



Changes 2025-2026 Student/Parent Handbook

- We have a new universal screener at the high school! STAR Assessment will be administered three times a year for middle school students and twice a year for high school students. Both ELA and Math will be assessed.
- Administration approval along with student, counselor, parent, and teacher approval are now required to add/drop a course after the add/drop period. Only extenuating circumstances will be considered.
- Students graduating from Class of 2027 and beyond must complete the FASFA or a waiver with the School Counseling Office.
- Graduation requirements have changed for classes depending on the grade level.
- High Honors is now 93 or above & Honors is 85-92
- Parents are notified of a student absence through Parent Square. Parents will submit attendance note through Parent Square. There is no more Google form submission.
- Tardies reset each marking period. Total number of tardies will still remain on student record.
- Athletes may not fail more than one class in a marking period prior to participate in sports.
- Notification of field trips: no later than 30 days of the field trips should Administration be notified of students ineligibility to participate and/or attend.
- Parent conferences: If a parent requests a virtual conference, during conference times, the team leader is responsible for arranging the meet link and sending it to parent.
- Parent Square is the recommended portal for parent communication.
- Students must have a physical pass to leave/enter any space in the building. Must be timestamped with a staff signature.
- Hall sweeps will be called if necessary by Administration.
- Progressive discipline and restorative practice implementation to reduce suspensions/expulsions.
- Challenging Behavior Form can be submitted by parent, staff, student
- Students in ISS will complete a reflection form.
- Non compliance in In School Suspension will result in Out of School Suspension.
- No hoods, no hat/hood covering unless for a religious/medical reason.



THOMASTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADING POLICY

Student Expectations

- On-Time Submissions:
 - Submit all assessments on or before the due date.
 - Assignments more than five school days late will not be accepted.
 - Extensions may be granted for extenuating circumstances if arranged with the teacher before the due date.
 - Late assignments can earn a maximum of 89%.
- Assessment Preparation:
 - Prepare for all formative and summative assessments before the first administration.
 - If you score below 80% on a formative assessment, you may be allowed one retake (teacher's discretion). Retake scores are capped at 89%.
 - Summative assessments and projects cannot be retaken, but corrections for partial credit may be submitted within one week (with teacher consultation).
- Academic Non-Compliance:
 - 1st Step: Mandatory homework club & parent contact.
 - 2nd Step: Continued homework club, quiet study (HS only), parent contact.
 - Continued Non-Compliance: Office referral & academic probation.
- Absences:
 - Fewer than 4 consecutive absences: 3 school days to complete missed work (starting on return).
 - 4 or more consecutive absences: 1 calendar week to complete missed work (starting on return).
 - Assignment requests: School Counseling Office (ext. 14311) after 2 consecutive absences.
 - ISS/OSS: Complete all work during days missed; incomplete work is considered late.

Teacher Expectations

- Assessments should be corrected and returned within one week, except for long-term or complex assignments.
- Behavioral consequences for academic non-compliance must be applied consistently.

Academic Probation & Privilege Suspension

- Students failing any course are placed on academic probation and lose privileges, including:
 - Athletics, dances/prom, field trips, job shadowing, early release/late arrival, plays/shows, graduation, clubs, open gym, and more.

Grading System

- Assessments & Homework: 0%-100%
- Quarter & Final Grades: 50%-100%
- Performance Levels:
 - 90-100: Exemplary
 - 80-89: Proficient
 - 70-79: Developing
 - 0-69: Below Standard (No Credit Earned)

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