerns; however, will not enforce disciplinary action.

RACHEL'S CHALLENGE

The Otto-Eldred Elementary School has implemented a positive behavior support plan that encourages self-discipline and pride throughout the grade levels.

Rachel's Challenge is exhibited by the following behaviors:

1. **Be Kind—Say Kind Things—Do Kind Things**
2. **Accept and Include Others**
3. **Choose Positive Influences**
4. **Dream Big**

These 4 general school expectations will promote respect and good behavior throughout school and on the bus.

SCHOOL DAYS

Elementary student instruction begins at 8:20 am and ends at 2:37 pm. High School student instruction begins at 8:08 am and ends at 2:58 pm. If your child walks to school, or you provide transportation, please arrive well in advance to instruction but not before 7:40 am at elementary and 7:50 am at high school since monitoring of students will not begin until that time. The school district will not take responsibility to any accidents or injuries that occur as a result of early arriving students. If you wish to pick your child up after school, please try to refrain from interrupting his/her studies at the elementary school before 2:37 pm and 2:58 pm at the high school. Also, please remember to stop in at the office upon late arrivals or early dismissals. Elementary students are considered tardy if they arrive after 8:10 am and before 9:30 am. After 9:30 am and until 1:30 pm, any student arriving or being dismissed is considered an illegal one-half day of school absence. After

1:30 pm the excuse is considered an early dismissal. High school students are considered tardy if they arrive after 8:08 am and before 10:00 am. After 10:00 am and until 2:00 pm, any student arriving or being dismissed is considered an illegal one-half day of school absence. After 2:00 pm the excuse is considered an early dismissal. Tardiness time will accumulate as an illegal school absence.

EARLY DISMISSAL OF STUDENTS

Parents wishing to take a child out of school before the end of the day must stop at the office to sign the child out. The office staff will call for the child from the classroom at that time. When the student has an appointment with a doctor or dentist, please send a note to the teacher beforehand. If the child returns to school, please bring him/her to the office first before returning to the classroom. Children will not be released by a telephone request. A child who must leave school during the day must be released to the parent, guardian, or to someone that the parent or guardian has authorized as a designee.

EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

Planned absences for educational travel must be submitted by the parent in writing to the Superintendent of Schools for approval prior to leaving. The student is responsible for alerting teachers to the impending absences and securing homework assignments to be done. The student is responsible for all make-up work. All work is to be made up within one week of returning. The form is attached in this handbook, or you can get the form from the office.

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 NO SCHOOL	3 BBB @ Oswayo Valley 6pm Wrestling - Port Allegany School Board mtg 6:30	4	5 BBB @ Port Allegany 6pm	6 Randy Stebbins Memorial Tournament TBA Wrestling @ Tournament	7 Randy Stebbins Memorial Tournament TBA Wrestling @ Tournament
8	9 GBB @ NoPo 6pm Music Booster Mtg 5:30	10 BBB - NoPo 6pm	11 Band/Choir Winter Concert 7pm	12 Band/Choir Winter Concert 7pm	13 GBB @ Cam Co 6pm BBB @ Randolph 6pm	14 GBB - Oswayo Valley 1:00 Wrestling @ JCC STWOA
15	16 BBB - Cam Co 6pm	17 GBB - Galeton 6pm Wrestling - Coudy	18 Elementary Winter Band Choir Concert 7pm BBB @ Galeton 6pm	19 GBB @ Austin 6pm	20 BBB - Austin 6pm	21 Wrestling @ Redbank (Duals)
22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 Christmas Eve NO SCHOOL	25 Christmas Day NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL BBB @ IAABO Tournament TBA	28 BBB & GBB @ IAABO Tournament TBA
29	30 NO SCHOOL	31 New Year's Eve NO SCHOOL				
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ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Regular school attendance is essential for successful student achievement. We believe students should take pride in a good attendance record. Prospective employers are often as interested in attendance data as they are in the grades of those they are about to hire. Regular attendance certainly relates to the student's reliability and dependability; two important traits. When it is necessary to miss school, an excuse for the absence must accompany the student on the day he or she returns. This excuse, containing the student's full name, date of day(s) missed, specific reason for the absence and the parent or legal guardian's signature, must be presented to the attendance personnel at the high school office.

It is best to schedule appointments with doctors, dentists, or other professionals after school hours. We realize, however, that this is not always possible. When a student is scheduled for such an appointment before coming to school, or when a student must be excused early from school for such an appointment, the student must obtain an **Appointment Confirmation Form** from the elementary school office. This form is to be signed by the doctor or a member of his or her office staff while the student is at the appointment, and it confirms the date and time of that appointment. This form must be returned before the excuse will be marked as a legal absence. In addition, we must have a note signed by the parent or legal guardian:

- informing us in the case of absence
- a note requesting the early release in the case of a midday appointment.
- a note explaining the late arrival to school in the case of a morning appointment.

When a student leaves for an appointment, he or she is to obtain an **Appointment Confirmation Form** at the front office and sign out at that time. In all cases, students are required to sign in at the front office upon their return to school. No students may be released by an excuse from any other person. Phone calls will only be accepted as a parent's permission for excusal in extenuating circumstances.

The nurse excuses students who become ill during the school day. They must contact the office or nurse. Students should not make phone calls home to report illness. The appropriate school personnel will notify the student's home when necessary. Excusable reasons for absence include illness, pre-approved educational trips, job and educational interviews, pre-approved religious activities, death in the family or impassable roads. Although no student should attend school when truly ill, often students amass a large number of absences for minor ailments. After a total of ten

days of absence, for minor ailments in the current school year, a doctor's excuse for further absences is required. A notice will be sent home after ten such absences have occurred. When a student is late for school, he or she must check with all teachers for missed work. An excuse must be presented to cover the instance of tardiness. This note should be like one for illness and contain the student's full name, reason for being late, date arrived late, and the parent or legal guardian's signature.

Failure to present an excuse within three days of the student's return to school will result in an absence being listed as unexcused and/or illegal. In addition, students may be given a zero for assignments on any days of unexcused/illegal absences. In the case of excessive absences, course credit may be affected. Six days of illegal absence constitutes truancy and will be referred to the District Magistrate.

EXCUSAL FROM SCHOOL

Students are not permitted to write his/her own excuses for school. The only exception would be in the case of an emancipated student (18 years old).

TARDINESS TO CLASS OR HOMEROOM

Students are expected to be in class, homeroom, and study halls on time. Each teacher will keep account of the student's tardiness in their classroom. Whenever a student has accumulated three tardies, he/she should be referred to the office for discipline.

CAFETERIA

Our school cafeteria is a place for all students to relax, eat breakfast or lunch, converse with friends, and take a break before beginning their classroom schedule. Any behavior which interferes with the proper operation of the cafeteria will result in disciplinary action. This could range from being given an assigned seat during lunch, eating in the monitored ISS room, to being assigned an after-school detention.

Young children develop rapidly during elementary years. That development is nurtured by proper nutrition. It is expected that all children consume at least some food and drink during their lunch period unless the school obtains a note from the child's parent allowing them to skip the meal. Students may bring lunches from home rather than eating a cafeteria prepared lunch. It is assumed that such lunch has the parent's approval. However, it is requested that soda/energy drinks NOT be brought to school to drink. Any water bottles (Yeti, hydro flask, etc.) brought to school need to be approved by the school administration. Students bringing food for lunch should only bring enough for themselves. Also, the microwave is not available for student use.

CAFETERIA GUIDELINES

1. Students are to enter the cafeteria in an orderly fashion.
2. Students are to purchase only the lunch they intend to consume and not purchase for others. Rules regarding payment for lunches will be strictly enforced.
3. Students are not too crowd in line. If a student has created a mess, that student will be provided the means by which to clean it up. Common courtesies should be the guiding factor.
4. Students wishing to use the telephone or the restroom from the cafeteria are to secure a pass from the duty teacher in the cafeteria. No more than two students should be out of the cafeteria for these purposes at any one time.
5. Students wishing to eat breakfast should report to the cafeteria.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Otto-Eldred School District offers a daily breakfast and lunch program to all students. The district has been approved for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). This Program is available to schools and districts that are participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. All enrolled students of the Otto-Eldred School district are eligible to receive a nutritional breakfast and lunch each school day at **no charge** to your household. No application or additional paperwork is required.

STUDENT CAFETERIA ACCOUNTS

A computerized system handles the recording of all food items in our cafeteria. On the first day of school, each student will be issued a Personal Identification Number (PIN) that will be used for items in the cafeteria. This number should be kept confidential by the students as it is used to draw on a student's lunch account. A student only needs to know his or her PIN to buy food. Students enter their PIN into a keypad at the cafeteria line. Deposits to a student's individual account will be accepted during breakfast or lunch. Students will deposit money into his or her own account upon arrival at school in the morning to establish the account.

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day NO SCHOOL	2	3	4
5	6 FFA Farm Show WINTER KEYSTONES	7 GBB - Smethport 6pm Wrestling - Sheffield WINTER KEYSTONES	8 BBB @ Smethport 6pm WINTER KEYSTONES	9 GBB - Coudy 6pm WINTER KEYSTONES	10 BBB @ Coudy 6pm WINTER KEYSTONES	11
12	13 GBB @ Port Allegany 6pm END OF MP#2 WINTER KEYSTONES Music Booster Mtg 5:30	14 BBB - Port Allegany 6pm WINTER KEYSTONES School Board Mtg 6:30	15 GBB - NoPo 6pm WINTER KEYSTONES	16 BBB @ NoPo 6pm Wrestling @ Ridgway WINTER KEYSTONES	17 GBB @ Oswayo Valley 6pm WINTER KEYSTONES	18 Wrestling @ Williamson (Duals)
19	20 ML King Day ACT 80 DAY NO SCHOOL - STUDENTS	21 BBB - Oswayo Valley 6pm GBB @ Portville 6pm Wrestling @ Bradford	22 GBB - Cam Co 6pm	23 BBB @ Cam Co 6pm	24 GBB @ Galeton 6pm Wrestling @ Ultimate Warrior Tournament	25 Wrestling @ Ultimate Warrior Tournament
26	27 BBB - Galeton 6pm	28 GBB - Austin 6pm	29 BBB @ Austin 6pm	30 JrHBB - Port Allegany 6pm	31	
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STUDENT CAFETERIA ACCOUNTS CONTINUED

To receive lunch (or breakfast or any food item) a student must enter his or her PIN into a keypad at the end of the food line. Meals will be entered into the computer program at no charge. Any additional purchases will be deducted from the student account.

All students must use their own PIN if they wish to purchase anything in our cafeteria. The computer keeps track of all purchases made with a student's PIN. Parents may request a printout of PIN activity if questions arise. Milk and ice cream as well as hot items are to be paid for with their PIN. A student's cafeteria account is NOT a credit account. Ala carte purchases will only be permitted if there is a money balance in an account. Parents will be notified if a student's account has a negative balance. Students will have one week from the notification to pay their debt. Students with excessive debt will be referred to the District Office for collection purposes.

Per School Board Policy, a student account must have a positive balance to purchase any a la carte items such as an entree, ice cream, extra milk, etc. Students are not permitted to pay cash for an item if they have a negative balance. In the case a student reaches a negative balance a parent/guardian will be notified on a weekly basis. When a student account reaches -\$10.00 the parent will receive written notice and the building principal will be notified of the debt. For cases of extreme debt or continual delinquency a negative debt may be turned in for collections.

The school district subscribes to schoolcafe.com, which is a secure environment, in which parents can prepay for student meals using credit/debit cards, view current account balances, set up recurring payments when the account reaches a low balance threshold, view student meal purchases, and set spending limits. For information to set up this account please contact Mrs. Krott, Food Service Director, at ckrott@ottoeldred.org.

INSUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECKS

The Board is directed by the bank because of insufficient funds:

1. There will be a \$30 assessment for the first occurrence.
2. The second occurrence will result in the district no longer accepting checks from that person for a period of one (1) year. Administrators in each building will keep a record of those persons.

A copy of the policy will be included in the school district newsletter and student handbook annually.

TREATS (PARTIES/BIRTHDAY)

State regulations require us to restrict homemade treats for birthdays and holidays. These regulations dictate that any treats/snacks that are sent to the school for classmates must be individually wrapped and must be prepared commercially (in an unopened, original box) or by our cafeteria staff.

Please be advised that cupcakes from Wal-Mart bakery, although in a box, do not meet the regulations since they are not individually wrapped. Any treat brought into the office that does not meet the regulations will not be allowed into the classroom. Any outside treats brought to school must be coordinated with the main office.

If you would like to provide a birthday treat for your child's class, you may also arrange this through the cafeteria by contacting Mrs. Krott, Food Service Director, at ckrott@ottoeldred.org. There are a few options for treats in the school cafeteria that already meet these regulations for you to select from.

OUTSIDE DELIVERY OF FOOD (HIGH SCHOOL)

The outside delivery of food and beverages is strictly prohibited without permission from the high school principal.

LIBRARY BOOKS POLICY

All library materials are the property of the Otto-Eldred School District. All students are welcome to borrow materials with the following guidelines:

1. Books may be borrowed for 2 weeks.
2. Please protect them in a book bag.
3. New books may be signed out when old books are returned.
4. You may renew any book you are not finished with by the due date.
5. Overdue notice will be sent near the marking period end.
6. Any student with 1 or 2 overdue books (depending on grade) will not be permitted to borrow any more items until other overdue items are returned.
7. If the book is not returned, arrangements must be made to replace the book.
8. If a book becomes damaged in any way, return it as soon as possible so the librarian may attempt to repair it. DO NOT ATTEMPT REPAIRS YOURSELF.
9. If the book cannot be repaired, you may be billed for the book's value.
10. Your school records may be held if replacement of lost or damaged books has not been made.

11. For your protection: do not lend your books to anyone. You are responsible for what you borrow from your library. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your librarian, she will be happy to help you in any way she can.

LOST OR DAMAGED TEXTBOOKS

Students are responsible for the care of the textbooks, workbooks, and other curriculum books issued to them.

In the case that one of these items is lost or damaged, the parents will be assessed for the monetary value of the repair or replacement of the item.

LOST AND FOUND

A lost and found area is kept in the cafeteria (ES) and office (HS). Any item found without a name is placed in this area. Students or parents can claim these items by taking them from the display.

We do not attempt to determine true ownership of unmarked items, therefore it is important to label all lunch boxes, clothing, toys, and so forth.

STUDENT CONDUCT CODE

Primarily, a student attends school to learn. To create an attitude and atmosphere conducive to learning, the student shall:

1. Meet all school obligations punctually and regularly.
2. Report to each class with completed assignments and necessary materials.
3. Devote energies to learning; make a sincere effort to do excellent work.
4. Develop standards of personal conduct that produce acceptable behavior.
5. Accept responsibility for his or her actions.
6. Recognize and respond positively to authority of school personnel.
7. Respect and consider the personal and property rights of others.
8. Help to keep school property free from damage and defacement.
9. Comply with school rules and regulations and with local, state, and federal laws.

Correcting and/or disciplining of students will result from actions of misconduct categorized below.

Attendance

- Violation of compulsory school laws.
- Failure to attend school regularly if above compulsory school age (18 years).
- Repeated tardiness or absence without cause.
- Tardiness to or skipping of classes.

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Ground Hog Day	3 JrHBB @ NoPo 6pm	4 Wrestling @ Kane	5 GBB @ Smethport 6pm	6 JrHBB - Oswayo Valley 6pm	7	8 Wrestling @ AMWL Tournament
9	10 GBB @ Coudy 6pm Music Booster Mtg 5:30	11 BBB - Coudy 6pm School Board Mtg 6:30	12 GBB - NTL Playoff 1st Round 7pm	13 BBB - NTL Playoff 1st Round 7pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 GBB @ NTL 5:30pm BBB @ NTL 7:30pm Championship Games
16	17 President's Day NO SCHOOL	18	19 JrHBB @ Cam Co 6pm	20	21 JrHBB - Galeton 6pm Wrestling @ Clarion D9 Championship	22 Wrestling @ Clarion D9 Championship
23	24 JrHBB @ Austin 6pm	25	26	27	28 JrHBB - Smethport 6pm Wrestling @ Sharon Regionals	

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CODE OF CONDUCT CONTINUED

Citizenship

- Violation of state laws, local ordinances, approved fire and safety codes, school rules and regulations.
- Disobedience, including insubordination and defiance.
- Gross misbehavior, including deliberate, malicious, or willful misconduct.
- Use of profanity, obscenities, or degrading epithets.
- Immoral conduct and/or indecency.
- Display, distribution, or sale of pornographic materials.
- Possession, use, sale, or distribution of intoxicants, illegal or unauthorized medicine, drugs or narcotics including by way of illustration and not limitation: alcohol, marijuana, heroin, opium, cocaine, LSD, barbiturates, and amphetamines.
- Possession or use of tobacco/vaping.
- Dress and appearance, which present health or safety problems or cause disruption of the educational process.
- Fraudulently using the name of another person or falsifying times, dates, grades, residence, or other data used by the school.
- Unlawful interference with or intimidation of students or school employees.
- Any outward display of affection beyond the simple holding of hands.
- Cheating in any form on test, class work, homework, or any other school endeavors.

Safety

- Disruptive behavior on school buses.
- Bodily conditions: The condition under which a student is suspected of having a communicable disease or of neglecting personal hygiene to the point of disrupting the educational process.
- Threats or physical attacks to students or school employees.
- Violence or threat of violence.
- The act of possessing, using, or threatening to use any weapons or instruments capable of inflicting bodily harm.
- The use of any object that is itself a projectile or that launches a projectile of any type (including water or other liquids) such as but not limited to rubber bands, squirt guns, and the like.

Property

- Unauthorized possession of property not one's own.
- Being present in an unauthorized place or refusing to leave when ordered.
- Willful destruction or defacement of property.

- Purposefully setting fire to school property.

Additions to misconduct listing may be made by the Board of Education or school administrators to ensure an orderly and safe school system. School officials are responsible for students' behavior in school buildings, on school property, and at school-sponsored events on or off school property. School officials are also responsible for the conduct of students on school buses.

- Disciplinary responses to student misconduct (see Appendix A).
- In addition to conforming to the Student Conduct Code, students involved with extra-curricular and co-curricular activities must conform to the eligibility standards established by the district or building. Attendance, scholastic achievement, and training/membership rules may affect student eligibility.

PLAGIARISM/CHEATING: the intentional or unintentional and unauthorized use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another author and/or artificial intelligence (AI), and the representation of that language and thoughts as one's own original work.

School board policy lists the following penalties for student cheating (by category):

- Plagiarism/Cheating on major assessment (paper, test, AR test, and project): Student receives a zero for the assessment and can receive between a 50% - 64% for a marking period grade, depending on how the zero for the assessment affects his or her marking period average (a student may receive a zero for the final exam grade).
- Cheating on minor assessment (homework, worksheet): student will receive a zero for the assessment but will not necessarily fail for the marking period.
- Cheating on Final Exam/Project: Student will receive a zero for the final exam grade.

Second Offense: As above, plus the student must be suspended.

DRESS

It is not the intent of the board of education to regulate the personal areas of the lives of its students and staff. However, in the best interest of all students and the educational program, certain standards of dress and behavior should be followed. In consideration of the fact that our school is a co-educational community of young people, the way we dress during school should reflect decency, good taste, modesty, and a regard for others. Students and faculty should not wear clothing that disrupts the educational process by its design, style, or imprinted message. Also, articles of clothing deemed to be unhealthy, or a safety hazard should not be worn.

Footwear should not present a safety hazard to the student and should meet the requirements for specific classes.

In recognition of changes in styles that occur from time to time, the intent here is not to measure with a ruler but rather to rely on good judgment and common sense.

If a questionable situation should arise, it should be called to the attention of the principal. The principal will make a decision on the acceptability of the clothing in question.

While every effort is made to maintain comfortable temperatures in the building during cold weather, sometimes students may feel the need to wear a jacket during the day. If a jacket or coat is needed it may be worn. If it is not needed, it should be hung in the back of the classroom. At no time should a student carry a jacket or coat throughout the day.

In summary, clothing should be worn as designed, as long as clothing properly fits and covers the student appropriately. Certain classes may require more specific dress requirements.

Any questions related to the school dress code should be directed toward building principals.

MESSAGE T-SHIRTS, SWEATS-SHIRTS, JEWELRY

Message T-shirts, sweatshirts, jewelry, and similar apparel that encourage the use of drugs, alcohol, violence, and/or tobacco products/usage or unacceptable double meaning, or that could be sexually demeaning, have no place in the school setting. Such apparel is not to be worn to school.

Any questions related to the school dress code should be directed toward building principals.

VISITORS

To avoid disruption of classes, the board of education has adopted a policy that states:

Visitors from neighboring schools or not in school will not be permitted to attend classes with members of our student body. Adult visitors who have legitimate business with the school are issued a visitor's pass by the school office or the guidance office if they are meeting with students or if they intend to visit student areas.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

When it is necessary to close or delay the opening of school, the school will notify by automated phone calls and the local radio stations will be notified as early as possible. Students and parents should tune their radio to the Bradford, Olean, or Port Allegany radio stations for the information. These local radio stations will also be notified if school is dismissed early.

Students and Parents may also check Otto-Eldred's Facebook page for school closing information. **PARENTS NEED TO UPDATE CONTACT INFO WHEN CHANGES OCCUR.**

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Wrestling @ Sharon Regionals
2	3 JrHBB - Coudy 6pm 1st Day Spring Sports Practice	4	5 JrHBB @ Port Allegany 6pm	6 Wrestling @ PIAA Individual Championship	7 JrHBB - NoPo 6pm Wrestling @ PIAA Individual Championship	8 Wrestling @ PIAA Individual Championship
9	10 JrHBB @ Oswayo Valley 6pm Music Booster Mtg 5:30	11 School Board Mtg 6:30	12 JrHBB - Cam Co 6pm	13	14 JrHBB @ Galeton 6pm NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day JrHBB - Austin 6pm NO SCHOOL	18	19	20	21 JrHBB @ Smethport 6pm END OF MP#3	22
23	24 JrHBB @ Coudy 6pm	25	26 BB @ Cam Co 4:30pm SB @ Cam Co 4:30pm	27	28	29
30	31 BB @ Smethport 4:30pm SB @ Smethport 4:30pm				EVENT DATES ARE ACCURATE AT THE TIME OF PRINTING AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.	

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

There are a number of regularly scheduled after-school activities (i.e., band and chorus rehearsals, sports practices, meetings, work sessions, etc.). Students involved in these programs are to be only in that area of the school building or grounds, which pertains to the activity at hand. Under no circumstances are these students to be in unsupervised areas of the building or those areas away from their activity. Students in extra-curricular activities are to take all materials with them following the school day. They are not to return to their lockers following practices.

STUDENT DRIVING

The building principal shall develop rules and regulations for operating and parking of bicycles and motor vehicles and shall disseminate those rules to parents and students and obtain a signature. All motor vehicles used on school grounds must be appropriately registered and insured and be operated per state law. A driving pass will be issued to each student wishing to drive. **The pass will require a \$5.00 fee per each pass requested.** Students who drive must have the pass clearly displayed within the vehicle. Driving to school without a pass or any other violation of the driving policy will result in losing your driving privilege and riding the bus for the remainder of the marking period or one month, whichever is longer. A second offense revokes driving privileges for the remainder of the year. Students must ride with a parent or on the bus for the remainder of the year. Any reported hazardous driving around school buses will result in immediate loss of driving privileges for the year. Student drivers must be cautious when driving at all times. Students will be expected to follow all state driving laws, especially around school buses.

The speed limit on school property is 5 miles per hour. Students who drive to school are to use the parking area beside the school to the right. Parking spaces behind the high school building are reserved for employees only. Students are to enter the building as soon as possible after arriving at school but should not arrive prior to 7:50 and arrive by 8:08. Students are not to gather in parking areas to wait for the late bell to ring.

CTC students are required to use the bus transportation provided by the school to the Career and Technical Center unless they have special permission to drive on a particular day. Prior approval (one day in advance) is required and must be done through the CTC instructor, the high school

principal and by a note from the parent. No other student may accompany this driving student.

As bus transportation is available, student driving and parking on school grounds is a privilege and as such may be revoked in the case of speeding or reckless or dangerous driving on school property or other behavior problems.

FUNDRAISING

Many school groups finance their activities in large part by selling something. Whether it be pizza or subs, candy bars or jewelry, magazine subscriptions or greeting cards, there seems never to be a shortage of things for sale. The school district realizes the importance of such fundraising activities to both school and local community organizations that provide benefits for our children. The school building is not to be a public marketplace.

In an effort to be fair to all groups and to avoid overburdening our local community with multiple sales campaigns occurring at the same time, a school district-wide fundraising calendar is kept in both school buildings. Any group wishing to schedule a fundraising sale must complete an application detailing the sale and have it approved by the principal of the school. The principal will then schedule the activity on the common calendar. Every attempt will be made to avoid overlap of fundraisers.

The sale of any item by students (or any school personnel) to faculty, staff, or other students must be approved and scheduled by the principal before any such sale can take place on school property, buildings, grounds, and buses. The principal will use his judgment and may restrict or deny the sale of any items if such sale is determined to be disruptive to the learning atmosphere of the school. Lollipops, suckers, or any candy are examples of items not permitted to be sold in school. No food items sold for consumption will be allowed to be sold during the school day.

Our school provides a daily breakfast and lunch program for students and staff. The constant sale of candy, suckers, and the like by students to students during the school day is not permitted. Eating food and snack items or drinking pop or other soft drinks during class time or between classes will not be allowed. The principal may approve occasional exceptions for special events.

HOMEWORK

The Otto-Eldred School District supports homework being assigned to students to allow them to refine learned material or acquire additional practice. Homework can also

foster responsibility, accountability, and initiative; characteristics that are important to have in life. The purpose of homework is not to create frustration or discouragement among students. At times, students may have work to complete outside of the school day. Amount and expectation may vary depending on the age of student and course of study. If you are finding homework to be a concern, please reach out to teachers and/or administration to assist in alleviating the stress and promoting a more positive schooling experience.

PRINCIPAL-ASSIGNED DETENTION

Students in violation of school rules and policies may be assigned after-school detention sessions by the elementary school principal. These sessions may be held before school or after school beginning at 3:00 pm and will run until 4:00 pm. Students must have books and assignments with them when they report to the detention area. Every parent will be notified by phone.

Parents will be notified of this, and transportation will need to be arranged. The principal and parents will work out a convenient time within 3 days of the need for detention to be assigned.

Students should also bring coats as well as books and other study materials. No excuse will be accepted for failure to attend assigned detention. Any student failing to report to detention will be assigned Saturday detention. Further failure to appear will result in in-school suspension.

TEACHER-ASSIGNED CLASSROOM DETENTION

Individual classroom teachers may assign students to detention after school in their own rooms for infractions of classroom rules and/or policies. The teacher will supervise such sessions. The student will be given at least 24 hours notice of the detention and will be expected to provide his or her own transportation. The student and the main office are notified of the detention when a teacher issues a detention slip.

Failure to appear at a teacher-assigned detention session after proper notice has been issued to the student will result in the student being assigned a detention before school or after school with the principal. Further failure to appear will result in a student receiving in-school suspension or a Saturday detention.

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 April's Fool Day VT&F - OV & Sheffield 4pm	2 BB - Port Allegany 4:30pm SB - Port Allegany 4:30pm JrHT&F @ Port Allegany	3	4 BB @ NoPo 4:30pm SB @ NoPo 4:30pm	5
6	7 BB - Oswayo Valley 4:30 SB - Oswayo Valley 4:30	8 VT&F @ Smethport 4pm School Board Mtg 6:30	9 BB @ Galeton 4:30pm SB @ Galeton 4:30pm JrHT&F @ Oswayo 4pm	10 SAT School Day	11 BB @ Kane 4:30pm	12 Fine Arts Night 6pm
13	14 BB - Coudy 4:30pm SB - Coudy 4:30pm Music Booster Mtg 5:30	15 VT&F - Coudy 4pm	16 JrHT&F @ Coudy 4pm BB @ Allegany-Limestone 4:30pm	17 NO SCHOOL	18 NO SCHOOL	19
20 EASTER	21 NO SCHOOL	22 BB - NoPo 4:30pm SB - NoPo 4:30pm PSSA - ELA	23 JrHT&F @ NoPo 4pm PSSA - ELA	24 BB - Smethport 4:30pm SB - Smethport 4:30pm PSSA - ELA	25	26
27	28 BB @ Oswayo Valley 4:30 SB @ Oswayo Valley 4:30	29 VT&F @ Port Allegany 4:30 PSSA - MATH	30 JrHT&F - Mega Meet BB - Galeton 4:30pm SB - Galeton 4:30pm PSSA - MATH			
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SATURDAY DETENTION

Students may be assigned Saturday detention for infractions of the school's rules and/or policies. Detention sessions will be three hours in length from 8:00 am to 11:00 am on specified Saturdays. Students must be punctual and have books and assignments with them when they arrive. Each student so assigned will have their parents contacted by phone notifying them of the date and time he or she is to report for Saturday study. This notification will be at least 24 hours prior to the detention date to allow the student an opportunity to arrange transportation to and from the detention session. Students should also bring coats since they may not go to lockers prior to going home. No excuse will be accepted for failure to appear for assigned detention. Any student failing to report to detention will be assigned one-day in-school suspension. Further failure will result in a suspension until a parent conference is scheduled to make arrangements to do the detention.

SUSPENSIONS

School suspensions can be either in school or out of school. In either case, parents will be notified in writing of the infractions involved as well as the dates and type of suspension.

When a student is under an in-school suspension (ISS), he or she will be assigned to the suspension room for the entire day(s). Teachers will monitor the in-school suspension room. The ISS room will be completely quiet, and students must work on school assignments for the entire time they are under suspension. No music, sleeping, or trips to the telephone are allowed in the ISS room.

Out-of-school suspensions (OSS) are alternatives to ISS that may be warranted by circumstances and imposed by the school principal. A student's return to school from OSS will be preceded by a parental conference with the principal.

RADIOS, VIDEO GAMES, CELL PHONES, LASER LIGHTS, ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Radios, headphones/ear pods, cell phones, cameras, and other electronic entertainment devices are not to be used during the school day except in accordance with Policy #237. Music playing devices may be kept in each student's locker or in the main office. Any items confiscated during

the day will be held in the office until the student (1st Offense) or parent (2nd Offense) is allowed to pick up the device.

LOCKERS (7th - 12th Grade)

Each student is assigned a locker in which to store books, coats, and other materials needed in school. Students and parents should be aware that school lockers are school property and as such can be opened and searched by authorized school personnel as the case may warrant. Students assume responsibility for any valuables left in the locker. Students should not share lockers for any reason.

The student may go to his or her own locker at the beginning of the day before homeroom, between classes and at the end of the day. Students need to organize locker visits, so they are not late for class.

STUDENTS (NOT THE SCHOOL) ARE RESPONSIBLE for items left in their lockers, including schoolbooks, activity sales items and cash.

As hallway locker areas are accessible during school events such as athletics, music concerts, and dances, great care should be used in locker use.

Students are urged to secure their assigned locker with a school-issued lock. A student may use his or her own lock; however, it will be necessary for the student to turn his or her combination or extra key into the office.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

All doors to the building are locked at all times. Visitors, including parents, must "ring in" at the front entrance and report to the office. Absolutely no visitors or parents are permitted in the hallways or classrooms without approval from the office at each visit. Visitors and parents are asked to wait in the lobby while waiting for their child.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The student assistance program (SAP) is available to all students in the Otto-Eldred School District. The Student Assistance Program is able to help students experiencing mental health and/or drug-related problems. Students with ongoing attendance, behavior, or academic concerns may be referred to the SAP Team for intervention. Referrals to the SAP Team can be initiated by the student in need of service, parents, school personnel, other students, or any person concerned about a student. More information can

be obtained by contacting the school principal, guidance counselor, or nurse.

PEER HELPER PROGRAM

The peer helper program is an extension of the services provided by the Student Assistance Program. Students in need of assistance with academic or class assignments may be assigned a Peer Tutor. A student may be assigned a Peer Helper when they feel that they need someone, other than an adult, to talk to. Peer Helpers are specially trained to assist other students in the solving of problems that could include peer relationships, conflicts with faculty, or a lack of motivation in school activities. Peer Helpers are also trained to know when a problem is to be referred to a higher level.

PEER MEDIATION

Peer Mediation is a program that is designed to assist students in settling disputes or conflicts that involve other students. The students in conflict are assigned to meet with specially trained peer mediators who involve the students in conflict in a mediation process that is aimed at settling the conflict in a mutually agreeable manner.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

If you are transferring your child to another school or are moving to another location, please notify the school a few days in advance. Before leaving the student is responsible for turning in all books and paying any unpaid debts.

Records may not be sent with the student, though parents may have a copy of their child's records. Official records must be sent through the mail or electronically after a request is received from the new school.

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Spring Band Concert 7pm PSSA - SCIENCE	2 VT&F @ Coudy Invitational TBA	3
4	5 BB - Cam Co 4:30pm SB - Cam Co 4:30pm PSSA MAKE-UP WEEK	6 BB @ Port Allegany 4:30 SB @ Port Allegany 4:30	7 Elementary Spring Band/Choir Concert 7pm JrHT&F @ Smethport 4pm	8 FFA ExtraAGanza	9 FFA Green House Sale BB @ Coudy 4:30pm SB @ Coudy 4:30pm VT&F @ Smethport TBA NTL MEET	10 FFA Green House Sale
11	12 SB @ Redbank 4:30pm SPRING KEYSTONES Music Booster Mtg 5:30	13 SPRING KEYSTONES Schoo Board Mtg 6:30	14 SPRING KEYSTONES	15 Spring Choir Concert 7pm SPRING KEYSTONES	16 VT&F @ D9 Championships TBA SPRING KEYSTONES	17
18	19 SPRING KEYSTONES	20 SPRING KEYSTONES	21 SPRING KEYSTONES	22 SPRING KEYSTONES	23 VT&F @ PIAA States SPRING KEYSTONES	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL	27	28	29	30 LAST DAY END OF MP#4	31
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ALCOHOL/OTHER DRUG AWARENESS POLICY

The Otto-Eldred School District recognizes that the misuse of drugs is a serious problem with legal, physical, and social implications for the whole school community. This policy, including its regulations and guidelines, is a coordinated effort to openly and effectively respond to the potential and current uses and abuses of alcohol, other drugs, and mood-altering substances by students of the Otto-Eldred School District.

No student shall possess, use, sell, distribute, or be under the influence of any narcotic, drug, marijuana, alcoholic beverage, or controlled substance as defined by the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act of 1972, while on school property or while under the authority of this school district.

Through the use of drug and alcohol awareness curriculum, classroom activities, community support and resources, a strong and consistent administrative and faculty effort, and rehabilitative and disciplinary procedures, the Otto-Eldred School District will strive to educate, prevent and intervene in the use and abuse of alcohol, other drugs, and mood-altering substances by Otto-Eldred School District students. The Board prohibits the use, possession, or distribution of any drug/alcohol during school hours, on school property at any time and/or at any school-sponsored event.

Alcohol, other drugs, and/or mood altering substances shall include any alcohol or malt beverage, any drug listed in Act 64 (1972) as a controlled substance, chemical, abused substance or medication for which a prescription is required under the law, and/or any substance which is intended to alter mood, mental, and/or physical functions. Examples of the above include but are not limited to beer, wine, liquor, marijuana, hashish, chemical solvents, glue, look-alike substances, and any prescription capsules or pills not registered with the nurse, annotated within the student's health record, and given in accordance with the school district policy for the administration of medication to students in school.

Building Core Team is a multi-disciplinary team composed of school personnel (teachers, staff, administrators, nurses, and counselors) and invited specialists of the community. This team has been trained to understand and work on the issues of adolescent chemical use, abuse, and dependency and will play a primary role in the identification and referral process of students coming to their attention through the procedures outlined in this policy.

Chemical Abuse Specialist– a certified addiction counselor with expertise in the area of chemical dependency.

Distribution – deliver, sell, pass, share or give any alcohol, other drug, or mood-altering substance, as defined by this policy, from one person to another or to aid therein.

Possession – possess or hold, without any attempt to distribute, any alcohol, other drug or mood-altering substance determined to be illegal or as defined by this policy.

Cooperative Behavior – shall be defined as the willingness of a student to work with staff and school personnel in a reasonable and helpful manner, complying with requests and recommendations of the members of the building core team designed for student support in the area of referrals.

Uncooperative Behavior – is resistance or refusal, verbal, physical or passive, on the part of the student to comply with the reasonable requests or recommendations of school personnel. Defiance, assault, deceit, and flight shall constitute examples of uncooperative student behavior. Uncooperative behavior shall also include the refusal to comply with the recommendations of the members of the building core team designed for student support in the area of referrals.

Drug Paraphernalia – includes any utensil or item, which in the school personnel's judgment can be clearly associated with the use of alcohol, other drugs, or mood-altering substances.

Assessment – includes both psychological and physiological examinations. Any costs involved are the responsibility of the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

As an extension of this policy, all school district personnel shall use the following Otto-Eldred District regulations and guidelines when responding to alcohol, other drugs, and mood-altering substance-related situations.

Rules and Regulations:

A student who is on school grounds at any time, during a school session, or anywhere at a school-sponsored activity is under the influence of alcohol, other drugs, or mood-altering substances or who possesses, uses, dispenses, distributes, sells or aids in the procurement of alcohol, other drugs or mood-altering substances, shall be subject to discipline pursuant to the provisions and procedures outlined in this board policy.

School Guidelines:

As an integral part of the Otto-Eldred School District Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program, these guidelines represent one component in a district-wide effort to

respond effectively to alcohol, other drug, and mood-altering substance-related situations that may occur at school or at school-sponsored activities. These guidelines are intended to provide a consistent minimum disciplinary standard response to alcohol, other drug, and mood-altering substance-related incidents. The Otto-Eldred School District will provide a safe and healthy environment for students with due consideration for their legal rights and responsibilities. The Board reserves the right to use any extraordinary measures deemed necessary to control substance abuse even if those measures are not provided for in any rule or regulations enumerated herein.

SEE ATTACHMENT – Summary of Alcohol and Other Drug Administration Guidelines.

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 School Board Mtg 6:30	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					
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BULLYING

The Otto-Eldred School District has adopted a specific policy which outlines the problematic behavior known as bullying. Though very similar to harassment, bullying can be defined as behavior which can be identified as an attack, physical, psychological, social, or verbal in nature, which causes distress to the victim. The intention of the bully is to cause distress for his/her own gain or gratification or to enhance his/her own power. In the purpose of this policy, bullying includes physical violence, harassment, intimidation, victimization, and teasing. Please be informed that any type of bullying or harassment will not be tolerated at Otto-Eldred School District. If a student decides to bully another child, consequences could range from counseling, detention, suspension, and possible action by the police. Certainly, the age of the student and severity of each incident will be considered in determining the consequences.

If you feel as though you are being bullied the following actions should be considered:

1. Try to ignore inappropriate behaviors of others. Walk away.
2. If someone says or does something that offends you, approach the individual in a non-threatening way and try to "talk it out".
3. If that doesn't work, tell an adult.
4. Never retaliate by hitting, pushing, yelling, or swearing. "Two wrongs don't make a right."

HARASSMENT (Sexual, Ethnic, etc.)

Each staff member shall be responsible for maintaining a working environment free from all forms of unlawful harassment.

Each student shall be responsible to respect the rights of their fellow students and to ensure an atmosphere free from all forms of unlawful harassment.

Students shall be informed that they may choose to report harassment complaints to the building principal, teachers, counselors, or nurses.

An employee who receives harassment complaints from a student shall report such to the building principal or the superintendent.

The Otto-Eldred School District will promptly and thoroughly investigate all reported complaints of harassment of a verbal, physical or written nature. If deemed necessary, the report will be turned over to the state police. Parents are encouraged to contact the state police. If the harassment continues, the school administration will initiate disciplinary procedures as per the student "code of conduct".

WEAPONS POSSESSION OR USE

Possession of a dangerous weapon or use of a weapon on school property, at school functions, or going to or from school, including at or near school bus stops, is prohibited. A student who brings or is found to be in possession of a dangerous weapon on a school bus, or school premises, or any school-sponsored activity is subject to administrative and legal action.

A student found in possession of, or who uses, a dangerous weapon shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from school.

Definitions:

1. Dangerous weapon means a loaded firearm, firearm, replica firearm, knife, chains, clubs, any type of explosive device, or any article that is commonly used or is designed to inflict bodily harm.
2. Weapon means an article that is not per se a dangerous weapon, which is used for the purpose of inflicting bodily harm upon a person or is used to cause a person to be placed in fear of bodily harm. Examples include, but are not limited to, belts, combs, pencils, files, compasses, scissors, and lighters.

ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION POLICY

There are three kinds of activities in the junior/senior high school: co-curricular, service/club and extra-curricular groups. Co-curricular activities emanate from and are part of credited classes. Extra-curricular activities have no direct

tie to any class. Since the guidelines for participation in these activities vary according to type, it is important to understand which ones fall in each category.

The following lists of co-curricular and extra-curricular groups are for the purpose of illustration and should not be considered all-inclusive.

Co-Curricular

Jr/Sr. Band
Jr/Sr. Choir
Ottocrat
FFA

Seasonal

All Athletics
Musicals
Non-Theatre Arts Plays
Trap Teams

Service Club Activities

Class/Group Officers
Varsity Club
Student Council
Nat'l Honor Society
Peer Helpers

Multi-Seasonal

Show Choir
Marching Band
Quiz Team
Jazz Band

1. To participate in either co-curricular or extra-curricular activities, a member must attend classes the entire day. This would pertain to students under any disciplinary action during the day. This attendance is necessary for rehearsals and practices as well as games and performances. Two exceptions to this rule will be allowed.
 - A member who has a medical appointment and who is in school at least half of the day may participate.
 - a member who misses school because of a death in the family may participate. Other excuses for absence are not permitted. The principal may exercise discretion in unusual circumstances.
2. To participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities a student must conform to the rules and responsibilities of training and rehearsal established by the coach/director of the specific activity.
3. Eligibility to participate in any extra-curricular activity may be withdrawn by the high school principal if the student is under disciplinary action.
4. Eligibility to participate in a service group will be listed in the bylaws of the organization.

EXTRA CURRICULAR RULES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Individual coaches may establish additional rules for the respective teams.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

The student **must** be in school all day, including homeroom. A student must attend/participate in all classes and scheduled activities to participate in games, practice, concerts, etc., on that particular day. Students under disciplinary action any day (OSS, ISS, after-school detention, etc.) will not be eligible to participate on that day at the discretion of the administrator. In case of a doctor's or dentist appointment, the student must be in school at least half the school day and accompanied by a note from a medical professional. It is expected that students will make a reasonable attempt to attend school prior to an appointment. The only other exception will be in the case of a death in the family. This rule refers to Friday for Saturday games and functions. Students who are tardy to school cannot participate that day in scheduled activities. Attendance also applies to students participating in Otto-Eldred activities while learning online.

GRADES/ELIGIBILITY:

Any extra-curricular participants with a failing grade in classes totaling more than one credit will be deemed ineligible. Weekly academic eligibility will be established by using the CSIU software to determine any participant not passing a course that week.

WEEKLY ELIGIBILITY:

The **first week** a student is found to be ineligible during a season; he/she must attend the scheduled academic tutorial periods scheduled for the next week (but can participate with the team/club). The **second week** a student is found to be ineligible during a season, he/she must attend the scheduled academic tutorial periods for the next week (but can NOT participate on the team/club). Additionally, the student loses his/her letter or eligibility to receive awards related to that activity. After a **third week**, the student is dismissed from the team/club.

MARKING PERIOD ELIGIBILITY

In cases where a student's work in any preceding grading period does not meet the eligibility standards, said student shall be ineligible to participate in any capacity in any extra-curricular activities for a period of 15 school days. In such cases, **these students will be assigned to a mandatory academic tutorial period twice per week of ineligibility period.**

****At the end of the school year, the student's final credits and overall grade point average in his/her subjects rather than his/her credits for the last grading period shall be used to determine his/her eligibility for the start of the next school year.**

RIDING HOME AFTER EVENTS:

****The procedure followed by the Otto-Eldred JSHS is to uphold the safety of the student/athletes and participants. With a signed (green) waiver, students may ride home with their parent(s) or guardian(s) after any event. Other responsible adults may be permitted to provide transportation home for the student if his/her name is included on the signed waiver.**

****Parent(s)/guardian(s) must attend a pre-season meeting to receive and discuss responsibilities with this waiver.**

****Participants must have parent/responsible adult sign off in person in the presence of a coach prior to leaving the away event with said individual.**

****If parent/guardian is present at an event, student shall only be released to parent/guardian.**

**** At no time will the student-athlete be permitted to drive to and from an event or ride with someone other than his or her parent(s), guardian(s) or pre-approved responsible adult.**

****Individual coaches may require participants to ride the bus home from away events. This decision will be determined at the discretion of the coach prior to the season**

****It is understood that a coach will have discretion to make a decision when a significant injury, sickness or medical issue occurs during an event. Students violating this policy are subject to suspension from activity, revocation of waiver and/or loss of letter.**

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EXTRA-CURRICULAR PARTICIPANT:

Proper care of all equipment issued to him or her. Fulfill all obligations of their previous extracurricular activity before moving on to the next activity. This includes handing in all equipment and uniforms. Once all obligations for a season have been met, participation in that event has been concluded.

****Extra-curricular activity is defined as an activity that meets on a regular basis for the purpose of rehearsal or practice for a performance or game.**

Participants shall always conduct themselves as ladies or gentlemen.

PARTICIPATION:

Otto-Eldred JSHS offers extra-curricular activities throughout the school year. Participation in any extra-curricular activity involves personal commitment on the part of any student. Fairness and responsibility to organization members is also an important part of participation in extracurricular activities.

For these reasons, students will not be permitted to quit one extra-curricular activity and join another in the same season.

****9th -12th grade students may participate in more than one extra-curricular activity in one season with both coaches/advisor's approval and if the student participates in each activity from the start of each season. Participants must designate a "primary" and "secondary" activity sport, in writing with the understanding that participation will occur in all primary sport events. A plan for dual sport participants must be discussed with the high school principal prior to the season**

****Junior high students (7th & 8th) are **NOT** permitted to participate in more than one sport within one season.**

"NO LATE SIGN-UPS" will be accepted after the 3rd day of practice. The administration may make an exception in cases where additional numbers are needed to sustain a program.

AWARDS, LETTERS AND JACKETS:

If suspended or removed from an extra-curricular activity for violation of any part of this procedure, a student forfeits his or her right to a letter, award or any recognition related to that season of participation.

SUNDAY:

The Otto-Eldred School District recognizes that family time is important. Therefore, there will be no formal, informal, or scheduled events/practices on Sundays.

BLOOD DRIVE:

The Otto-Eldred School District is highly supportive of students donating blood. Due to safety concerns, students who donate blood on any given day are **NOT** permitted to participate in any physical activity related to a school-sponsored or extra-curricular activity.

SMOKING OR OTHER TOBACCO USE, DRINKING, DRUGS DURING THE SEASON:

Students involved in any school activity (clubs/officers/etc.) are expected to represent our school respectably. Participants in these activities will be held to a higher standard due to their visibility and influence on our school and community. Student actions on and off school property are subject to this procedure. Students caught in possession (actual or constructive) of alcohol or illegal drugs on or off school property are subject to this punishment while participating in a listed activity or for the duration of that activity. Students caught in actual possession of tobacco products (per SB Policy 222) are also subject to this penalty. Vaping, E-cigarettes, & any product designed to imitate drugs or tobacco products qualify as "tobacco products" under this policy. Punishments for tobacco/drug/alcohol use will be levied upon students depending on the type of activity they are involved in.

****First Offense:** Student will be suspended for the remainder of that season(s). Students involved in more than on seasonal extra-curricular activity will be suspended from all activities.

****Second Offense:** Student will be suspended from all activities for one calendar year from the date of the second offense in the same school year.

*Constructive – means knowingly being present where illegal actions are taking place related to drugs or alcohol. For example, being present, but not consuming alcohol at an underage drinking party.

Other School Sponsored Activities/Clubs/Officers/etc.:

First Offense: Student will be suspended from the activity for 60 calendar days.

Second Offense: Student will be suspended from all activities for one (1) calendar year from the date of the second offense in the same school year.

All Activities:

For any violation of this agreement related to Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco, the student must undergo a Drug & Alcohol Evaluation and agree to successfully complete the recommended treatment to participate in future activities. Participants failing to complete the recommended treatment plan will be removed from all activities.

Representative of Otto-Eldred: Students violating the Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco section of this procedure will forfeit any opportunity to represent Otto-Eldred as a nominee for any ceremonial recognition (e.g., Homecoming Court, Prom Court, Miss O-E, etc.) during the current school year.

These guidelines serve as a minimum guideline for punishment. Coaches/Advisors may further the consequences as they see fit.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES LETTERING AND AWARDS PROCEDURE (Refer to Policy sent home) SPORTSMANSHIP:

The lessons of our youngsters do not end with the final bell of the day if they are involved in extra-curricular activities. The learning experience that comes from participation in extracurricular activities promotes lifetime values that cannot always be learned in the classroom. Values like integrity, fairness, and respect are some of the values that are taught through extracurricular activities and are the cornerstone of good sportsmanship.

The score of any athletic event is usually forgotten over time, but the actions of players, and spectators are remembered. Please be a positive role model. Refrain from intimidation and ridicule of other teams and fans, respect the integrity and judgment of contest officials, and trust the judgment and decisions of the coach/advisor no matter how exciting or emotional the contest may be.

Remember that your admission/ticket to an athletic event is a privilege and not a licensee to be obnoxious and/or verbally or physically abusive to anyone there. In cases where an individual or group interferes with the conducting of practices/events they will be asked to leave immediately. Should the individual or group refuse to leave, they will be arrested. Coaches/Advisors, officials, game managers, and school administrators have the authority to dismiss and/or deny entrance to any individual or group they feel is not upholding good sportsmanship.

PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT:

Participation in athletic and extra-curricular activities can be emotional for participants, families, and fans. It is the expectation that any conflict that arises due to participation in a school-sponsored activity will be handled appropriately by the Coach, Activities Director, and High School Principal. Any action by a participant that violates the Student Conduct Code, as outlined in the Student Handbook or resulting in legal action, may result in disciplinary action. Participation in extra-curricular activities and on athletic teams is a privilege at the Otto-Eldred High School. Any actions by participants considered to be "unbecoming of a Terror" may result in discipline including, but not limited to, suspension or removal from the activity, group, leadership position or team.

DANCES

Dances are scheduled throughout the year to provide activities for our students and as fundraisers for various school groups. The school is happy to provide this entertainment as long as normal rules of conduct are followed. Some special rules that apply to dances are:

1. Respect is to be shown to all chaperones.
2. If you leave the dance prior to the ending time, you may not return.
3. All students are to be at the dance within one hour of its start. The doors will be locked at that time, and no one will be admitted unless prior arrangements have been made (for example, a working student may need to arrive after work).
4. Guests must be signed in at the office the Friday before the event. The principal may deny guest privileges. Guests from another school must have an out-of-school guest form filled out by his or her attending school.
5. Guest Policy: Every guest must be at least a sophomore in high school. For all social events, any out-of-school guest must meet the same requirements as an Otto-Eldred student or be an Otto-Eldred alumna no more than two years removed from graduation. Graduates from a district other than O-E may attend as long as they provide a written character reference from a non-relative and have the out-of-school guest form signed by the principal of their former district. No graduates, from O-E or any other district, over the age of twenty (20) will be permitted to attend as guests. Any out-of-school guest must be registered through the main office no later than 1 week prior to the event. Final approval of all out-of-school guests lies with the High School Principal.
6. Students must be in school all day the day of the dance or the day before in the event of a Saturday event. Exceptions will be made for students with a valid doctor's note.

APPENDIX A: DISCIPLINE RESPONSE PROCEDURES

LEVEL OF MISCONDUCT	EXAMPLES	DISCIPLINE RESPONSE PROCEDURES	RESPONSE OPTIONS
<p>I. Minor misbehavior on the part of the student which impeded orderly classroom procedures or interferes with the orderly operation of the school. These behaviors can usually be handled by an individual staff member but sometimes require the intervention of other school support personnel.</p>	<p>Classroom disturbance; classroom tardiness; abusive language. Non-defiant failure to complete assignments or carry out directions.</p>	<p>I. There is immediate intervention by the staff member supervising the student or observing the misbehavior. Repeated misbehavior requires a parent/ teacher conference; conference with the counselor and/or administrator. Teacher will document actions taken and communicate with the parent, principal and other faculty if necessary.</p>	<p>Verbal reprimand; special assignment; behavior contract; counseling; withdrawal of privileges; timeout; strict supervised study; detention; parent conference. Communication with student, parent, and principal.</p>
<p>II. Misbehavior whose frequency or seriousness tends to disrupt the learning climate of the school. These infractions, which usually result from the continuation of LEVEL I misbehaviors, require the intervention of personnel on the administrative level because the execution of LEVEL I disciplinary options have failed to correct the situation. Also included in this level are misbehaviors which do not represent a direct threat to the health and safety of others but whose educational consequences are serious enough to require corrective action on the part of the administrative personnel.</p>	<p>Continuation of unmodified LEVEL I misbehavior. School tardiness; truancy; tobacco violations; using forged notes or excuses; disruptive classroom behavior; cutting class; plagiarism*/cheating*.</p>	<p>II. The student is referred to the administrator for appropriate disciplinary action.</p> <p>The administrator meets with the student and/or teacher and effects the most appropriate response.</p> <p>The teacher is informed of the administrator’s action.</p> <p>A proper and accurate record of the offense and the disciplinary action is maintained by the administrator.</p>	<p>Teacher/schedule change; behavior modification; social probation; peer counseling; referral to outside agency; detention; loss of privileges; parent conference.</p> <p>Suspension.</p>
<p>III. Acts directed against persons or property but whose consequences do not seriously endanger the health or safety of others in the school.</p>	<p>Continuation of unmodified LEVEL II misbehavior fighting (simple); vandalism (minor); possession/use of unauthorized substance; stealing; threats to others; uncooperative behavior in ISS.</p>	<p>III. The administrator initiated disciplinary action by investigating the infraction and conferring with staff on the extent of the consequences. A proper and accurate record of offenses and disciplinary actions is maintained by the administrator. The administrator meets with the student and confers with the parent about the student’s misconduct and the resulting disciplinary action.</p>	<p>Temporary removal from class; alternative program; loss of privileges; temporary in or out of school suspension; detention.</p>
<p>V. Acts which result in violence to another’s person or property, or which pose a direct threat to the safety of others in the school. These acts are clearly criminal and are so serious that they always require administrative actions which result in the immediate removal of the student from school, the intervention of law enforcement authorities and action by the school board directors.</p>	<p>Unmodified LEVEL III misconduct; extortion; bomb threats; possession / use / transfer of dangerous weapons; assault/battery; vandalism; theft/possession/sale of stolen property; arson; furnishing / selling / possession of unauthorized substances.</p>	<p>IV. The administrator verifies the offense, confers with staff involved and meets with student.</p> <p>The student is immediately removed from the school environment. Parents are notified.</p> <p>School officials contact law enforcement agency and assist in prosecuting offender. A complete and accurate report is submitted to the superintendent for board action. The student is given a full due process hearing before the board.</p>	<p>Expulsion; alternative schools; other board actions which results in appropriate placement.</p>

SUMMARIZATION OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES

Situation/Category	Immediate Action	Investigation	Notification of Parents	Notification of Police	Discipline/Rehabilitation
<p>1. A student is suspected of possible drug or alcohol use.</p> <p>There is no violation or physical evidence.</p>	<p>The student is informed of available help and encouraged to seek assistance.</p>	<p>Staff member encouraged to contact the counselor, nurse, or principal for assistance.</p>	<p>Limited to behavioral problems.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>	<p>None/Referral to Core Team.</p>
<p>2. A student contacts a staff member in regard to the drug or alcohol use by another student.</p>	<p>The student who contacts a staff member is encouraged to have the student with a problem personally seek assistance.</p>	<p>Limited to the staff member, although the counselor, nurse, or principal may be contacted for assistance.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>	<p>None/Possible referral to Core Team.</p>
<p>3. A student volunteers' information about personal drug or alcohol use and asks for help.</p>	<p>The student is informed of services available and encouraged to seek assistance.</p>	<p>A staff member should request intervention of core team and contact counselor, nurse, and/or principal.</p>	<p>Inform parents after discussion with student.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>	<p>None/Referral to Core Team.</p>
<p>4. The student has a drug or alcohol related medical emergency.</p>	<p>If available, the nurse will be summoned immediately.</p> <p>Student will be transported to nearest medical facility by ambulance.</p>	<p>The principal will investigate the incident. This may include a search of the student, locker, and other possessions (may include vehicle if on school property).</p>	<p>Immediate notification of parent.</p>	<p>At the discretion of Administrator.</p>	<p>If there is evidence of further violation, see appropriate situational category.</p> <p>Referral to Core Team.</p>
<p>5. The student possesses drug-related paraphernalia.</p> <p>No evidence of use.</p>	<p>Paraphernalia is confiscated by the administration.</p> <p>Staff member writes an anecdotal report of the incident.</p>	<p>The student, his/her locker, and other possessions (may include vehicle if on school property) will be searched at discretion of administration.</p> <p>Confiscation of substance.</p>	<p>Phone contact with parent.</p>	<p>At the discretion of Administration.</p>	<p>If there is evidence of further violation, see appropriate situational category.</p> <p>Referral to Core Team.</p>
<p>6. A student possesses, uses, or is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.</p> <p>First offense, cooperative behavior.</p>	<p>Administration is summoned.</p> <p>Staff member writes an anecdotal report of the incident.</p> <p>Superintendent or designee contacted.</p>	<p>Administrator responsible to search locker and other possessions (may include vehicle if on school property).</p> <p>Confiscation of substance and collecting of pertinent data.</p>	<p>Immediate notification of parent.</p> <p>Parental conference arranged as soon as possible.</p>	<p>At the discretion of Administration.</p>	<p>Informal hearing, out of school suspension until parent conference is held.</p> <p>Mandatory referral (through the Core Team) for assessment by a licensed drug and alcohol facility.</p> <p>Student must comply with the recommendation of the facility's assessment.</p>

SUMMARIZATION OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES (continued)

Situation/Category	Immediate Action	Investigation	Notification of Parents	Notification of Police	Discipline/Rehabilitation
<p>7. A student possesses, uses, or is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.</p> <p>First offense, uncooperative behavior.</p>	<p>Administration is summoned. Staff member writes an anecdotal report of the incident.</p> <p>Superintendent or designee contacted.</p>	<p>Administrator responsible to search locker and other possessions (may include vehicle if on school property).</p> <p>Confiscation of substance and collection of pertinent data.</p>	<p>Yes, parent requested to come to the school as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Automatic.</p>	<p>Informal hearing, 3 days school suspension (in or out of school at discretion of administrator).</p> <p>Referral to Core Team.</p> <p>Student must comply with the recommendation of the facility's assessment.</p>
<p>8. A student is caught in possession, use, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.</p>	<p>Administration is summoned.</p> <p>Staff member writes an anecdotal report of the incident.</p> <p>Superintendent or designee contacted.</p>	<p>Administrator responsible to search locker and other possessions (may include vehicle if on school property).</p> <p>Confiscation of substance and collection of pertinent data.</p>	<p>Yes, parent requested to come to the school as soon as possible.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Automatic.</p>	<p>Informal hearing, 3 days school suspension (in or out of school at discretion of administrator).</p> <p>Referral to Core Team and their recommendation must be followed or case is referred to School Board for a formal expulsion hearing.</p>
<p>9. A student is distributing a drug, alcohol, or controlled substance.</p>	<p>Administration summoned.</p> <p>Staff member writes an anecdotal report of the incident.</p> <p>Superintendent or designee contacted.</p>	<p>The student, his/her locker, and possessions (may include vehicle if on school property) will be searched.</p> <p>Confiscation of substance.</p>	<p>Yes, parent is requested to come to the principal's office immediately.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>Same as Discipline/Rehabilitation for Situational Category 8.</p>
<p>10. A student is caught again distributing a drug, alcohol, or controlled substance.</p>	<p>Administration summoned.</p> <p>Staff member writes an anecdotal report of the incident.</p> <p>Superintendent or designee contacted.</p>	<p>The student and his/her possessions (may include vehicle if on school property) will be searched.</p> <p>Confiscation of substance.</p>	<p>Yes, parent is requested to come to the principal's office immediately.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>The student is suspended from school for up to 10 days pending the result of a formal expulsion hearing before the Board of Education.</p>
<p>11. A student possesses, uses, or is under the influence of drugs or alcohol at a school-related activity on or off school property.</p>	<p>Chaperone will contact group advisor and principal.</p>	<p>The student and his/her possessions (may include vehicle if on school property) will be searched.</p> <p>Confiscation of substance. Superintendent or designee contacted.</p>	<p>Yes, as soon as possible.</p>	<p>At the discretion of the Administration.</p>	<p>The student may be sent home immediately at parental expense, escorted by the legal authorities, or detained until a parent/guardian can accompany the student.</p> <p>Further discipline as provided by the appropriate situation category will be administered following the administration's investigation as per 6, 7, 8, 9 above.</p>

Title I Compact Otto-Eldred Elementary School 2024-2025

It is our belief that student performance will improve as a result of our cooperative efforts to support this compact. This is a three-way partnership with a specific goal in mind; which is increased student achievement.

Parent Commitment

- Provide a quiet place to do homework.
- Set aside a specific time to do homework.
- Study area should be well-lit and well-equipped with pens/pencils, paper, dictionary, and calculator.
- Look over homework assignments to check for understanding.
- Be available to assist.
- Sign and return all papers that require a parent or guardian's signature.
- Encourage positive attitudes toward school.
- Require regular school attendance.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences.
- Be responsible for updating personal contact and emergency information.

Student Commitment

- Ask the teacher any questions about homework.
- Take home materials and information needed to complete the assignment.
- Complete homework in a thorough, legible, and timely manner.
- Return homework on time.
- Return any signed forms in a timely manner.
- Comply with school rules and follow the code of conduct.
- Attend school regularly.
- Respect the personal rights and property of others.

Teacher Commitment

- Provide quality instruction and leadership.
- Assign classwork for reinforcement of learned skills and for extension of student learning.
- Coordinate with other programs to make sure nightly assignments do not exceed a practical time limit.
- Give corrective feedback and instructional follow-up.
- Recognize that students are accountable for every assignment.
- Communicate behavioral and academic progress to students and their parents.
- Respect cultural, racial, and ethnic differences.
- Hold at least two teacher-parent conferences per semester.
- Keep accurate records of student achievement.
- Provide parents with reasonable access to staff, volunteer/participation opportunities, and observation of classroom activities.

The Board of Education of Otto-Eldred School District welcomes the involvement and input of parents/guardians, families, and community members in the educational process. OESD shall comply with the requirements of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, relating to parent/guardian and family involvement. Policy 1270.

Children Learn What They Live

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.

If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement, he learns to confide.

If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.

If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,

He learns to find love in the world.

- Dorothy Low Nolte

**OTTO-ELDRED SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL**

Pennsylvania law defines absences as excused when a student is prevented from attendance for mental, physical, or other urgent reasons. Otto-Eldred School district considers illness, family emergency, death of a family member, medical or dental appointments, authorized school activities and educational travel with prior approval as the only lawful absences.

Below is clarification to the process to request an excused absence related to *Educational Travel*:

- Requests must be received by the superintendent from the parent or guardian prior to the date(s) requested.
- Request must include educational value of absence, specifically, location the student is traveling and the activities that will take place that could be considered of educational value.
- Request must include the parent/student effort to gather missed classroom work in advance of the absence and a due date for missed work to be complete.
- A plan to share the educational trip with the student's class may also be included and would enhance the value of the educational trip.
- Additional information or clarification may be requested by the building principal or superintendent.
- Denied requests will result in an illegal absence for students.

Request for educational travel can be submitted to either building main office or the district office. A response will be provided to parents within one week of receipt of request.



I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the Student Handbook/Calendar for the Otto-Eldred School District.
 I understand that the Handbook/Calendar contains the rules and policies of the school that are to be followed by all students.

Policies are subject to change, and I will be notified of any changes.
 It is understood that not all school board policies are listed in this handbook.
 Information on any policy can be accessed by contacting OESD.

If it is your desire to not have your child's photo used in school publications (website, newsletters, Facebook, etc.), please indicate so by placing a check next to the statement below.

I do NOT wish to have my child's photo used for school publications.

I have specifically read and understand the following policies.

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| • Activities | • Electronic Devices | • Student Conduct Code |
| • Participation | • Emergency School Closings | • Summer School Grading Policy |
| • Alcohol & Other Drug Awareness Policy | • Fund Raising Policy | • Peer Helpers Policy |
| • Athletic Events Policy | • Graduation Requirements | • Telephone Use |
| • Attendance Procedures | • Health/Guidance Office Visits | • Transportation |
| • Cafeteria Accounts | • Lockers | • Guidelines |
| • Dances | • Marking System | • Visitors |
| • Detention & Suspension | • Progress Reports/Honor Roll | • Weapon Possession or Use |
| • Dress Guidelines | | |

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Student Name (printed): _____

Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____

