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Slidell Jr. High School Parent/Student Handbook 2020-2021

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Welcome to Slidell Junior High, home of the Tigers! All of the policies contained in this handbook are in place for the purpose of helping to create a safe and positive learning environment for all of our students. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

OUR VISION

A school where we truly believe all students can achieve, where teachers and students have meaningful relationships, where students are physically and emotionally safe, and where teachers work collaboratively to plan effective lessons.

BELL SCHEDULE **subject to change to during Louisiana Phase 1, 2, or 3 of Resilient Louisiana*

First bell	7:25
Homeroom	7:30-7:35
1st	7:35 – 8:28
2nd	8:31 – 9:24
3rd	9:27 – 10:20
4th	10:23 – 11:16

8th grade		7th grade	
Lunch	11:16 – 11:40	5th	11:19 – 12:12
5th	11:44 – 12:37	Lunch	12:12 – 12:37

6th	12:41 – 1:34
7th	1:37 – 2:30

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

HONORS

There is limited space for placement in honors classes. The criteria used for 7th and 8th grade honors placement include the following:

- A score of Advanced or Mastery on the LEAP tests or a NPR of 85% or higher
- An “A” or “B” final grade from the previous year in that subject area
- Teacher recommendation

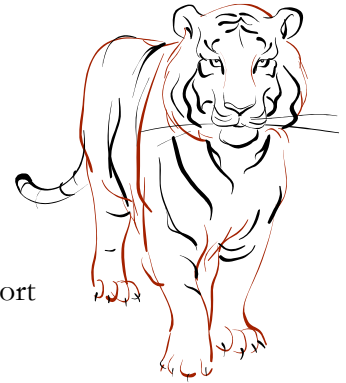
If the student earns less than a B in the class, the school will recommend that your child be transferred to an on-level class. Honors placement is done prior to the start of the school year.

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GRADING POLICY

The grading policy for St. Tammany Parish Schools is:

A	93-100
B	85-92
C	75-84
D	67-74
F	66 and below



HONOR ROLL

Students who achieve a minimum 3.5 GPA or who earn all A's and B's on the report card, will be recognized quarterly for honor roll achievement.

REPORT CARDS and ACCESSING GRADES

Report cards are issued to all students following the end of each nine-week period. Parents can access their student's grades throughout the year via the Student Progress Center (<https://jpams.stpsb.org/progress>). First-time access to the Student Progress Center requires a “PSN Number,” which parents can acquire by calling the school office.

CARNEGIE CREDIT ELECTIVES

Many of our students are enrolled in a High School Carnegie Unit Credit elective. All Carnegie credit classes are taught by a high school certified teacher and will transfer to the student's high school transcript. For more information, please call the school. In order to be eligible to receive high school Carnegie credit for courses passed, students may not miss more than five total days of non-exempted absences, unexcused absences, and/or suspensions per semester.

ZAP (Zeroes Aren't Permitted)

Slidell Junior High School's faculty believes one of the keys to academic success is completion of all assignments. In order to demonstrate commitment to that belief, a ZAP policy (Zeroes Aren't Permitted) will be in effect on a school-wide scale. First, teachers will take care to assign meaningful and engaging work that connects to academic standards. If a student does not turn in an assignment by the due date, he or she will be given every opportunity by the teacher to complete the work for partial credit. If the work is still not completed, students will be referred to after school ZAP Hall to complete the work. This additional intervention will serve to minimize the possibility that a student will receive a zero and increase their likelihood of academic achievement.

ATHLETICS

We encourage all interested students to try out for athletic teams. A copy of a recent physical (valid for one year) signed by a physician must be submitted before the student can try out.

Some of the requirements for eligibility are:

- Under the age of 15 years or 15 after September 1st of current school year.
- At least a 1.5 grade point average to play and no more than one **“F”** on each nine weeks report card.
- At tryouts, students are expected to perform a battery of skills suitable for the sport that they are trying out for.
- Students are expected to be at all tryouts. Exception: excused absence only.

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- Students must have a good recommendation from teachers and administration.
- Any student held back in the eighth grade, who has played two (2) years in junior high (7, 8) will not be eligible the following year.

Our athletes publicly represent SJH and are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior both at school and on the field/court.

- Any student who receives an in-school suspension will not be eligible to participate in or attend the next scheduled game or any game scheduled on the day(s) the student is in ISS.
- Any student suspended from school will not be eligible to participate in any games scheduled for the next five school days and must serve a minimum one game suspension.
- Any student who receives two out-of-school suspensions or a combination of three in- and out-of-school suspensions during an athletic season will be dismissed from that team.
- Any student who has three out-of-school suspensions will not be eligible to participate in athletics for the rest of the school year.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Regular school attendance has a positive effect on students’ success. Students and parents should refer to the Parish Handbook for all state and parish policies for excessive and excused absences.

- If your child is absent, please have him/her bring a signed written note to student services, within two school days of return with the following information, upon returning to school:
 - the date the excuse was written
 - the date(s) of the absence
 - the reason of the absence
- It is the student’s responsibility to check with his/her teachers to set up a schedule for completion of all work missed. The student has an equal number of days in which to make up the work as was missed.
- In order to participate in extra-curricular events after school, students are required to be in attendance for at least half a day on the day of the event.
- If a student is to be out for three or more days, assignments should be requested and can be picked up the following day.
- St. Tammany Parish automatically sends home notification letters of excessive absences. Students absent more than 10 days may be retained.
- It is important that students remain on campus before school, during the school day or after school while waiting for transportation.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

- Any student who needs to leave school due to illness should be checked out through student services.
- Only individuals listed on the student’s emergency card may check the student out. Picture identification is required.

TARDY POLICY

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All students are expected to arrive to school and class on time. Students tardy to school should report to student services to receive a tardy slip. Tardiness to school will only be excused for those reasons stated in the St. Tammany Parish Handbook. Students will receive a warning for the first two unexcused tardies to school, and will receive a lunch detention or other consequences for subsequent unexcused tardies to school. Consequences for unexcused tardies to class will follow school disciplinary policies beginning with the 3rd tardy to class (i.e. administrative detention, Friday detention, in-school support and suspension). Teachers will keep track of student tardies to their classes and will complete a Louisiana Department of Education School Behavior Report to be submitted to the office after the third tardy.

BALLOONS, FLOWERS and CANDY SALES

Balloons and flowers should not be delivered or brought to school because of the safety hazard on busses and the distraction they cause in classrooms and hallways. Candy from non-school sponsored organizations or individuals cannot be sold at school.

STUDENT MESSAGES

In order to minimize classroom disruptions, parent messages for students will be given between classes.

MEDICATION POLICY

If your child requires medication during the school day, please refer to the St. Tammany Parish Guidelines in the Parish Handbook. If you have any questions concerning medication for long term or short term use, please contact student services. If your child requires only short-term medication, we recommend (if possible) it be scheduled around school hours.

VISITORS

Parents of students are always welcome. In order to ensure the safety of our students, all visitors are required to register in the office and wear a visitor’s pass.

CAFETERIA

Our cafeteria provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free breakfast and lunch to our students each school day. As an alternative, students are allowed to bring a breakfast and/or lunch from home to eat here at school. Glass containers are not allowed on campus. In order to lessen disruptions, outside food deliveries will not be allowed. Meal costs are as follows:

Breakfast	\$0.75	Lunch	\$1.55
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Lunch and breakfast fees can be paid online by accessing the online fee payment link on the school’s website or by sending payment to the cafeteria manager. You can find out your child’s lunch balance by calling the cafeteria directly at 643-1316 or by having your child ask for the balance at lunch time.

LOCKERS

Hallway lockers are available upon request. Request forms are available at student services. See below regarding PE lockers.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In order to secure personal belongings, students are required to bring a combination lock to PE daily. The PE uniform consists of green shorts and a school PE-uniform shirt or plain gray t-shirt. Refer to the district dress code on length of shorts.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

BULLYING

We encourage all of our students to be respectful of each other. Bullying is a pattern of behaviors with the intention of hurting another student and that involves a power imbalance between students. Peer conflict (mutual arguments, disagreements, name-calling, etc.) does not normally constitute bullying. It is important that incidents of bullying are reported to the school counselor or administration. All reports will be fully investigated. The consequences for bullying will be determined by administration and may include:

- Verbal warning; conference with student; counseling for student
- Friday/Saturday detention
- In-school suspension; student/parent/teacher/principal conference required
- Suspension or recommendation for expulsion

Please refer to the District Handbook for Students and Parents for more information.

BUS POLICY

- The bus driver is responsible for the safety and well-being of all students while they are on the bus. It is important that students are respectful and follow bus rules.
- Students who violate bus regulations or who in any way endanger themselves or others by misconduct on the bus will be reported by the bus driver to the principal or assistant principal. Appropriate discipline consequences will be assigned.
- A student who must ride a bus other than his/her own, must have a signed written request to the principal from his/her parents. The note should be brought to the front office before school and picked up after lunch. The approved note is to be given to the bus driver in order to ride the bus.
- For purposes of eligibility to attend dances, field trips and other extracurricular activities, a bus suspension will be equivalent to an In-School Suspension.

HALLWAYS

Any student in the hall during class periods must have a written pass from a teacher. Between classes, students should “walk and talk” rather than congregating.

CELL PHONES/OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phone use disrupts the educational process and can become a safety issue. Students found with a visible device or in use of a device at school will have it confiscated and will be referred to the office for discipline. A parent will need to pick up the device in the main office. At no time should cell phones be used to take pictures of other students or staff members. School personnel will not investigate stolen or lost cellphones and/or electronic devices.

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CONFISCATED ITEMS

Valuables such as iPods, expensive jewelry, and large amounts of money should not be brought to school. We cannot accept responsibility for these items. Please talk with your child to help ensure that expensive items are not brought to school. Headphones/earplugs should also not be brought to school. Students are not to bring any glass bottles to school (beverages, perfumes, etc.).

SOCIAL BEHAVIOR

Students are expected to maintain high standards of social behavior at all times. Public displays of affection in any form is prohibited on school grounds or at any school sponsored event.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Use of social media on campus is not allowed per the parish handbook. Students using social media or text messaging will receive serious disciplinary consequences.

SCHOOL DRESS/UNIFORM CODE

Please refer to the St. Tammany Parish **District Handbook for Students and Parents**. *Extremes in style will be defined and determined by the school administration.*

- Polo Shirts – forest green, heather gray, or white, long or short sleeve, school logo optional. Polo shirts that are excessive in length, as well as t-shirts worn under the polo shirt, are to be tucked in.
- Pants – Cotton twill pants, shorts, or skirts of an appropriate length in regular khaki or the lighter color, commonly known as sand, are allowed. No other colors, fabrics, or cut-offs are allowed. Pants may not be decorated in any manner. Pants must be secured at the waist. Wind pants, sweat pants, leggings/jeggings or pajama pants are not permitted.
- Pants that have holes or rips may not be worn.
- Baseball caps, bandanas, and headscarves, athletic headbands or other coverings may not be worn.
- Students are not allowed to have any type of body piercing or body markings.
- Extreme styles of ear piercings are not allowed.
- Students are required to follow district policy regarding hair styles, length and color.
- A school uniform shirt must be worn under all outwear. Hoods may be worn outside on cold days as determined by the school administration.
- Shoes – Closed toe shoes or sandals with a back. No flip flops or slippers of any kind, (including slipper boots) are allowed.
- School administration will follow the school disciplinary process in addressing students out of uniform.

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- Uniforms may not be altered or accessorized in an attempt to circumvent the mandatory uniform policy (long sleeved button down shirt worn over the uniform, etc.)

SCHOOL IDs

Students are required to wear the school-issued ID badge to school each day. The cost of a replacement ID is five dollars. Students who come to school without their ID are to report immediately to the “ID table” at the front of the school and will be issued a temporary ID sticker and assigned an after school detention. Students have the option to pay \$1 in lieu of serving this detention. Students not wearing their ID during the school day will be subject to disciplinary consequences. If the ID is defaced in any way, the student will be required to purchase a replacement ID.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular activities at the school are provided to enrich our regular academic programs. Attending one of these functions is an important part of the junior high experience. Students are expected to behave in a manner that positively represents a Slidell Jr. High Tiger. Students will not be allowed to attend any extra-curricular activity on the evening of a day when the student was suspended from school or in in-school suspension. Students attending athletic events should stay on the side of the field/court that is designated for our fans.

For safety reasons, students are expected to be picked up after the completion of an activity. Any student not picked up within 15 minutes of the ending time, will not be allowed to attend the next scheduled night activity.

DANCE/SPECIAL EVENT GUIDELINES

- Only SJHS students will be allowed to attend events.
- Students, who have been on any type of suspension (in or out of school suspensions) during the eight school weeks leading up to the dance, may not attend the dance.
- Students with more than one out of school suspension, and/or more than ten major office referrals during the school year will not be eligible to attend dances.
- Eligible students must have the appropriate form completed and signed by the parent or guardian before he/she will be allowed to purchase a ticket to the dance.
- Students must attend school on the day of the event. Any student that is absent will not be permitted into the event.
- Students must follow the STPSB dress code.

FIELD TRIPS and 8TH GRADE PICNIC

When field trips are scheduled by a teacher or club sponsor, permission must be given by the parent for the student to attend the field trip. Although field trips are educational, they are also a privilege and a student must maintain a satisfactory disciplinary record in order to attend. An appropriate school uniform is required on all field trips.

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Field trips and the 8th Grade picnic are rewards for those students who have exhibited positive behavior throughout the school year. In order to be eligible to attend a field trip/picnic, a student cannot have any of the following:

- More than one out-of-school suspension
- More than two in-school suspensions
- More than a combination of two out of school and in-school suspensions.
- More than 10 major office referrals
- Less than a 1.5 GPA for first 3 quarters (8th grade picnic)
- 4th Quarter Out of School Suspension
- Expulsion during the current school year
- More than 10 unexcused absences

**Note: For purposes of eligibility to attend dances, field trips and other extracurricular activities, a bus suspension will be equivalent to an In-School Suspension.*

LIBRARY POLICY

We encourage all students to learn to use the library for their pleasure and for class assignments.

- The library will open each school day at 7:10 a.m. and close at 2:45 p.m. Students must have a pass from a teacher or a note from a parent to be admitted before school.
- Books on the open shelves are checked out for two (2) weeks. Reference books may not be checked out.
- Books on reserve may be checked out for a 2-day period.
- Overdue library books are charged a fine of \$.10 a day.
- Lost books must be paid for by students.
- Students who owe fines or have overdue library books will not be allowed to check-out books.

TECHNOLOGY

Computers and the internet are available in classrooms and in the library for student use. Students are required to have a signed **technology use agreement** on file in order to use school technology equipment. Students are expected to treat all equipment with care.

TEXTBOOKS

Student use of textbooks carries with it the basic responsibility of proper use and good care. Parents will assume the responsibility for replacement cost for any lost or damaged textbook.

CONSEQUENCES

Administrative Detention

Administrative Detentions are held after school from **2:35 – 3:35 PM** on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Long Friday Detention/Saturday Detention

“Long” Friday Detention is held after school on Fridays from **2:35 – 5:05 PM**. Saturday detention will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. **School uniforms MUST be worn in order to be admitted.** Students not

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in uniform will not be allowed to serve the detention. **If a student misses any detention assigned by school administration, additional consequences will be issued.**

In-School Suspension

In-School Suspension is provided as an alternative to out of school suspension in certain situations. This gives students the opportunity to complete their regular daily assignments. Students refusing to complete assignments or who do not meet the other behavioral expectations in ISS will be suspended out of school. Students cannot attend after school events on any day they were in ISS.

Suspensions and Expulsions

Refer to the St. Tammany Parish **District Handbook for Students and Parents**. Offenses not specifically covered by the handbook will be handled at the discretion of the administration.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

Slidell Junior High School is committed to providing a safe and stable climate for all students, free from sexual harassment by other students, teachers, parents, and staff members.

The purpose of the St. Tammany Parish School Board is to provide public education for the school-aged children of St. Tammany Parish. Sexual harassment is a violation of the law and School Board policy and will not be tolerated, condoned, or overlooked. The board requests and encourages persons associated with the school system to report such harassment to the specified person from the list that will be maintained on a bulletin board or other visible place in every building under the control of the school system.

Sexual harassment as defined by the St. Tammany Parish School Board’s policy on sexual harassment includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and / or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

MANDATED CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION AND REPORTING PROGRAM

- As mandated by the St. Tammany Parish School Board, students in grades K-8 will receive instruction on the topic of child sexual abuse prevention, education, and reporting.
- All materials that will be used in the instruction may be previewed by contacting the school administration.
- We would also like to encourage you to talk with your children about this topic as well as other general safety issues.

TRANSPORTATION

- **Students who do not ride school buses should not be on campus prior to 6:55.**
- Students are allowed to ride bikes to and from school. Bikes must be walked, not ridden, whenever on campus, and should be locked at the provided bike racks.

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- Parents should not drop off or pick up students in the faculty parking lot unless there is inclement weather.
- Car riders should be dropped off and picked up on Pennsylvania Avenue outside the cafeteria. Students are not allowed to leave the designated car pick up area and enter a vehicle. This practice creates a safety hazard. Students not following this procedure are subject to discipline.
- Students should not be on campus after 2:45 pm unless participating in a school-sponsored club/team event.
- To request a change in bus assignment, parents should contact the transportation department at **898-3373**.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school office anytime you have questions or concerns. Our goal is to provide a safe and enriching academic environment for all of our students.

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