The New Standard Academy Student Handbook 2024-2025



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I. Opening Information

Spartan Families,

Welcome to The New Standard Academy! We are excited to partner with you in preparing your child for future opportunities while fostering their growth academically and socially. Our team is dedicated to serving the community of Flint with academic excellence and wellness. Whether you are a returning or new student, we extend a warm welcome!

This handbook contains essential information to guide you through your child's academic journey here at TNS. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the policies and procedures, as they will help smooth the transition and ensure success throughout the school year.

We are excited for the journey ahead and look forward to a rewarding academic year! Go Spartans!

Best regards, Correy Black, MPH, ES Principal

School Directory

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Weather and Emergency Procedures

The New Standard Academy has implemented emergency protocols to ensure the safety of all students. The staff is trained in response actions for various potential threats, such as fires, tornadoes, and lockdowns. Students will receive instruction on these procedures at the beginning of each marking period.

Emergency Procedures Include:

- **Evacuation** Students and staff leave the building immediately when it's safer outside than inside (e.g., fire).
- **Lockdown** If there's an immediate threat inside the building, all exterior doors and classrooms will be locked. Staff trained in the ALICE program will lead the response.
- **Shelter-in-Place** When it's safer inside than outside, students remain in classrooms with restricted movement.
- **Tornado** Students and staff move to safe interior rooms away from windows during severe weather.

If the school closes due to weather, you'll be notified via text, email, or phone call (sign up for alerts). Information will also be posted on the school website and shared via local news channels.

Admission to the Academy

To enroll at The New Standard Academy, parents must complete an application and provide all required documentation, including proof of Michigan residency. If space is available, an acceptance letter will be issued. If no space is available, your child will be placed on a waiting list.

During open enrollment, new applicants will follow the same process, and if there's a shortage of space, students will be admitted via a lottery system as per the Board of Directors policy. Attendance at orientation is mandatory before classroom placement.

Parent Commitment

At The New Standard Academy, we consider education a partnership between the school and parents. We ask parents to:

- Ensure regular and punctual attendance.
- Provide materials and a supportive environment for homework.
- Support the uniform dress code policy.
- Attend conferences and keep communication open with educators.
- Respond respectfully to staff, students, and visitors.
- Adhere to policies and procedures outlined in this handbook.

Complaint Process

If you have a disagreement with a teacher or administration, please visit the office and fill out a Parent Complaint Form. You will be contacted within 24 hours. We encourage resolving the issue directly with the involved party before escalating it.

II. Arrival Procedures

- Young 5's to 6th Grade:
 - School begins at 8:15 AM, breakfast is served from 7:45 AM to 8:10 AM.
 - Students must report directly to the cafeteria upon arrival.
- 7th to 12th Grade:
 - School begins at 7:15 AM, breakfast is served from 6:45 AM to 7:10 AM.
 - Students must report directly to the cafeteria upon arrival.

Attendance Philosophy

Regular and punctual attendance is crucial for success. It supports academic achievement, develops important life habits like punctuality and dependability, and ensures the best learning environment for all students. Attendance is a shared responsibility between students, parents, and the school, and we aim to foster these habits to help students thrive academically.

Attendance Procedure & Policies

At The New Standard Academy, regular attendance is essential for the academic success and overall well-being of each student. Below are the procedures and expectations regarding student attendance.

Reporting Absences

Parents are asked to notify the Academy by 6:45 AM and/or 7:45 AM if their child will be absent. Please note that a phone call does not automatically excuse the absence. A written

explanation or medical excuse is required for every absence. The note should include the date, time, and phone number where the parent can be reached.

If you know your child will be absent in advance, please make arrangements with the school. Prearranged absences are not automatically excused—each absence will be evaluated based on the Academy's guidelines.

Medical and funeral excuses are the only absences exempt from the attendance count. Students absent on the day of a scheduled after-school or evening event will not be allowed to participate in that activity.

Attendance Expectations

- High School & Middle School:
 - Tardy: Students are marked "tardy" if they arrive 10 minutes or more late to class.
 - Absent: Students are marked "absent" if they arrive 15 minutes after the scheduled start of class.
- Elementary School:
 - Tardy: Students are marked "tardy" for the morning attendance if they arrive after 8:30 AM. For the afternoon session, students will be marked "absent" if they leave school before 1:30 PM.
 - Absent: For half-day attendance, if a student arrives after 10:30 AM in the morning or leaves before 1:30 PM in the afternoon, they will be marked as absent.

Tardy Policy

- High School & Middle School: Instruction begins promptly at 7:15 AM. Students can be dropped off as early as 6:45 AM for breakfast.
 - Students arriving 10 minutes late to any class will be marked tardy.
 - 5 tardies will count as 1 combined absence for the student's attendance record.
- Elementary School:
 - Instruction begins at 8:15 AM. Students can be dropped off as early as 7:45 AM for breakfast.
 - Students arriving after 8:30 AM will be marked tardy.
 - 5 tardies will count as 1 combined absence for the student's attendance record.

Procedure for Late Arrival

- Parents are asked to call the Academy if their child will be late.
- Upon arrival, students must report directly to the office. A signed and dated note

from the parent/guardian must be provided for the tardy to be excused. If no documentation is provided, the tardy will be recorded as unexcused.

• All tardy records will be kept in the student's file.

Student Check-In and Check-Out Process

- Check-In: Upon arrival, students must sign in at the Main Office with their name, date, and time of arrival.
- Check-Out: If a parent/guardian needs to pick up their child before dismissal, they must enter the Main Office and sign out their child.
 - The parent/guardian will need to provide identification (e.g., driver's license) and must be listed as an authorized person in the Academy's system.
 - Children will not be released to unauthorized adults.

Absences Due to Family Vacations

We encourage families to plan vacations outside of Academy time. If a family vacation is scheduled during the school year, please contact the educator in advance to discuss how missed work will be handled.

• Make-Up Work: Students will be given one day for every day missed to complete make-up assignments.

Absences Due to Homebound or Hospitalized Services

For students who are unable to attend school due to medical reasons, an action plan will be developed by the School Leader and Academic Dean. A doctor's note is required to verify the need for homebound or hospitalized services.

Absences Due to Religious Instruction

The Academy supports parents who wish to provide religious instruction for their child but must comply with state attendance requirements. Religious instruction may be approved as follows:

- Students may attend religious instruction outside of school for no more than two (2) class hours per week.
- Confirmation classes may be allowed for students 12-13 years old with a maximum of five (5) months of instruction during these years.
- Parents must submit a signed request and a copy of registration for religious instruction. This information will be kept in the student's file.

Truancy

• 10 Absences: A letter from the truancy officer will be sent to the student's parents or

- guardians.
- 15 Absences: A mandatory conference with administration and the student's parents or guardians will be scheduled. Failure to attend the conference will result in In-School Suspension until the conference is held.
- 20 Absences: If a student exceeds 20 absences, they may be retained in their current grade level. The student may also be removed from the Academy, and the Juvenile Division of Circuit Court will be notified.

Truancy & Academics

A student who has missed 8 days of class within a marking period (quarter) may be retained in their current grade level. Final decisions on retention will be made by the Principal and Academic Deans at the end of the school year.

This attendance policy is designed to help students succeed by ensuring they are present and engaged in their learning. If you have any questions or concerns about attendance, please don't hesitate to contact the Academy's office (810) 787-3330.

III. Academic Requirements

The New Standard Academy is committed to providing a rigorous academic experience that prepares students for success in higher education and beyond. Below are the grading policies, graduation requirements, and other academic expectations for students.

Grading Scale

The New Standard Academy uses the following grading scale for all students in grades K-12:

Grade	Percentage Range	
A	94-100	
A-	90-93	

B+	87-89
В	84-86
B-	80-83
C+	77-79
С	74-76
C-	70-73
D+	67-69
D	64-66
D-	60-63
E	59 and below

Homework & Grade Monitoring

Parents should be proactive in staying updated on their child's academic progress. Homework expectations may vary by grade, so please communicate with your child's teacher for specific details. You can check student grades and attendance through PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you don't have access, please visit the office to set up a login.

High School Graduation Requirements

To graduate from The New Standard Academy, high school students must earn 23 credits as outlined below, which meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) requirements:

Required Credits:

- Mathematics: 4 Credits
 - o Algebra I
 - Geometry
 - o Algebra II
 - One math course during the final year of high school
- English Language Arts: 4 Credits
 - English Language Arts 9
 - o English Language Arts 10
 - o English Language Arts 11
 - English Language Arts 12
- Science: 3 Credits
 - Anatomy/Physiology
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
- Social Studies: 3 Credits
 - U.S. History and Geography
 - World History and Geography
 - 0.5 Credit in Civics
 - o 0.5 Credit in Economics
- Physical Education & Health: 1 Credit (0.5 for each)
- Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts: 1 Credit
- Online Learning Experience: 1 Credit
- Language Other Than English: 2 Credits
- Additional Electives: 5 Credits

Michigan Merit Curriculum and Flexibility (HB 4465)

As per 2014 legislation (HB 4465), the world language requirement has been modified. Students must complete one credit of world language and may partially fulfill the second credit by completing a career and technical education program or visual/performing arts courses beyond the initial arts requirement.

Carnegie Units & Credit Earning

• Carnegie Unit: A unit of work equivalent to 120 hours of instruction. A full year of a subject earns one Carnegie Unit.

- Semester Credit: One semester of a subject earns 0.5 Carnegie Unit, equal to 90 days of instruction.
 - Attendance Requirement: A student must attend at least 77 days per class per semester to earn credit.
 - Appeals: Any appeals of the 77-day attendance rule must be submitted to the Board of Directors.

Credit Options

Students can earn credits in a variety of ways, including:

- Virtual Learning (online courses)
- Approved Summer School Programs
- Accredited Correspondence Courses (subject to approval by the administration)

Credits earned through alternative means will count toward the student's GPA, except for dual-enrollment courses taken for college credit only.

Graduation Certificate & Attendance Requirements

To participate in graduation exercises, a student must meet all graduation requirements and attend full-time during their 2nd semester of senior year. If a senior is unable to meet the credit requirements but attends for two semesters, they may receive a Certificate of Attendance but will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Students may repeat courses in which they earned a grade of C- or lower with parental permission. They may improve their grade but can only earn credit once for that course.

Drop/Add Period

At the beginning of each academic year, a one-week drop/add period allows students to adjust their course schedule. After this period, changes will only be allowed with educational justification and approval from the principal.

Grade Reporting & Conferences

Parents and students are encouraged to regularly check grades via the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Teachers will update the digital gradebook at least once a week.

Report Cards & Conferences

- Grades Y5-8: Report cards are distributed four times per year—October, November, January, February, March, and June.
- High School: Report cards are distributed in November, January, March, and June. Conferences are required for all parents/guardians or students over 18 to receive

report cards. If you are unable to attend, your report card will be mailed to your home.

For appointments with educators, please contact the school office or schedule via email.

Retention Policy

The Academy evaluates each student's progress and promotion to the next grade based on several factors, including:

- Academic performance (C average or higher)
- Social, emotional, and physical maturity
- Attendance record (maximum of 20 absences per year)

Students failing to meet the necessary standards will be given additional support, and retention may be discussed with the parent/guardian. For students in 3rd grade, the 3rd Grade Reading Law applies. Students must meet the MSTEP score of 1259 or higher to avoid retention. Parents may appeal the retention decision within 30 days.

Student Recognition & Academic Honors

Students who excel academically and demonstrate exceptional citizenship will be recognized with the following awards:

- Principal's List: All A's in coursework and exceptional citizenship
- Honor Roll: All A's and B's in coursework
- Attendance Award: Perfect attendance and no tardies
- Citizenship Award: Exceptional citizenship at all times
- Graduation Honors:
 - o Magna Cum Laude: GPA 3.5-4.0
 - o Cum Laude: GPA 3.0-3.49

Final Exams

All students must take final exams in all classes. The final exam is worth 20% of the final grade, and coursework makes up the remaining 80%. Students who miss a final exam without prior approval due to health or family emergencies will receive a zero unless arrangements were made.

Standardized Testing

The following standardized tests are administered each year:

- Michigan State Standardized Assessment (grades 3-11)
- NWEA Assessments (grades Y5-8, fall, winter, and spring)

• PSAT/SAT (grades 8-11)

Parents can review test results by scheduling an appointment with the school office.

Graduation & Commencement

To participate in commencement exercises, students must have successfully completed all graduation requirements. Students who have met the requirements but exhibit poor personal conduct may be denied participation in the ceremony. Students are required to attend graduation rehearsal and return all school materials (e.g., Chromebooks, textbooks) before participating in the ceremony.

Genesee Career Institute (GCI)

Juniors and seniors may choose to enroll in courses at the Genesee Career Institute (GCI). Students must maintain a minimum of six credits in total (including GCI credits). Additional credit requirements must be approved by the Academic & Behavioral Deans.

Health Education

In compliance with Michigan state law, students are required to complete half a semester of health education, which includes topics such as human sexuality and communicable diseases like AIDS. Parents/guardians have the right to review the curriculum and request exemption for their child from certain lessons in writing.

Transcripts

Students are entitled to request up to five transcripts free of charge.

- Requests must be made via a Transcript Authorization Release Form available from the Student Success Coordinator.
- After graduation, alumni can request transcripts for future academic or employment purposes.

IV. Policies

A. Acceptable Use Policy (Computer and Network)

- 1. Student Expectations
 All students are expected to use computers and the Internet at school only for teacher-assigned schoolwork.
- 2. Agreement Requirement

Students and their parents must complete, sign, and return the "Student Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Agreement" (AUP) along with their emergency cards.

3. Internet Filtering

The Internet at school is strictly filtered for inappropriate content such as violence, pornography, and gambling.

4. Educational Use Only

All use of PCs and networks must support education and research related to the school curriculum.

5. Prohibited Behavior

Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks, and any antisocial behaviors are prohibited.

6. Network Disruption

No use of the network should disrupt its use by others. Hardware and software must not be destroyed, modified, or abused in any way.

7. Inappropriate Content

Use of the PC, network, or peripherals (e.g., printers, scanners) to access or process inappropriate content (e.g., pornography, harmful files) is prohibited.

8. Denial of Access

The school reserves the right to deny student access to the network to prevent further unauthorized activity.

B. Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Policy

The district is committed to assisting students who are victims of alcohol or drug abuse. Students and their parents should contact the school principal or social worker for available community programs.

The Drug-Free Schools Act requires that information about counseling, rehabilitation, and re-entry programs related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use (ATOD) be available to students and parents. Below is the specific policy regarding Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs:

1. Alcohol Use

The consumption or possession of alcohol or alcoholic look-alike beverages on school grounds or at any school-sponsored activity is prohibited. Any student found under the influence may face discipline, including suspension or expulsion, and be referred to law enforcement.

2. Tobacco and Vape Use

The possession or use of any tobacco product (including e-cigarettes) is prohibited in school events and on school grounds. Violations will result in disciplinary action, suspension, referral to law enforcement, and potential expulsion.

3. Drug Use

The possession, consumption, or sale of any illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia on school grounds or at any school event is prohibited. Students found in violation will

face discipline, including suspension or expulsion, and may be referred to law enforcement.

Local Support Agencies:

o Al-Anon/Alateen: 234-1460

• Alcoholics Anonymous: 234-0815

o Intake, Assessment & Referral Center: 235-9555

o Mott Children's Health Center: 767-5750

o Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222

C. Bullying Policy

Bullying is defined as any gesture or written, verbal, graphic, or physical act, including electronically transmitted acts, that harms one or more students. This includes actions that interfere with a student's ability to participate in school programs, cause fear of harm, or disrupt the school environment.

1. Reporting Bullying

Any student who believes they have been a victim of bullying should report the incident to a teacher, social worker, behavior dean, or the building principal. Complaints against the principal or superintendent should be filed with the school's higher administration.

2. Investigation and Action

Reports will be investigated promptly, and appropriate remedial action will be taken. Disciplinary actions may include suspension or expulsion. Bullying may also result in referrals to law enforcement.

D. Hazing Policy

Hazing is illegal in Michigan and will not be tolerated at The New Standard Academy. Any student engaged in hazing will face disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion.

- Harassment: This includes sexual harassment and any behavior that creates a hostile or intimidating learning environment.
- Reporting Hazing/Harassment: Students should report hazing or harassment to the principal or assistant superintendent.
- Investigation: All complaints will be investigated in a timely and confidential manner.

E. Dress Code

At The New Standard Academy, students are expected to dress in a way that reflects the seriousness of their education and their readiness for the professional world.

1. General Expectations

- Students should wear school-approved uniforms (navy, orange, or white polo with black, navy, or khaki bottoms).
- Skirts, jumpers, and shorts must be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
- Shoes must be appropriate (no slides or open-toed shoes).
- No hats, bonnets, or excessive accessories are allowed in the building.
- Clothing must be the appropriate size.
- 2. Consequences for Dress Code Violations
 - First offense: Change of clothing and warning.
 - Repeat offenses: Disciplinary actions, including detention, suspension, and loss of merit points.
- 3. Specific Attire for Girls and Boys
 - Both girls and boys may wear dress skirts, pants, shorts, and cardigans in navy, black, or khaki.
 - Shoes must be school-appropriate.
 - No leggings, biker shorts, or non-uniform bottoms are allowed.
- 4. Dress Down Days

Participation is a privilege that can be revoked for students who violate dress code expectations.

F. Dance Policy

- 1. Eligibility
 - Only New Standard Academy students and their guests (high school age) may attend dances.
 - Guests must submit a guest form prior to the dance.
- 2. Behavior Expectations
 - Inappropriate dancing or touching will result in removal from the dance.
 - Students and guests should follow school rules and demonstrate respectful conduct.
- 3. Alcohol/Tobacco/Drug Policy
 - Any student or guest found under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco will be removed from the event and may not attend any future dances that school year.

G. Food Allergies

TNS is committed to providing a safe environment for students with food allergies. Parents should inform the school of any food allergies so appropriate accommodations can be made.

H. Medication Policy

- 1. Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medication
 - Students may not possess, use, or distribute medication without proper

documentation on file.

• Over-the-counter medications require written authorization from the parent.

2. Self-Administration

• Students may self-administer medication only with written permission from the parent.

I. Textbooks, I.D. Cards, and Lockers

1. Textbook Issuance

- Students must present an ID card and schedule to pick up textbooks.
- Students are responsible for the condition of the textbooks issued to them.
 Lost or damaged books must be paid for.

2. Lockers

Students will be assigned lockers for storing books and personal items.
 Backpacks and personal handbags must be stored in lockers and are not allowed in classrooms.

J. Weapon-Free School Zone

Safety is our highest priority at The New Standard Academy. To ensure a safe and secure learning environment, the school is designated as a **Weapon-Free School Zone**.

The possession, use, or storage of weapons is strictly prohibited on school property, including school buildings, grounds, and at school-sponsored events. A weapon is defined as any object capable of inflicting harm or causing damage, including firearms, knives, explosives, and other items as defined by law (18 U.S.C. 921). This policy also includes look-alike items, bomb threats, and false emergency reports.

Periodic weapon searches may be conducted using metal detectors, and any findings will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Please find the link to our Board Policies below:

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Transparency Link https://go.boarddocs.com/mi/tns/Board.nsf/Public

VI. Transportation

The New Standard Academy provides transportation services for all elementary, middle, and high school students. We also extend transportation to non-public school students as required by law. The supervisor of transportation is responsible for determining the most

efficient means of service.

Transportation to School-Sponsored Activities

Transportation is provided for school events such as field trips and athletic events. Exceptions may be made for students in special education programs, subject to approval by the transportation supervisor and superintendent. All school rules apply to student conduct while on school buses or other vehicles.

Bus Stops & Routing

- 1. Bus Stop Locations: The supervisor of transportation determines bus stop locations. Changes to the bus routes must be approved in advance.
- 2. Parent Responsibility: Parents are responsible for their child's safety while walking to the bus stop.
- 3. Appeal Process: Any requests for changes in bus stops should be submitted in writing to the supervisor of transportation.

Bus Stop Guidelines

- 1. Arrival Times: Students must be at their bus stop 10 minutes before the scheduled pickup time. Drivers cannot wait for late arrivals.
- 2. Not Requiring Transportation: If your child will not be riding the bus, please call the Transportation Department at least 30 minutes before the scheduled pickup.
- 3. Kindergarten & First Grade: Parents must meet their child at the bus stop. If no adult is present, the child will be returned to school for pickup.
- 4. Changing Pickup/Drop-Off Locations: If your child needs to be picked up or dropped off at a different location, please notify both the school and Transportation Department in advance.

Transportation Discipline

All students riding the bus are subject to school rules. Any misconduct can result in temporary or permanent loss of transportation privileges. The following outlines both minor and major offenses and their corresponding consequences:

- Minor Offenses: Examples include tardiness, littering, or sitting improperly.
 - 1st Offense: Written violation; signed by parent.
 - 2nd Offense: Loss of transportation for one day.
 - 3rd Offense: Loss of transportation for three days.
- Major Offenses: Includes fighting, possession of illegal substances, or insubordination.
 - 1st Offense: Loss of transportation for one day.
 - 2nd Offense: Loss of transportation for three days.
 - 3rd Offense: Loss of transportation for ten days.

Student Drivers

Students who wish to drive to The New Standard Academy must comply with the following:

- 1. Be a licensed driver.
- 2. Have valid registration and insurance.
- 3. Obtain a parking permit.
- 4. Park in the designated lot on the east side of campus.

Important: Students are not permitted to take others off campus without prior permission from a parent or guardian.

Cafeteria Services and Lunch Regulations

- 1. Line Procedures: Students will be escorted to the cafeteria for lunch and are expected to wait in line and enter in an orderly fashion.
- 2. Cafeteria Behavior: Students must remain seated unless granted permission to leave the table. Indoor voices and respect for others are expected at all times. Students should raise their hands for assistance.
- 3. Demonstrating Core Values: Students should exemplify The New Standard's Core Values in the cafeteria.

Extra-Curricular Activities, Field Trips, and Athletics

Field Trips

Field trips are an essential part of the educational experience at The New Standard Academy. To attend a field trip, students must submit a **Field Trip Permission Form** signed by a parent or guardian. Failure to submit the form or failure to meet behavioral expectations may result in exclusion from the trip.

Chaperones, including parents, are expected to follow the same behavioral guidelines as school staff and ensure the safety of all students. Chaperones must also refrain from consuming tobacco or alcohol during the trip.

After-School Activities

After-school programs provide valuable social and academic growth opportunities. Students are expected to follow school conduct policies during after-school events. Any student not adhering to these rules may be asked to leave the event and may be excluded from future activities.

Student Council

The Student Council represents the student body and is an important vehicle for student leadership and self-governance. Students have the right to organize, conduct meetings, and elect officers. The Student Council works closely with staff and administration to address student needs and contribute to the decision-making process.

Athletics and Clubs

Students interested in participating in athletics or school clubs can register through school announcements or bulletin boards. Eligibility requirements may vary depending on the activity. Some fees may apply.

- Sports Eligibility: Students must maintain passing grades to be eligible for sports participation. Please refer to the athletic handbook for further details.
- NCAA Participation: Students aspiring to participate in college athletics should familiarize themselves with NCAA eligibility guidelines, which may change periodically.

Tutoring and Academic Support

Tutoring services are available after regular school hours for students needing additional academic support. Parental permission is required for participation in tutoring programs.

Social Events

The New Standard Academy organizes various social events that enhance the school experience. Students are expected to adhere to the same behavioral standards at these events as during regular school hours. Violation of school rules may result in exclusion from the event.

Withdrawal from Before and After-School Programs

The Academy reserves the right to withdraw any student from before or after-school programs if they fail to comply with program rules. Parents will be notified in writing of the withdrawal and the reason for the decision.

This handbook is designed to provide students and parents with an overview of The New Standard Academy's expectations and procedures. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please feel free to contact the school office.