



# **Sherman High**

Student Information Guide

*“Making A Difference”*

2020-2021



## **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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Bus Information/Transportation	(903) 891-6433
Free Lunch Office	(903) 891-6426
Athletic Department	(903) 891-6453

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# Welcome to Sherman High

## *Greetings from the Principal*

Welcome to Sherman High School. You and your child are about to embark on the final leg of your public school journey. Your years at Sherman High School will prove to be some of the most exciting and life altering to date and I am pleased to be travelling along with you on this journey. Times are changing and demands put on students today are quite different than those of a few years ago. No matter what your interests, you can find something to get involved in at Sherman High School. I look forward to getting to know you and your child.

*Jenifer L. Politi, 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 Student Engagement and Support Dr. Tamy Smalskas.

## **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.



SHERMAN HIGH SCHOOL  
*Building Bearcats*

A days (Maroon)		B days (White)	
0 Period 7:30-8:25			55 min
1 Period 8:30-9:25			55 min
2 Period 9:30-11:05	5 Period 9:30-11:05		95 min
3 Period 11:10-1:20	6 Period 11:10-1:20		130 min
A Lunch: 11:05-11:35 Class: 11:40-1:20	A Lunch: 11:05-11:35 Class: 11:40-1:20		30 min 100 min
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		35 min 30 min 65 min
Class: 11:10-12:15 C Lunch: 12:15-12:45 Class: 12:45-1:20	Class: 11:10-12:15 C Lunch: 12:15-12:45 Class: 12:45-1:20		65 min 30 min 35 min
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4 Period 1:25-2:55	7 Period 1:25-2:55		95 min
8 Period 3:00-3:55			55 min
9 Period 3:55-4:25			30 min

\*455 Minutes of class time per day

# Sherman High School Advisory Schedule

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<b>8 Period</b> 3:00-3:55	
<b>9 Period</b> 3:55-4:25	

**Advisory**  
9:30 - 10:00  
**2nd Period**  
10:00 - 11:05

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## 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)

1. In order to receive credit or a final grade for a class, a student is required to attend class 90 percent of the day's class is offered regardless of whether the student's absences are excused [see FEA] or unexcused. Atty. Gen. Op. JC-0398 (2001)

2. Consistent with the requirements of the Texas Compulsory Attendance Law, students who have excessive unexcused absences will be required to continue in school and assume responsibility for the completion of all assignments. A student in this circumstance who creates a disturbance or becomes uncooperative and a disciplinary problem is subject to disciplinary action, including placement in an alternative educational program.

### **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 5 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.

### **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 the office, which the student will need to submit to DPS upon application for a driver's license.

### **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 2nd 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.

### **LOCKERS**

Lockers will not be issued during the 2020-2021 school year to due COVID-19 protocols.

### **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 assistant principal. 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 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**

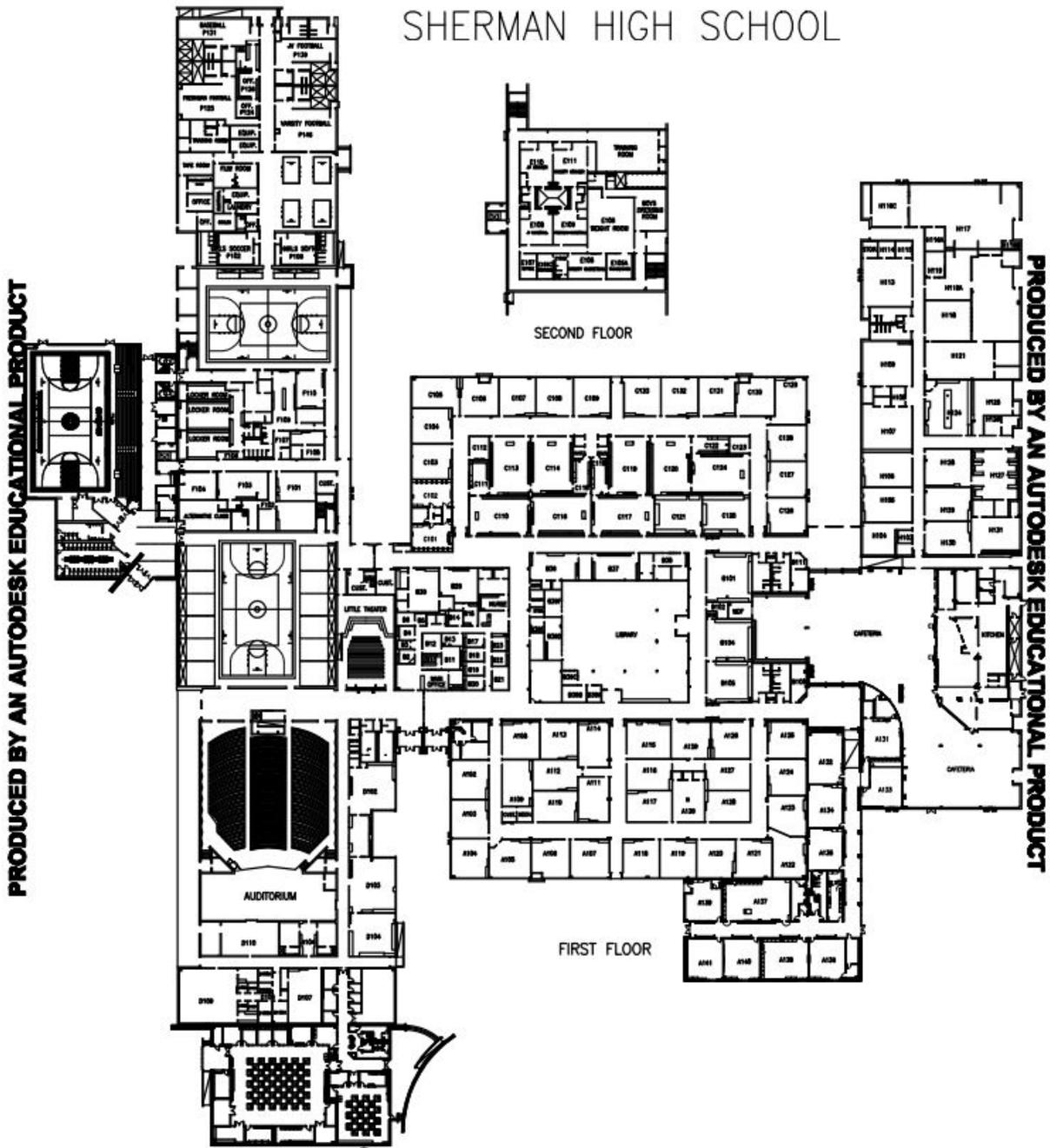
To protect the health of all students and staff members, all outside visitors to Sherman High School will be greatly limited this school year. SISD will restrict nonessential visitors and activities involving external groups or organizations. Lunchtime visitation of students will be prohibited and any visitation must be pre arranged with campus administration. Outside food deliveries will be prohibited to reduce cross-contamination with campus personnel and students. All outside visitors that have pre arranged meetings must follow all Sherman ISD guidelines regarding COVID Self-Health Screening are required to wear approved face masks when entering any Sherman ISD facility When arriving on campus, all parents and other visitors should be prepared to show identification.

### **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 be in possession of their ID cards at all times or will be 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.

# SHERMAN HIGH SCHOOL



## Behavioral Consequences

Note: Failure to serve school consequences will result in additional consequences. If students are unable to serve consequences on 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 the RESET classroom from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m., assigned as needed by the appropriate principal/assistant principal. Students 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 him or her to be removed from detention, a parent will be called and a reassignment to Saturday School will take place.

## **Saturday School**

Saturday School will be from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. or from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00p.m. on designated Saturdays. This will be held in a designated room at Sherman High School. Assignment to Saturday School will be made by the preceding Thursday of each week in order to allow time for students and parents to be notified. Students/parents may choose to serve Saturday School on shorter notice. If a student fails to attend or to participate appropriately, he/she will be assigned additional discipline 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. 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, he/she WILL NOT be allowed to participate in any school activities.

## **Choices Program**

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, he/she 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 exist for the general school population. Students will eat lunch in the Choices classroom. Students must conform to the Choices Dress Code.

## **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 the FERPA laws for students safety. The student is responsible for any work missed during a suspension.

## **Disciplinary Alternative School (D.A.E.P)**

D.A.E.P. is a structured program for students designed to modify a student's behavior and provide opportunities for academic success. During a student's term of assignment to D.A.E.P., he/she 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**

*Whether the incident happens virtually or on campus the following plan will be used*

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

Conversation w/another student = 30 min D-Hall

Confrontation w/another student = Saturday School

Directed towards faculty/staff = Minimum 5 days of Choices

Directed towards faculty/students that are racially discriminatory = Minimum 3 days RESET

**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 D.A.E.P.. Any student who uses alcohol before coming to a school event is also subject to these consequences. Students involved in extracurricular activities may be subject to additional disciplinary action.

- Contact parent - Contact police

### **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 police/fire department - Assignment to D.A.E.P.

**4. ASSAULT** - Assignment to D.A.E.P. - Police will be called

5. **BULLYING/CYBER BULLYING** -

Possible actions can include:

- Parent Contact
- Investigation
- Stay-Away Agreement
- Schedule Change
- DAEP

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

7. **CELL PHONES** -

Cell phones are allowed in the hallways and during lunch. Each teacher may have different cell phone usage guidelines within the classroom and the student is expected to follow those rules. If a teacher so chooses for cell phones to remain put away during class time, they may be confiscated if used at unauthorized times.

*Disciplinary Action for Unauthorized use of cellphone*

**First offense** = Confiscation of phone by teacher until end of the class period

**Second Offense** = Confiscation of phone until parent picks the device up at the AP office. A \$15 Fine will be collected before the phone is returned

**Third Offense**= Saturday School. Phone will be confiscated with parent pick-up at the AP office. A \$15 Fine will be collected before the phone is returned

**Fourth Offense** = 2 days RESET. Phone will be confiscated with parent pick-up at the AP office. A \$15 Fine will be collected before the phone is returned

**Fifth Offense** = Possible loss of cell phone privilege for the semester minimum 4 days in CHOICES. A \$15 Fine will be collected before the phone is returned

\*\*NOTE: refusal to give a cellular phone to the teacher will result in a Minimum of 2 days of RESET and the \$15 fee will still be assessed. If the student refuses to give the phone to a principal, he or she will be assigned 5 days of Choices\*\*

8. **DRESS CODE** - A student will not be allowed in the classroom out of dress code. If the violation can not be corrected, the student will finish the day in RESET. Repeated dress code violations may result in additional consequences.

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 D.A.E.P. Any student who uses drugs before coming to a school event is also subject to these consequences.

- Marijuana stems, seeds, or any amount of marijuana will be considered marijuana
- Drug paraphernalia = Minimum 3 days RESET with possible placement at D.A.E.P.

10. **ELECTRONIC DEVICES** (other than cellular phones) MP3 players, iPod etc, only allowed in hallways or lunch or in the classroom if stated on the teacher's syllabus. NOTE: refusal to give electronic devices to any adult will result in a minimum of 2 days of RESET.

11. **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.

12. **FAILURE TO REPORT TO OFFICE** An administrator, faculty/staff member may request that a student report to the office. Failure to report results in: - Minimum 1 days RESET
13. **FAILURE TO SERVE SCHOOL ASSIGNED CONSEQUENCES** Detention - 2hr Saturday School Saturday School - Minimum 1 day RESET On Campus Suspension (RESET) - Disruption of RESET or leaving without permission will result in additional days and placement in Choices. - Disruption of Choices or leaving without permission will result in placement at DAEP
14. **Failure to wear proper face coverings** First offense = verbal warning, Second offense = removal from class, sent to Assistant Principal office, and parent contact. Students can be removed from face to face learning and enrolled in online only courses if school facemask guidelines are not followed.
15. **FALSE CALL FOR ABSENCE** - Minimum 1 days RESET
16. **FIGHTING** - Parent and SRO called - First offense = 3 day OSS and minimum 5 days Choices or possible assignment to D.A.E.P. - Second offense = 3 days OSS, minimum 10 days Choices possible assignment to D.A.E.P.
17. **FORGED/ FALSIFIED/MISUSE/UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OF FACULTY/STAFF SIGNATURE OR DOCUMENT/ ID INFO.** (e.g., Hall pass, Doctor's note, tests, etc.) - Minimum 2 days RESET
18. **GAMBLING** = Minimum 2 days RESET
19. **GANG RELATED VIOLENCE** - 3 days OSS and assignment to D.A.E.P.
20. **HATS** Will be confiscated if worn from the time the student enters the building for the first time that day until 3:55 PM. NOTE: refusal to give up your hat to any adult will result in a minimum of 2 days of RESET.
21. **HORSE PLAY / PLAY FIGHTING / SLAP-BOXING** 1 day minimum RESET
22. **IDENTIFICATION BADGES** (Per Semester) Failure to visibly display ID badges at all times will result in: - First offense = Warning - Second offense = Warning - Third offense = After school D-Hall - Fourth offense = 2hr. Saturday School - Fifth offense = 4hr. Saturday School - Sixth offense = RESET - Seventh offense = RESET Repetitive infractions may result in additional consequences Changing information on ID's will be considered forging/falsifying a school document.
23. **INAPPROPRIATE ITEMS** Possession of articles inappropriate for school include, but are not limited to: laser pointers, lighters, matches, pocket knives, printed material, water balloons, water guns etc. - Minimum D-Hall
24. **INTERFERENCE WITH THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS (Disruption of School)** - Minimum 2 hour Saturday School
25. **LEAVING CAMPUS WITHOUT PERMISSION/ FAILURE TO FOLLOW PROCEDURES WHEN SIGNING OUT OF SCHOOL** - Minimum 2 hour Saturday School - The period the student leaves is unexcused. Note: Students must have an authorized pass from their Assistant Principal's office in order to go to cars during the school day. Students who have left campus and return are subject to being searched.
26. **LEAVING CLASS/LUNCH WITHOUT PERMISSION** - 1st offense, 30 minute detention, 2nd offense- 2 hr Sat School, 3rd offense- 2 days in RESET

27. **PARKING LOT VIOLATION** Parking in unauthorized spaces or reckless driving = (car subject to being towed at the owner's expense) - Loss of parking privileges may occur. Parking permits will be confiscated without refund.

27. **POSSESSION OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL** - Minimum 3 days of RESET with possible assignment to D.A.E.P.

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

29. **SEXTING** - Minimum RESET - Possible assignment to D.A.E.P. - Call police as needed

30. **SEXUAL CONTACT** - Minimum 3 days RESET - Possible assignment to D.A.E.P. - Call police as needed

31. **SEXUAL HARASSMENT** - Sexual Harassment: To engage in unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually abusive or vulgar language or other verbal, visual or physical conduct if such conduct with a student or staff creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive school environment. Sexual harassment may result from an intentional or unintentional action and can be subtle or blatant. It can be verbal or physical, and can occur in any setting. The context of events can be important in determining whether particular acts constitute sexual harassment. Sexual harassment can range from nonverbal remarks to physical assault and includes but is not limited to:

**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

32. **SKATEBOARDS** - Skateboards are not allowed during the school day. "Wheelies" (Skate shoes) are not allowed.

33. **TARDIES** (per semester - per class) - First offense = Warning - Second offense = Warning - Third offense = D-Hall - Fourth offense = 2hr. Saturday School - Fifth offense = 4hr. Saturday School - Sixth offense = RESET - Seventh offense = RESET Repetitive infractions may result in additional consequences  
NOTE: Failure to return to class with tardy slip will result in RESET. = NO EXCUSED ABSENCE/TARDIES FOR TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS

34. **THEFT/ROBBERY/BURGLARY** Valued under \$50 - Minimum 3 days RESET - Call police as needed Valued over \$50 - minimum 5 days Choices possible assignment to D.A.E.P. Over \$500- Felony-assignment to DAEP. SRO involved

35. **THREATS** - Toward students = Minimum 2 days RESET - Toward faculty/staff = Choices assignment possible assignment to D.A.E.P.

36. **VAPING/TOBACCO PRODUCTS** (Use/Possession) (Includes: Building, grounds (within 300 feet), parking lot, school activity) \* Police may be notified. - First offense- Minimum 2 days RESET, Second Offense 3 days RESET, Third Offense- 5 days Choices

37. **SKIPPING** (per semester) - First offense = 2 hour Saturday School - Second offense = 4 hour Saturday School - Third offense = 1 Days RESET - Fourth offense = 2 Days RESET - Fifth offense = 3 Days RESET. 10 unexcused absences in any one class may result in loss of credit.

38. **UNACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY** (Refer to SISD Code of Conduct ) Unauthorized Use - Visiting inappropriate sites -possible suspension of electronic devices- minimum 3 days RESET

39. **VANDALISM** - Minimum 2 days RESET - Restitution or repair as appropriate and Police may be called - Possible assignment to D.A.E.P.

40. **WEAPONS** (real or fake)

Contact parent - Contact police - Expulsion Small (non-illegal) or look-alike weapons presented as an illegal weapon or in a threatening manner - First Offense Expulsion Procedures Small (non-illegal) or look-alike weapons not presented as an illegal weapon or in a threatening manner - First offense Minimum 3 days RESET and informal conference Possible assignment to D.A.E.P.

## **DRESS CODE**

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:

### **1. General**

Any clothing, jewelry or accessories with decorations, patches, lettering advertisements, etc. which may be considered obscene or discriminatory are not to be worn to school. This includes any clothing, jewelry or accessories having criminal street gang identifiers, images of weapons or ammunition, accessories that may be used as weapons, and accessories or images having drug, sex, tobacco, weapons, ammunition, or alcoholic beverage references or designs.

### **2. Shirts and Blouses**

A. Crop tops, tube tops, halters and spaghetti straps are unacceptable. (Anything less than two inches is considered a spaghetti strap.) Strapless dresses without jackets are unacceptable.

B. The display of cleavage is unacceptable. Low cut blouses, tops, sweaters, etc. with plunging necklines are not allowed.

C. The length of an untucked shirt must be no longer than the tip of the longest finger with the student's hand fully extended down the side of the student's leg.

D. See-through attire is unacceptable unless an article of clothing is worn underneath the garment that complies with the dress code. At no time should undergarments, including bra straps, be visible.

E. Shirts/tops must touch the waist of pants/skirts at all times (i.e., when in movement, when arms are extended or raised, and when in seated position, etc.)

F. For boys, sleeveless shirts are not allowed.

### **3. Dresses, Skirts, Skorts**

The length of a skirt/dress/skort must be no higher than three inches above the knee. When measuring skirts, dresses or skorts that have slits, the length will be determined by measuring from the top of the slit.

### **4. Shorts**

The minimum length of shorts must be no higher than three inches above the knee.

## **5. Pants**

- A. Torn, cut/slashed or frayed material that reveals any area of skin or undergarment above the knee is considered inappropriate.
- B. No pajama bottoms, sleepwear or lounge wear.
- C. No derogatory wording on the back side of jeans or shorts

## **6. Sagging Pants/Shorts**

Students shall wear all pants/shorts properly at the waist. No sagging.

## **7. Accessories**

- A. All students must wear shoes at all times. Students participating in physical education class shall wear athletic footwear to participate. House shoes and slippers are prohibited.
- B. Hats/head coverings must be removed when entering any building in the District.
- C. Religious exceptions must be cleared by the Principal.
- D. Metal hair picks are considered weapons and are prohibited.
- E. Proper undergarments should be worn but not visible.
- F. Facial hair should be neat, clean, closely trimmed and not be a distraction to the learning environment.
- G. No Blankets.
- H. Earrings and nose-rings are permissible. All other visible body-piercing jewelry or ornaments that distracts from the instructional environment are prohibited.

## **8. Hair**

- A. Hair should be kept neat, clean and reasonably styled. Designs, or other hairstyles that would interfere with the educational process are NOT allowed.

## **9. Identification Badges**

The expectation for all high school students is that SISD issued identification badges be made visible at all times while on a school campus or admitted into a school-related extracurricular activity. Inability to produce or visibly display an identification badge could result in disciplinary action as defined in the Code of Conduct.

## **10. Face Masks**

In an effort to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and community, Sherman ISD students will be required to wear face coverings at all times when on campus, using district transportation, attending school related activities and when instructed to by any teacher.

- For the purposes of this document, face coverings include non-medical grade disposable face coverings, cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth), or full-face shields to protect the eyes, nose, and mouth.

All face covering must follow the Sherman HS dress code policy and cannot display anything that may interfere with the educational process. Failure to properly wear face coverings will result in disciplinary action and can lead to removal from face to face instruction for the remainder of the current grading period.

**NOTE: If the principal or designee determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.**