



Sherman High

Student Information Guide

2023-2024

LIVE THE **Life.** LOVE THE **Legacy.**

SHERMAN BEARCATS FOREVER.





Sherman High Fight Song

**Hail, all hail, to Sherman High
Fight, fight, fight, fight, fight
Loyal to the Maroon and White,
‘Til the day we die,
Through the years we’ll sing your praise
Ever to be true
Win or lose we’ll always stand beside you
Dear old Sherman High**



Sherman High Alma Mater

**Hail to the Bearcats,
Hats off to you
Ever you’ll find us
Loyal and true.
Firm and undaunted,
Always we’ll be
Hail to the school we love,
Here’s a toast to thee.**

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Welcome to Sherman High

Greetings from the Principal

Welcome to Sherman High School! The teachers, staff, and administration have been excitedly preparing to make this an incredible year for you! There are a ton of incredible classes, organizations, extra-curricular activities, and clubs that you can join and be a part of. The year will be tremendously more fulfilling the more involved you are in the activities and groups at Sherman High School. We hope this year is full of wonderful memories and exciting experiences that fill your day with joy and hope for the future. I look forward to seeing you and growing as Bearcats together.

Scott Johnston Principal

Assurance of Nondiscrimination


The Sherman Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, gender, national origin, religion or disability in educational programs, admissions/enrollment decisions or activities which it operates, as required by Title VI, Title IX, Title II and Section 504. Any person having inquiries concerning the Sherman Independent School District's compliance with these regulations is directed to contact: Assistant Superintendent of Academic and Student Services, Susan Whitenack.

Release of Directory Information


The Sherman Independent School District, in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) restricts access to protected student records as required by law. Directory information on students will be released upon request without a parent's consent, unless the parent elects in writing to restrict directory information within the first 10 days of school. The form on which parents can indicate their election is given during registration each year.

Sherman High School Bell Schedule


Sherman High School operates on a modified block schedule. The schedule is coordinated for a blend of daily and block periods.

	
BELL SCHEDULE	
A Days (Maroon)	B Days (White)
0 Period 7:30-8:25	
1st Period 8:30-9:25	
2nd Period 9:30-11:05	5th Period 9:30-11:05
3rd Period 11:10-1:20	6th Period 11:10-1:20
A Lunch: 11:05-11:35 Class: 11:40-1:20	A Lunch: 11:05-11:35 Class: 11:40-1:20
Class: 11:10-11:45 B Lunch: 11:45-12:15 Class: 12:15-1:20	Class: 11:10-11:45 B Lunch: 11:45-12:15 Class: 12:15-1:20
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Class: 11:10-12:50 D Lunch 12:50-1:20	Class: 11:10-12:50 D Lunch 12:50-1:20
4th Period 1:25-2:55	7th Period 1:25-2:55
8th Period 3:00-3:55	

Sherman High School Pep Rally Schedule

	
PEP RALLY SCHEDULE	
A Days (Maroon)	B Days (White)
0 Period 7:30-8:25	
1st Period 8:30-9:18	
2nd Period 9:23-10:38	5th Period 9:23-10:38
3rd Period 10:43-12:53	6th Period 10:43-12:53
A Lunch: 10:38-11:08 Class: 11:13-12:53	A Lunch: 10:38-11:08 Class: 11:13-12:53
Class: 10:43-11:13 B Lunch: 11:13-11:43 Class: 11:48-12:53	Class: 10:43-11:13 B Lunch: 11:13-11:43 Class: 11:48-12:53
Class: 10:43-11:48 C Lunch: 11:48-12:18 Class: 12:23-12:53	Class: 10:43-11:48 C Lunch: 11:48-12:18 Class: 12:23-12:53
Class: 10:43-12:23 D Lunch 12:23-12:53	Class: 10:43-12:23 D Lunch 12:23-12:53
4th Period 12:58-2:12	7th Period 12:58-2:12
8th Period 2:17-3:05	
Pep Rally 3:10-3:55	

Sherman High School Advisory Schedule

	
SHERMAN HIGH SCHOOL	
ADVISORY SCHEDULE	
A Days (Maroon)	B Days (White)
0 Period 7:30-8:25	
1st Period 8:30-9:15	
2nd Period 9:20-10:40	5th Period 9:20-10:40
****Advisory**** 10:45-11:20	
3rd Period 11:25-1:35	6th Period 11:25-1:35
A Lunch: 11:20-11:50 Class: 11:55-1:35	A Lunch: 11:20-11:50 Class: 11:55-1:35
Class: 11:25-12:00	Class: 11:25-12:00
B Lunch: 12:00-12:30 Class: 12:30-1:35	B Lunch: 12:00-12:30 Class: 12:30-1:35
Class: 11:25-12:30	Class: 11:25-12:30
C Lunch: 12:30-1:00 Class: 1:00-1:35	C Lunch: 12:30-1:00 Class: 1:00-1:35
Class: 11:25-1:05	Class: 11:25-1:05
D Lunch 1:05-1:35	D Lunch 1:05-1:35
4th Period 1:40-3:05	7th Period 1:40-3:05
8th Period 3:10-3:55	

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance and punctuality are required of every student. Students who have good attendance generally achieve higher grades, enjoy school more and are much more employable after leaving high school. The Sherman Independent School District expects all students to attend school regularly and be on time for classes in order to benefit from the instructional program and to develop habits of punctuality, self-discipline, and responsibility.

Sherman High School will follow the student handbook on all policies, laws, and expectations.

Policy: [See FEA \(LEGAL\)](#) and [FED \(LEGAL\)](#)

A STUDENT WHO LOSES CREDIT FOR ANY CLASS MUST CONTINUE TO ATTEND THAT CLASS!!

3. A student who is in attendance for at least 75 percent but less than 90 percent of the days a class is offered may be given credit or a final grade if the student completes a plan approved by the school's principal that provides for the student to meet the instructional requirements of the class. However, a student under the jurisdiction of a court in a criminal or juvenile justice proceeding may not receive credit or a final grade without the consent of the judge presiding over the student's case.

To clear an absence: The parent or guardian should call their students' alpha level office before 2:00 p.m. on the day of the absence to have the student's absence cleared.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

When a student is absent from school, the student—upon arrival or return to school—must bring a note signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence. A note signed by the student, even with the parent's permission, will not be accepted unless the student is age 18 or older or is an emancipated minor under state law. A phone call from the parent may be accepted, but the district reserves the right to require a written note. The campus will document in its attendance records for the student whether the absence is considered by the district to be excused or unexcused. Note: Unless the absence is for a statutorily allowed reason under compulsory attendance laws, the district is not required to excuse any absence, even if the parent provides a note explaining the absence.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Within 2 days of returning to school, a student absent for more than 3 consecutive days because of a personal illness must bring a statement from a doctor or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the student's extended absence from school. Otherwise, the student's absence may be considered unexcused and, if so, would be considered to be in violation of compulsory attendance laws. Should the student develop a questionable pattern of absences, the principal or attendance committee may require a statement from a doctor or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the student's absence from school to determine whether the absence or absences will be excused or unexcused.

LEAVING CAMPUS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Students must have parental and school permission before leaving the campus except at the end of their regular school day. A phone request for dismissal should be made in the attendance office. Doctor, dental, and other appointments for students to be scheduled so that the student will be in attendance during the second class period (the official attendance marking period). Any student leaving during school hours must have permission from the attendance office and must sign out in that office. Students who become ill during the school day must receive permission from the clinic or administrator's office to leave school (this includes lunch periods). Students must sign in when they return. Failure to sign in and out will result in disciplinary consequences.

For more information on truancy policy, absence clarifications, and other attendance procedures, please refer to the [SISD Student Handbook](#), pages 26-30.

DRIVER'S LICENSE (VOE FORM)

For a student between the ages of 16 and 18 to obtain a driver's license, written parental permission must be provided for the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to access the student's attendance records and, in certain circumstances, for a school administrator to provide the student's attendance information to DPS. A verification of enrollment (VOE) and attendance forms may be obtained from your student's Assistant Principal's office, which the student will need to submit to DPS upon application for a driver's license.

TEXTBOOKS

The textbooks used by each student are supplied by the State of Texas or the local Board of Education and are the property of the school. Textbooks are issued for student use during the time of enrollment in school and must be returned at the end of the school term or when the student withdraws from school or has a schedule change. Textbooks are numbered and coded, and the assistant principal over textbooks keeps a record of the books issued to each student. A book check is conducted at the end of each semester to be certain that students have their own textbooks. Lost textbooks should be paid for by the student to whom they were issued. This will be paid to the bookkeeper in the main office, and the student will be given a receipt. A new book will not be issued until the student pays for the one that has been lost and shows the receipt to the teacher. Payment arrangements can be set up through the bookkeeper in A101. If the lost textbook is found, the student must present the book and receipt to the secretary in order to obtain a refund. Textbooks should be covered at all times. Fines for damage to textbooks may be assessed. If a textbook is damaged to the extent that it cannot be used again, the full price of the textbook will be charged. A student will not receive records or be issued other textbooks until all outstanding textbook obligations are clear.

CLASSIFICATION CREDITS

Classification will be determined at the time of registration and will not be changed during the year. The following classification credits apply:

SOPHOMORE 5

JUNIOR 12

SENIOR 19

MEDICATIONS

No medication of any kind will be given to any student without specific written instructions from a doctor. The medication should be brought to school in the original prescription bottle. A form is provided for this purpose, and should be left with the school nurse. Students with undiagnosed rash or red eyes must bring a note from the doctor stating the condition is not infectious to others.

NURSE (CLINIC)

Students who become ill must receive permission from the clinic to leave school, or an unexcused absence will be assessed. Our clinic will be staffed with a full time registered nurse. A student who is ill should request a pass from the teacher and report to the clinic. First aid supplies are available in the clinic. The clinic aide will notify the parent or guardian in the event it is necessary for the student to leave school. Some examples include, if your child has a fever over 100 degrees, he or she must stay out of school until fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications. In addition, students with diarrheal illnesses must stay home until they are diarrhea-free without diarrhea-suppressing medications for at least 24 hours. It is important that the school be provided with the current telephone number where parents or guardians may be reached. All Covid-19 related issues or illnesses must follow all district protocols and procedures.

VISITORS

Parents and others are welcome to visit district schools. For the safety of those within the school and to avoid disruption of instructional time, all visitors must first report to the main office and must comply with all applicable district policies and procedures. When arriving on campus, all parents and other visitors should be prepared to show identification. Visits to individual classrooms during instructional time are permitted only with approval of the principal and teacher and only so long as their duration or frequency does not interfere with the delivery of instruction or disrupt the normal school environment. Even if the visit is approved prior to the visitor's arrival, the individual must check in at the main office first. All visitors are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of courtesy and conduct; disruptive behavior will not be permitted. Sherman HS will follow the guidance from the Grayson County Health Department for all COVID prevention strategies regarding visitors on campus and may be subject to change.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS

The first identification card for students will be made at the beginning of the school year. The first identification card is made at no charge. The ID is embossed and also serves as a library card, entrance into school events, and a cafeteria ID. Students are required to wear their ID card while on campus during school hours. Failure to comply with ID expectations is in violation of the school rules. Should the ID be stolen or lost, it is the student's responsibility to have a replacement ID made immediately. Replacement ID's will be made in the library before or after school. A replacement ID will cost \$5.00. If a student withdraws from Sherman High School for any reason other than graduation, the student must return the ID. **YOU MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF YOUR STUDENT ID AT ALL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES.**

ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES (ALL GRADE LEVELS)

Possession and Use of Personal Telecommunications Devices, Including Cell Phones, and Other Electronic Devices

Sherman ISD recognizes cell phones/electronic devices as part of the fabric of 21st century society and believes in the importance of integrating technology into instruction. Cell phone/electronic devices have become a way of life, a technological convenience that has impacted all of our lives in many ways. However, in the school environment, personal cell phones/electronic devices can be a distraction and interruption during the learning process. The ringing of the cell phone during class or the text-messaging takes away from the valuable time needed for instruction and most importantly, student learning. We do recognize that cell phones/electronic devices can be a safety/security tool; however, they can be a detriment in the event of a building emergency and our protocol to manage such emergencies in a safe and effective manner. Parents and guardians are asked to call the school's phone number to relay any messages that may be urgent in reference to their child.



The district permits students to possess personal cell phones and telecommunications devices for safety purposes; however, all telecommunications devices must remain turned off during the instructional day, off their person, and stowed away in a backpack or purse, including during all testing, unless they are being used for approved purposes.

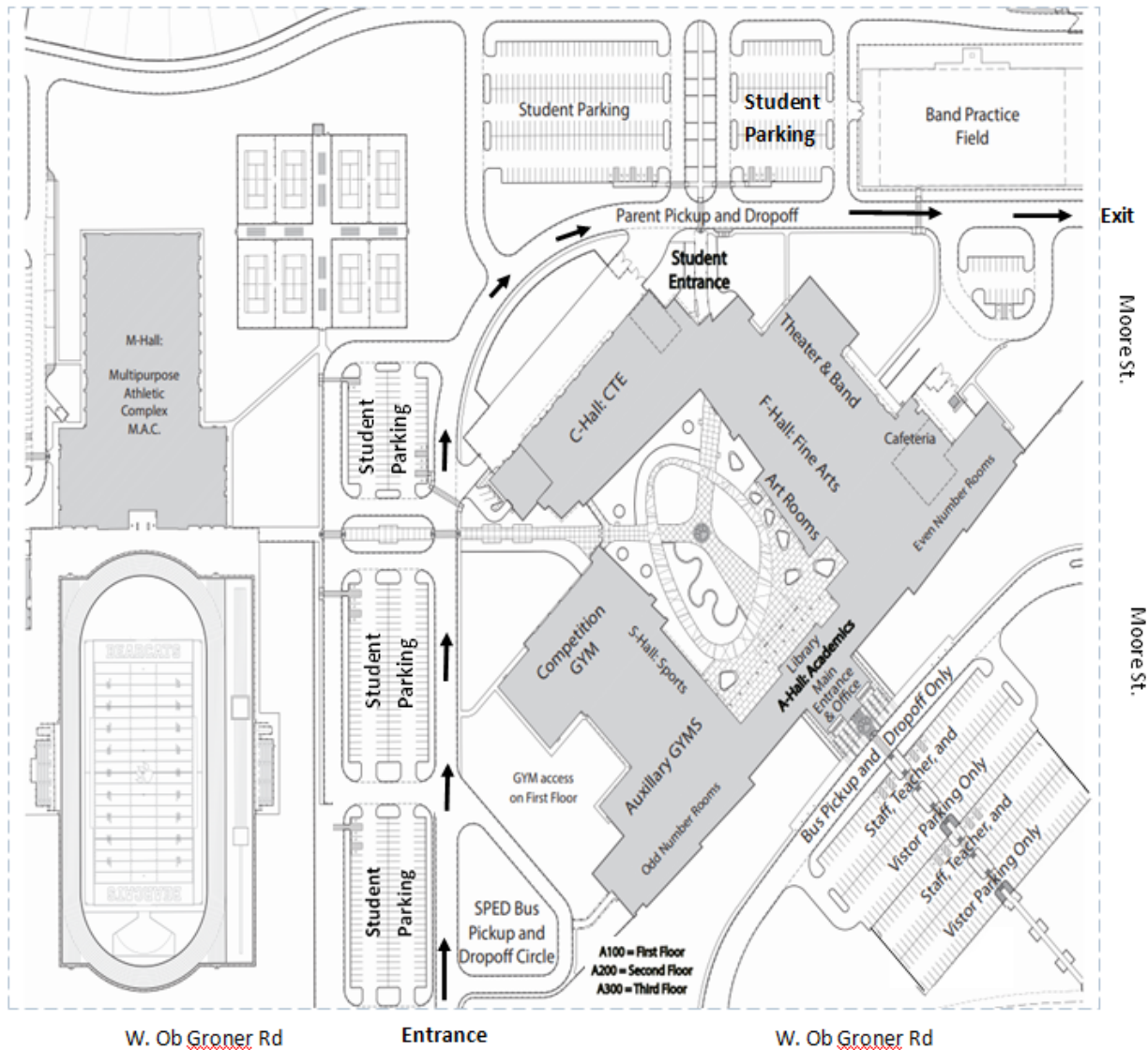
A student must have approval to possess other personal telecommunications devices on campus such as laptops, tablets, or other portable computers.

Without such permission, teachers will collect the items and turn them in to the principal's office. The principal will determine whether to return items to students at the end of the day or to contact parents to pick up the items.

The use of cell phones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event.

For more information about the telecommunications and devices policy, please refer to the [SISD Student Handbook](#) or visit the [cellphone policy page on the Sherman ISD website](#).

Student Parking and Drop Off



BEHAVIORAL CONSEQUENCES

Failure to serve school consequences will result in additional consequences. If students are unable to serve consequences on the assigned day, parents must notify the appropriate assistant principal's office. A parent's permission for a student to miss assigned consequences will not prevent students from getting additional consequences.

PLEASE REFER TO [SHERMAN ISD STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT](#) FOR ALL BEHAVIORAL CONSEQUENCES.

Detention

Students will be referred to the detention hall by the appropriate principal/assistant principal for any reason deemed necessary. Students assigned to detention will not be excused for any reason after the detention hall is in progress. Detention hall will be held in room A129 (RESET room) classroom from 7:20 am to 8:20 am and 4:00pm to 5:00pm, assigned as needed by the appropriate principal/assistant principal. Students will be required to turn in their cell phone for the duration of detention and should bring their schoolwork to the detention hall. Students will not be allowed to sleep in detention. If for any reason the student's behavior causes the need for the student to be removed from detention, a parent will be called and the assistant principal will assign appropriate consequences.

On Campus Suspension “RESET”

RESET is an alternative to off-campus suspension for students who fail to follow accepted rules of behavior, thus preventing them from continuing their education in the regular classroom. Daily assignments will be provided by the regular classroom teachers. Cooperation, a consistent effort toward completion of assignments, and respect for the rights of others will enable students to earn the privilege of returning to the regular classroom. This responsibility belongs to the student. RESET will be held during regular school hours (8:30 a.m. to 3:55 p.m.), for ALL students. No early dismissal/late arrival will be permitted (including vocational students). Students will eat lunch in the RESET classroom. Students will surrender cell phones to the teacher upon arrival. The RESET classrooms operate under strict rules, and students are expected to follow them. Improper behavior in RESET will be cause for immediate removal from the class and further disciplinary action. During a student's assignment to RESET, students WILL NOT be allowed to participate in any school activities.

On Campus Suspension “CHOICES”

CHOICES is a supervised alternative education program in which a student is given classroom assignments to the extent that is possible. During a student's assignment to CHOICES, the student WILL NOT be allowed to participate in any school activities. The CHOICES program will be housed on the SHS campus and students will adhere to more stringent guidelines than the general school population. Students will eat lunch in the CHOICES classroom. Students will surrender cell phones to the teacher upon arrival. Students must conform to the CHOICES Dress Code. The dress code consists of jeans and a white t-shirt.

Out of School Suspension

- A. The student must be advised specifically of the reason for suspension.
- B. A student may be suspended from 1 to 3 days depending on the incident and the time needed for an investigation to take place. Further consequences may be deemed necessary after the investigation is completed during the suspension. Parents will be notified of any findings adhering to the FERPA laws for students safety. The student is responsible for any work missed during a suspension.

Disciplinary Alternative Education Placement (DAEP)

DAEP is a structured program for students designed to modify a student's behavior and provide opportunities for academic success. The DAEP is located at 2701 North Loy Lake Road. During a student's term of assignment to DAEP, the student WILL NOT be allowed to participate in any activities at their home campus, or any other Sherman campus, which include but are not limited to athletic events, graduation ceremony, awards assembly, prom, etc.

Expulsion

Includes (but is not limited) to crimes against a person, or in possession of items prohibited by law, or in violation of State drug/alcohol felonies as listed in Sherman Student Code of Conduct book. See Code of Conduct for details.

Sherman High Discipline Management Plan

1. **ABUSIVE/INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE OR GESTURES** -

Conversation w/another student = AM/PM Detention

Confrontation w/another student = 3 Days RESET

Directed towards faculty/staff = Minimum 5 days of CHOICES

Directed towards faculty/students that are racially discriminatory = Minimum 5 days of CHOICES

2. **ALCOHOL** - Any student who uses/is under the influence of/ possesses/ sells/ or delivers an alcoholic beverage on school property or at a school sponsored activity will be subject to assignment to DAEP. Any student who uses alcohol before coming to a school event is also subject to consequences. Parent and police will be contacted.

Students involved in extracurricular activities may be subject to additional disciplinary action.

3. **UNAUTHORIZED STARTING OF FIRE/FALSE PULL OF FIRE ALARM/FALSE POLICE OR CRIME STOPPER REPORT/FALSE 911 CALLS/NOT COOPERATING DURING CRISIS DRILLS**

Contact parent; Contact SRO/fire department; Assignment to DAEP

4. **ASSAULT** - Assignment to DAEP. SRO will be called

5. **BULLYING/CYBER BULLYING** -

Possible actions can/will include:

- Parent Contact
- Formal Investigation
- Stay-Away Agreement
- Schedule Change
- RESET/CHOICES
- Discretionary DAEP Placement
- Discretionary Expulsion

6. **BUS ISSUES** - Use SISD bus referral form/procedures

7. **CELL PHONES/SMART/ELECTRONIC DEVICES** -

The district has an “Off and Off” policy for dealing with distractions caused by overuse of cellphones:

- “Off and Off”: the device is turned off and off the student’s person.
- No cell phones, smart devices, earbuds or headphones, etc. are allowed to be used during the day, and may not be visible in hallways or other locations.
- Students will place their cell phones in the hanging pocket organizer as they walk into the classroom.
- Cell phones and/or smart devices are ONLY allowed in the cafeteria during breakfast and lunch.
- Devices will be confiscated if visible at unauthorized times and/or locations, and consequences will be issued:

Disciplinary Action for Unauthorized use of cellphone:

If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day, the following consequences may be implemented:

First offense = Warning and teacher keeps the device until the end of class period.

Second offense = Cell phone/electronic device will be taken up by the teacher and turned into the AP office. The student may pick up the device at the end of the school day. Parent contacted by the teacher.

Third offense = Cell phone/electronic device taken up by teacher and turned into the AP office. Parent contact by teacher or campus principal. The parent may pick up the confiscated telecommunications device from the front office.

Fourth offense = Cell phone/electronic device taken up by teacher and turned into the AP office. Parent contact by teacher or campus principal. The parent may pick up the confiscated telecommunications device from the front office for a fee of \$15. Campus principal discretion for appropriate discipline actions.

Refusal: Refusal to give cellular phone and/or smart devices to the teacher will result in a Minimum of 3 days of RESET. The teacher will call an administrator and the student will be removed from the class and the phone confiscated. Refusal to give the phone and/or smart devices to a principal will result in 5 days of CHOICES.

At any time, the Administrators reserve the right to deny cell phone/electronic devices usage or possession during the school day.

8. **DRESS CODE** - A student will not be allowed in the classroom out of dress code. The student will be provided with alternative school appropriate clothing. Inappropriate clothing and cell phone will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Repeated dress code violations may result in additional consequences.

Disciplinary Action Dress Code Violations:

First Offense = Student is required to change, parent called, and inappropriate items will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day. If students do not have a change of clothes they will be required to change into school provided clothing and cell phone and inappropriate clothing will be held in the principal's office until school clothing is returned.

Second Offense = Same as first offense. Additionally, the student will be required to check in daily at their principals office to ensure dress code is being followed for a period of 5 days. If a student fails to check-in they will be assigned 3 days RESET for failure to serve assigned consequences.

Third Offense= Same as first offense. Additionally, the student will be assigned AM/PM detention.

Fourth Offense = Same as first offense. Additionally, the student will be assigned 3 days RESET.

9. **DRUGS** - Any student who uses/is under the influence of/ possesses/ sells/ delivers a controlled substance or dangerous drug (including look-alike substances) on school property or at a school-sponsored activity will be subject to assignment to DAEP. Any student who uses drugs before coming to a school event is also subject to these consequences. Parents and police will be contacted.

Students involved in extracurricular activities may be subject to additional disciplinary action.

- Drug paraphernalia = Minimum 5 days CHOICES with possible placement at DAEP
- THC products will result in the student being placed at DAEP with possible JJAEP

10. **END-OF-YEAR BEHAVIOR** - Reference: Code of Conduct - during the last month of school, any misbehavior or offenses as found in the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action which could result in removal from the end- of-year activities. Students may also be required to take exams during a time other than the regularly scheduled examination period. Consequences may be carried over to the following semester.

11. **FAILURE TO REPORT TO OFFICE** - An administrator may request that a student report to the office. Failure to report results in a minimum 1 day RESET.

12. **FAILURE TO SERVE SCHOOL ASSIGNED CONSEQUENCES** -

Failure to serve AM/PM detention will result in minimum 3 days RESET

Disruption of RESET, leaving without permission, failure to comply with RESET policies results in 5-10 day placement in CHOICES

Disruption of CHOICES, leaving without permission, failure to comply CHOICES policies results in placement at DAEP

13. **FIGHTING** -

First offense= Up to 3 days suspension and assignment to DAEP

Second offense=Same as first offense with additional time at DAEP

15. **FORGED/ FALSIFIED/MISUSE/UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF FACULTY/STAFF SIGNATURE OR DOCUMENT/ID/PRIVILEGE CARD/ELEVATOR PASS/INFO.** (e.g., Hall pass, Doctor's note, tests, etc.) - Minimum 3 days RESET

16. **GAMBLING** - Minimum 3 days RESET

17. **GANG RELATED VIOLENCE** - 3 days suspension and assignment to DAEP

18. **HATS/HEAD COVERING** - Hats/head coverings worn in the building are prohibited. Hats/head coverings of any kind will be confiscated by the assistant principal and returned only to the parent after the first offense.

First offense = warning and hat/head covering returned to student at the end of the day

Second offense = AM/PM detention

Third offense = 3 days RESET

Fourth offense = 5 days CHOICES

19. **HORSE PLAY / PLAY FIGHTING / SLAP-BOXING** - 3 days minimum RESET

20. **IDENTIFICATION BADGES** (Consequences Per Semester) - Failure to visibly display ID badges at all times—including while utilizing school transportation—will result in:

First offense = Warning- student given a temporary ID badge

Second offense = AM/PM Detention & student given a temporary ID badge

Third offense = 1 day RESET & student required to purchase a new student ID**

Fourth offense = 2 days RESET & student required to purchase a new student ID**

Fifth offense = 3 days RESET & student required to purchase a new student ID**

** For each new student ID printed a fee of \$5 will be added to the students account as a fine/fee if not paid at the time of printing**

Repetitive infractions may result in additional consequences. Changing information on ID's will be considered forging/falsifying a school document.

21. **INAPPROPRIATE ITEMS** - Possession of articles inappropriate for school will be confiscated and only returned to a parent. These items include, but are not limited to: laser pointers, lighters, matches, pocket knives, printed material, water balloons, water guns etc.
Minimum 1 day detention

22. **INTERFERENCE WITH THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS (Disruption of School)** -
Minimum 3 days RESET with the possibility of a DAEP placement

23. **LEAVING CAMPUS WITHOUT PERMISSION/ FAILURE TO FOLLOW PROCEDURES WHEN SIGNING OUT OF SCHOOL** - Minimum 3 days RESET- The period the student leaves is unexcused. Students must have an authorized pass from their Assistant Principal's office in order to go to cars during the school day. Students who leave campus and return are subject to being searched.

24. **LEAVING CLASS/LUNCH WITHOUT PERMISSION** -
First offense - AM/PM detention

Second offense - 3 days RESET

25. **PARKING LOT VIOLATION** -

- Parking in unauthorized spaces
- No parking tag
- Reckless driving

First Offense- Warning

Second offense- Loss of parking privileges for one month

Third offense- Loss of parking privileges for one semester

Students must have an authorized pass from their Assistant Principal's office in order to go to cars during the school day.

26. **POSSESSION OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL** - Minimum 3 days of RESET with possible assignment to DAEP

27. **PDA (PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION)** - Conference w/Administrator - Disciplinary Progression

28. **SEXTING** - Minimum 3 days RESET - Possible assignment to DAEP - SRO called as needed.

29. **SEXUAL CONTACT** - Up to 3 days of Suspension and/or additional consequences. Possible assignment to DAEP. SRO called as needed.

30. **SEXUAL HARASSMENT** - Engage in conduct that constitutes sexual or gender-based harassment or sexual abuse, whether by word, gesture, or any other conduct, directed toward another person, including a district student, employee, board member, or volunteer.

Verbal - slurs, name calling sexual innuendo and other suggestive, offensive or derogatory comments humor or jokes about sex remarks about someone's body or apparel, catcalls

Nonverbal - leering, suggestive or insulting sounds or gestures, offensive printed or written materials

Physical - unnecessary and unwanted physical contact, impeding or blocking movements, which suggest sexual advances physical assault The considerations listed above are not all inclusive but rather serve as examples. Consequences for a student who is found to have engaged in sexual harassment may range from parent contact to an assignment to an alternative education program depending on the nature of the inappropriate behavior

Minimum 3 days RESET to possible assignment to DAEP for all the above.

31. **SKATEBOARDS/SHOES WITH WHEELS** -

Shoes with wheel- dress code consequences

Skateboards will be confiscated for every offense

First offense = warning and item returned to student at the end of the day

Second offense = Parent must pick up the item

32. **SUBSTITUTE MISBEHAVIOR** - Students who act inappropriately with substitute teachers are assigned a minimum of 3 days RESET.

32. **TARDIES** (per semester/per class) -

First offense = Warning

Second offense = Warning

Third offense = Referral by teacher to Assistant Principal & AM/PM Detention

Fourth offense = Referral by teacher to Assistant Principal & 1 day RESET

Fifth offense = Referral by teacher to Assistant Principal & 2 days RESET

Sixth offense = Referral by teacher to Assistant Principal & 3 days RESET

Repetitive infractions may result in additional consequences and conference with a parent/guardian.

NOTE: Failure to return to class with a tardy slip will result in an unexcused absence. Tardy Sweeps will be conducted randomly. If a student is caught in a tardy sweep additional consequences will be assigned
NO EXCUSED ABSENCE/TARDIES FOR TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS

33. **THEFT/ROBBERY/BURGLARY** -

Valued under \$50 - Minimum 3 days RESET

Valued over \$50 - Minimum 5 days CHOICES and possible assignment to DAEP

Over \$500- Felony- Assignment to DAEP and SRO involvement

34. **THREATS** -

Student to students = Minimum 3 days RESET

Student to faculty/staff = Minimum 5 days CHOICES assignment or assignment to DAEP

Terroristic = Mandatory DAEP placement up-to and including Expulsion

35. **TRUANCY** - skipping (consequences per semester)

First offense = AM/PM detention

Second offense = 1 Days RESET

Third offense = 2 Days RESET

Fourth offense = 3 Days RESET

Fifth offense = 5 Days CHOICES

10 unexcused absences in any one class may result in loss of credit. Students will be referred to the Truancy Tribunal.

36. **VAPING/TOBACCO PRODUCTS** - (Use/Possession) (Includes: Building, grounds (within 300 feet), parking lot, school activity) * SRO may be notified and possible tickets issued. (Tobacco products, including e-cigarette, vapes and any component, part, or accessory for an e-cigarette or vape device)

First offense- Minimum 10 days DAEP

Second Offense - Minimum 20 days DAEP

Third Offense - Minimum 30 days DAEP

37. **UNACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY** - Refer to [SISD Code of Conduct](#). Unauthorized Use, visiting inappropriate sites. Possible suspension of electronic device access and/or minimum 3 days RESET.

38. **VANDALISM** - Minimum 3 days RESET - Restitution or repair as appropriate and SRO may be called. Possible assignment to DAEP

39. **WEAPONS** - (real or fake) Refer to [SISD Code of Conduct](#)

Find the SISD Student Code of Conduct below:

[English Version](#)

[Spanish Version](#)

Dress & Grooming Code 23-24

The District's Dress and Grooming Code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority and the work environment. Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat, not a distraction, and in a way that does not create a health or safety hazard. The District prohibits any clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause distraction, interfere with normal school operations, or create a safety hazard. The student and parent may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following Dress and Grooming Code:

If you are having trouble viewing the illustrated document, you may [download the document](#).

- The expectation for all high school students is that SISD issued identification badges be made visible at all times while on a school campus, traveling to and from school using District transportation, or admitted into a school-related extracurricular activity. Inability to produce or visibly display an identification badge will result in disciplinary action.
- Student clothing must completely cover the student's torso and legs from 3 inches below the collar bone to 3 inches above the knee. Shirts and blouses must be buttoned or snapped to conceal all skin to 3 inches below the collar bone.
 - Pre-K - 5th Grade Only: Shirts and blouses must have at least one-inch coverage between the shoulder and neck. Spaghetti straps are not allowed.
 - 6th Grade – 12th Grade Only: Students may not wear tank tops, strapless dresses or spaghetti straps. No tank tops, regardless of width of straps, are allowed. Short sleeves must be at least square with shoulders. Shoulderless tops are not allowed.
- Students are allowed to wear shorts, skirts, and/or dresses, provided that they are no more than 3 inches above the knee and do not have holes or tears three inches above the knee. The top of slits must begin no more than 3 inches above the knee.
- All pants, shorts, and skirts must be worn at the waist level. Sagging and loose pants, shorts, or skirts are prohibited.
- Pants, shorts and other articles of clothing that are torn, ragged, frayed or contain holes are not permitted without appropriate covering underneath their garments, such as undershirts or leggings.
- Tights, leggings, jeggings, bike shorts and other skin-tight/form-fitting pants must be worn with shirts, skirts, "skorts," or shorts that extend to 3 inches above the knee or lower.
- Any clothing articles designed as underwear or sleepwear may not be worn as outerwear.
- All undergarments in their entirety must be concealed at all times including straps and boxers.
- All shirts and blouses must cover the midriff areas at all times and in all circumstances. The midriff area must not be seen while bending over, standing, raising arms, or making other movements.
- Any see-through clothing is prohibited.
- Hats, caps, sweatbands, bandannas, sunglasses, other headwear, and hoods on hooded jackets/pullover may not be worn inside the school building.
 - Students undergoing or recently receiving chemotherapy or any medication causing hair loss may wear head coverings approved by the campus principal.
- Hair dyed or spray-painted to an unnatural color is prohibited.
 - Hair spiked or arranged in a style that is disruptive or distracting will not be allowed. This includes, but is not limited to Mohawk haircuts.
- Eyes must be visible at all times and not covered by hair or other objects, unless approved by the campus principal based on a medical physician's authorization.

- Footwear must be worn at all times. Shower shoes and beach shoes, house shoes, slippers, or shoes with wheels or lights are prohibited. Students must have shoes that are safe and appropriate for a normal school day or participation in school-related activities. Medical shoes may be worn with a medical physician's authorization.
- With the exception of ears, any piercing of the body, including the tongue, is prohibited. Fillers may not be worn in any piercing except for the ear. Gauges may not be worn in the ears.
- Jewelry that distracts from the instructional environment is unacceptable.
- Any class, student organization, or school sponsored group t-shirt designed and intended to be worn at school must receive final approval from the campus principal.
- Distracting or excessive make-up is prohibited.
- Clothing, grooming, and overall appearance may not reflect gang affiliation by any means, whether intentional or unintentional. A list of gang affiliated attire and grooming will be maintained at the Sherman ISD Police Department.
- Students may not wear any clothing article which depicts or advertises alcohol, tobacco products, drugs, violence, or behavior perceived as lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.
- Metal chains (e.g. wallet chains, belt chains, etc.), costume clothing or costume accessories, metal hair picks, and blankets are prohibited.

The principal may prohibit any dress or grooming that in the principal's judgment may reasonably be expected to cause distraction, interfere with normal school operations, or create a safety hazard, even if the distraction is not explicitly spelled out in the Dress and Grooming Code. In addition, the principal's judgment related to dress and grooming is the final decision before consequences are issued. If you have reason to believe that you may not be adhering to the Dress and Grooming Code, please consult your campus principal prior to coming to school to avoid any disruption to your daily instructional schedule.

Students in violation of the Dress and Grooming Code is a violation of the SISD Student Code of Conduct and the student will be expected to immediately change to acceptable attire when violations are brought to their attention. Students will not be allowed to leave campus for the purpose of changing. If a student is unable to adhere to the Dress and Grooming Code, or they're unable to immediately change, the student will be assigned to In-School Suspension until a parent/guardian is able to bring an acceptable alternative. Parents are encouraged to provide a change of dress and grooming attire so that their student may return to their normal class routine as soon as possible.

The District's Dress and Grooming Code applies to all SISD students during regular school hours, as well as school-sponsored events that are outside of the regular school day. Certain school-sponsored events, such as graduation, may have a specific dress requirement for participants. Jefferson Learning Center, JDC, Boot Camp, and DAEP will maintain different standards of dress and grooming.

In its efforts to promote nondiscrimination, Sherman ISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, or disability in providing education services, activities, and programs, including vocational programs, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

For lists of consequences, please refer to the Discipline section of the handbook, pages 13-17.

For more information about the dress code, including illustrations, please refer to the Sherman ISD dress code website:

<https://www.shermanisd.net/dresscode>



All policies are subject to change based on Sherman ISD Board policy and the Sherman ISD Student Code of Conduct approval.