

## **To the Student:**

On behalf of the faculty, we would like to welcome you to Eunice High School for the coming year. We are looking forward to assisting you in fulfilling your educational goals. Eunice High has a history of fine academic and extracurricular accomplishments. You are to meet the goals which have been set and to carry on the tradition and make this a better place. You can benefit from everything Eunice High has to offer by being actively involved in the learning in your classes and the programs offered. It has always been Eunice High's policy that all activities at our school are aimed for the benefit of all students and under no circumstances do any activities endorsed by Eunice High School segregate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin. **The name "Eunice High School" may not be used in any form of printed material (flyers, advertisements, products, invitations) or in any form of promotional media unless the use of the name has been approved in advance and in writing by school administrators.** If you encounter difficulties, seek out any of our trained professionals and we will do the best to help you. We are here to make your years in school as successful, yet educationally challenging, as possible. We welcome the opportunity to help you as you proceed through your high school career.

## **Mission Statement**

Eunice High School will prepare all students for Academic Success.

## **Student Parking**

Students must purchase a parking permit in order to park on school premises. Students without parking permits will lose driving privileges. The school reserves the right to assign parking areas. Students will be assigned parking areas on either the north or south side and must park in these designated areas or lose their parking privileges. Only current athletes will be allowed to park on the south parking lot. **Students are not allowed to park behind the school, along the north and south curves, or where teachers park.** Triple parking is not allowed. Failure to comply with safe driving practices could result in the loss of driving privileges.

Please be advised that school authorities have the right to search your vehicle any time it is parked on school property because of health and safety reasons. The parking lots are strictly **off-limits** during the school day without school permission. Eunice High School is not responsible for any theft or vandalism of automobiles parked on campus.

## **Visitors**

The school policy is to accept only those visitors who have legitimate business at the school. **Guests and visitors must register in the office. They must verify who they are and their purpose for being on campus. Visitors must have a visitor pass when on campus.** Students enrolled at Eunice High School are not considered visitors. While on campus, a student must comply with all dress code policies at all times. Parents are always welcomed and are encouraged to make appointments for conferences with teachers, counselors, or the administration by telephoning the guidance office.

## **Guidance**

The guidance office at Eunice High School is the starting place for all students who are interested in their school work and future plans. The guidance counselor is ready to be of service. The guidance office will provide the following:

- (1) orientation
- (2) information on colleges and universities
- (3) career information
- (4) scholarship information

Any information not available will be secured as soon as possible. The guidance counselor will discuss any vocational, educational, or personal problems with students. A parent or guardian may request a progress report on a student during the third week of the six weeks by contacting the guidance department.

Students wishing to see the counselor are to sign up in the counselor's office. The student will then report back to the classroom and will be sent for by the counselor. Office hours will be from 7:40 a.m. to 2:53 p.m.

## **PARENTS AND STUDENTS CAN MONITOR THEIR GRADES AND ASSIGNMENTS THROUGH THE USE OF TEACHER-EASE.**

## **Preparation for College Exams and Armed Services Examinations**

Eunice High School offers its students the opportunity to take preparation exams for the ACT, SAT, and ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery). All interested freshmen and sophomore students may take the PLAN (PRE-ACT). The PSAT (PRE-SAT) will be administered to all interested sophomores and juniors. The ASVAB is offered to all interested juniors and seniors. Students may sign up in the guidance department and if interested will be allowed to take any exam as long as they meet all necessary requirements.

## **Report Cards**

Report cards will be issued every six weeks. It is the student's responsibility to show his/her parents his/her report card. The tampering of a report card is considered a fraudulent act and disciplinary action will be taken.

## **Faculty Rooms**

Faculty rooms are not a public forum and are off-limits to students at all times. Any student caught in the faculty lounge without permission will be subject to disciplinary action.

## **The cafeteria**

The school cafeteria is maintained as a vital part of the health program of the school. To encourage good nutrition, a well-balanced lunch is offered at a reasonable price. The lunchroom management and your fellow students will appreciate your cooperation in:

1. Depositing all lunch litter in wastebasket.

2. Returning all trays and utensils to the dishwashing area.
3. Leaving the table and floor around your place in a clean condition for others. **No food or other lunch item may be taken out of the cafeteria.**
4. Leave the cafeteria after completing your meal.

As students enter the cafeteria each day, they must give their I.D. card to the faculty or staff member at the door for proper identification. I.D. cards will be coded for students eating free, paying reduced amount and full amounts. Students eating free will be allowed to enter the cafeteria after proper identification. Students paying must pay each day according to the code on the I.D. card. **No charging will be allowed.**

It is each student's responsibility to have in his/her possession his/her I.D. card. Please be informed that I.D. cards are not transferable and any student in possession of another's card may lose his/her cafeteria privileges. REMEMBER: Students will be allowed in the cafeteria **only after presenting their I.D. card and paying according to their code.**

Students may bring their own lunch to school; however, **no food may be brought to a student during the school day unless the student is on a special diet. A statement from the doctor is necessary for verification of a special diet. No food is to be eaten in class. Students are not allowed to receive food during the lunch hour from off the school campus (fast food, i.e. McDonald's, Wendy's, etc.)**

### **Library Regulations**

Libraries are for looking, lending, listening, and learning. Students will be using the library during the school year for both study and enjoyment. We are a support service to the academic curriculum and strive primarily to assist students and teachers in achieving reference and research objectives.

There must be rules so that library services may be most beneficial to all. The most important consideration is respect and consideration for fellow students and for the material provided. This simply means students should be reasonably quiet, constructively occupied, return borrowed material promptly, observe policies and procedures, respond to instructions of the librarian, and return those items used in the library to their proper place. Student cooperation and maturity of judgment will contribute in making the library a place to work and relax.

Students may use the library at all times during the day. Teachers are to issue permits for special research. Books may be checked out for two weeks and renewed as often as necessary. Magazines and newspapers may be checked out overnight as needed. Penalties for overdue books are five cents every day that the library is open. **Overdue accounts are the responsibility of the student. Cost of lost materials will be assessed at retail price. If the book is found and returned, the cost of the book will be refunded minus a \$20.00 finders fee.** The library will be opened from 7:30 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.

### **Student Dress**

Students shall come to school looking clean and neat. Males must be clean-shaven. Hair on males that is longer than earlobes on the side and the top of the collar in the back is not allowed. Braids, spiked hair, pony tails and Afros of excessive length are not allowed for male students. Hairstyles (male and female) that create problems of health

and sanitation, obstruct vision, psychedelic color or excessively bleached, or distract from the learning environment are not accepted. The only body piercing jewelry girls will be allowed to wear will be earrings. Body piercing jewelry for males is not allowed. Excessive jewelry that distracts from the learning environment will not be allowed. Hats/caps cannot be worn inside the school building by boys or girls. All students shall comply with the St. Landry Parish Dress Code on the first day of school.

### **St. Landry parish Student Dress Code**

The St. Landry Parish School Board believes that a mandatory school uniform policy will provide a more secure environment, promote an atmosphere for greater discipline, and increase learning opportunities for students.

This student dress code policy shall apply to all students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12th grade beginning 2000-2001 school year. This policy shall apply to all students attending public schools in St. Landry Parish. The principal of each school will make the final decision about proper or improper dress according to the guidelines provided. School spirit day and any other school activities requiring a deviation from the uniform policy will be left to the discretion of the principal. Any substantial complaint concerning the dress code shall be dealt with by the school administration.

1. Uniform shirt: The shirt shall consist of plain collared white polo knit shirt, with no logo and with either short or long sleeves. Each school will have the option of another colored shirt. Any optional top may have the school logo imprinted on the left chest over the heart. All shirts must be tucked in at the student's waist. All shirts must be long enough to remain tucked when seated. An undershirt may be worn under uniform top. The undershirt must be white, grey, black or green and the sleeve cannot be longer than the sleeve length of the uniform top. Note: Maternity wear will consist of a white button down blouse or a uniform shirt. The white maternity blouse need not be tucked. However, standard uniform shirts must still be tucked.

2. Uniform bottom: Bottoms shall consist of classic, traditional, straight leg dark khaki/navy blue cotton twill uniform pants or walking shorts with a finished hem (side slits on hems not allowed). Uniform bottoms must fit at waist and crotch and be within one (1) size of student's actual waist/inseam measurement. No cargo pockets or flaps on back pockets are allowed on uniform bottoms. Bell-bottoms, boot cut, carpenter/cargo style pants, hip huggers, or jeans of any color and/or type are not allowed. Brand name emblems on uniform bottoms may not exceed 1" x 2" in size. All uniform bottoms must have a waistband with belt loops. Walking shorts shall not be more than four (4) inches above the back crease of the knee. Sagging of the uniform bottom will not be allowed. Note: Maternity wear will consists of uniform colored maternity pants. Should uniform bottoms be worn, they must remain zipped and buttoned.

3. Uniform bottoms for girls: In addition to the above uniform bottom, traditional style uniform jumpers and skirts will be allowed and must have a finished hem and shall not be more than four (4) inches above the back crease of the knee. All items of clothing must be worn as intended by design. Allowable colors are dark khaki and navy. Skorts and overalls are not permitted. Stone, white, or dark brown uniform bottoms are not permitted. Pregnancy does not exempt one from adhering to the dress code.

Appropriate maternity clothing, approved by administration, that applies with the acceptable color schemes must be worn. Jumpers are available for pregnant girls.

4. Belts: A black, brown, or blue belt must be worn. The entire length of the belt must be worn inside the loops. Hanging of any part of the belt outside the belt loops is not allowed. However, pre K-2nd grade students may wear uniform bottoms with an elastic waistband without having to wear a belt.

5. Socks: Socks must be worn at all times. They must be solid navy, white, black, brown, or the school optional color with no emblems or logo. Crew length socks must cover the ankle and be visible above the shoe.

6. Shoes: Students must wear a closed shoe (front and back). Sandals, clogs, flip-flops, slippers, or other similar type shoes are not allowed. Shoes must be laced and tied. Velcro straps must be secured.

7. Outerwear: In cold weather, students will be allowed to wear the following over their school uniform:

Sweatshirt: A sweatshirt must have a crew neck with no hood, must be waist length with a tight, ribbed elastic bottom, must be plain, solid colored in black, white, heather gray, or dark navy blue with no emblem, logo, or marking (this includes stripes) exceeding 1" x 2" in size. Students can wear a sweatshirt in the optional school color with school logo.

Sweater: Crew neck, v-neck, or cardigan style (those that button or zip from the bottom) sweaters must have sleeves, must be waist length, must be plain, solid colored in black, white or dark navy blue with no emblem, logo, or marking (this includes stripes) exceeding 1" x 2" in size. Optional school color with school logo and school-issued sweaters are permitted.

Lightweight Jacket/Windbreaker (with or without hood)/Coat: All outerwear must zip, button, or snap from top to bottom and must not be longer than upper mid-thigh. Outerwear must be plain, solid colored in black, white, khaki, heather gray, or dark navy blue with no emblem, logo, or marking (this includes stripes) exceeding 1" x 2" in size; however, jackets in the optional school color with school logo and school-issued jackets are permitted. No leather, synthetic leather, corduroy or suede will be allowed, unless school issued. Outerwear cannot be tied around the waist, blocking the view of the belt.

### **Spirit Shirts are not considered outerwear.**

The principal and not school uniform vendors should address any questions about the dress code. Although it is impossible to anticipate all problems, distracting "fads" which disrupt the spirit, education, philosophy, or dignity of St. Landry Parish School System will be unacceptable. Students who try to circumvent the dress code or who fail to conform to grooming expectations will be subjected to disciplinary action. The principal or designee shall be the final interpreter of the dress code.

### **Appeals Process**

Deviation from the above dress code for medical, religious, and/or any other extenuating circumstances can only be granted by the School Dress Code Review Committee. This committee shall be comprised of the Superintendent or his designee,

the Policy Supervisor, the Child Welfare and Attendance Supervisor, the Drug/Violence-Free School Supervisor, and the Special education Director/designee.

Request for an appeal/hearing must be made in writing to the Superintendent, stating the reason for the deviation. A hearing date must be set within ten working days of receipt of the request, and an answer to the appeal must be rendered in writing within ten working days following the hearing. A copy of the decision shall also be sent to the principal of the school. The determination of this committee shall be final.

Persons making the appeal must be prepared to present written documentation supporting the medical, religious, and/or extenuating circumstances for the appeal.

### **Compliance Timelines**

1. All parish students and incoming Pre-K students shall comply with the dress code on the first day of school. Dress code guidelines begin when students enter the building.
2. Any student transferring from another parish shall be given ten school days to purchase uniforms and comply with this policy.

### **Violations**

Violations of the dress code shall be addressed as follows: First offense; The parent shall be contacted to bring the proper uniform to school for the child to change. A letter will be given to the parent or mailed to the parent stating the violation and reminding them that further disciplinary action will result from future violations.

### **Parish- wide Policies:**

**School Activity Fees:** Due to the fact that each school has different activities, goals, vendors, and needs, it is recommended that there should be no uniformed parish wide activity fee. Activity fees must be itemized, published, and provided to parents. A formula to pro-rate the refund for student transfers will be established at each school based on the activity fee. Students transferring after a pre-determined period established at each school will not receive a refund.

**Dress Code Grooming Component:** The only body piercing jewelry girls will be allowed to wear is earrings. Body piercing jewelry and make-up is not allowed for males. Excessive jewelry worn by both males or females or excessively worn make-up that distracts from the learning environment or poses a safety problem will not be allowed. Pre K – 8 school males may not have a mustache or facial hair. High School students must be clean shaven. Hairstyles for both male and female that creates problems of health and sanitation, obstruct vision, are an “unnatural hair color” (not naturally occurring on people) or excessively bleached or that distracts from the learning environment will not be allowed. The principal or his/her designee will determine this. Spiked hair including Mohawks for both males and females is not allowed. Hair on males, no matter what style, that is longer than the bottom of the earlobes on the side, below the eyebrows in the front, and longer than the top of the collar in the back is not allowed. Ornamentation (ribbons, bows, beads, rubber bands, etc.) and hair restraints are not allowed for males.

**Cell Phones/Electronic Devices: Elem./Middle/Jr. High Schools:** Students are not permitted to possess cell phones or any other unauthorized electronic devices on campus during regular school hours.

**High School:** Cell phones and all other unauthorized electronic devices shall not be permitted in any school building or annexed facilities during regular school hours. Storage of authorized cell phones and electronic devices will be determined by the principal.

**Public Displays of Affection:** Public displays of affection shall not be allowed on the school campus. The principal or his/her Designee will determine consequences depending upon the severity of the student's actions.

**Graduation Ceremony:** Full participation in the graduation ceremony is a privilege, not a right, for the individual student and his/her parents/guardians. Therefore, the privilege of graduating with one's class on the stage/at the stadium on graduation day is governed by the following principles: (1) successful completion of the course of studies, exams, and attendance regulations required by the state of Louisiana, (2) successful completion of the course of studies required by the St. Landry Parish School Board, (3) all graduation practices will be held during regular school hours prior to dismissal of seniors and attendance is mandatory, (4) fulfillment of all financial obligations and (5) certification by the school's administration as having followed the rules and regulations of the attending school to such a degree that the student has earned the privilege of being an active participant in the graduation ceremony. Graduation is a school function that is subject to each individual school's rules and regulations. A graduation contract will be issued to all prospective graduates no later than midterm of the graduating year. This contract must be signed by both the parent/guardian and graduating senior agreeing to these principles in addition to those requirements that are set by each individual school. This binding contract will be honored by all parties.

**Field Trip:** The principal or his/her designee has the right to determine what items students may bring on a co-curricular field trip. Students are solely responsible for these items. The individual school and/or St. Landry Parish School Board are not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items. Disciplinary action will be administered at the discretion of the principal.

Depending on the sequence or severity of documented disciplinary infractions, consequences will range from a verbal warning to expulsion. All infractions will be documented and will be dealt with according to parish approved school handbooks and/or adopted parish and state policies.

### **Disciplinary Actions and Definitions:**

The following order is not progressive, and all steps may not be applicable depending on the school site or disciplinary infraction.

The principal or his/her designee will administer the following action(s):

- \***Counsel and Warn**- A discussion shall be held with student to discuss misbehavior and student shall be advised of consequences for continued violations.
- \***Refer to School Resources**- Student shall be referred to school resources (i.e. school counselor, mental health providers, Safe and Drug Free School Counselors, Teacher Assistance Teams, School Building Level Committee, School Resource Officer, etc.) for intervention.
- \***Make Parental Contact**- Parents shall be contacted to discuss student's misbehavior.
- \***Assign Lunch or Recess Detention**- Student shall be assigned to detention for a specified date and time.
- \***Assign Work Detail/Cafeteria Duty**- Student shall be assigned to complete supervised community service at the school.
- \***Assign Remedial Work**- Student shall be assigned remedial work to be completed by a specified date and time.
- \***Conference with Parent**- A conference with the parent/legal guardian, student, and/or teacher(s) shall be scheduled and conducted.
- \***Assign Behavior Clinic/After School Detention**- Student shall be assigned to behavior clinic or after school detention for a specified date and time. Note: After school detention may include detention held on non-school days (i.e. Saturdays).

The principal will, when deemed appropriate, take the following action:

- \***In-School Suspension**- Student shall be assigned to designated in-school suspension site for a specified date and time.
- \***Out of School Suspension**- Student shall be suspended out of school for a period of one to nine days.
- \***Expulsion Recommendation**- Student shall be suspended from school pending an expulsion hearing with a district hearing officer. The superintendent, with Board approval, will determine if/when a student will be allowed to return to the school system and what campus he/she will be assigned.

### **Student responsibilities:**

1. To attend school daily, to attend all classes and to be ON TIME.
2. To come to class prepared with proper materials such as textbooks, pens, etc.
3. To be aware of ALL RULES AND EXPECTATIONS OR CHANGES in these rules and regulations defining proper student behavior.
4. To willingly and dutifully serve that segment of the student body which he/she represents.
5. To be willing to volunteer information in disciplinary cases should he/she have knowledge of importance.
6. To make sure that no individual or group of advocates be allowed to monopolize class time. Teachers should insist on courteous attention to unpopular views, including views contrary to the teacher's own personal opinions. The dignity of all should be respected and no one should be allowed to abuse others. This freedom can only be exercised as long as it does not interfere with the educational process – it does not imply the right to veto.
7. To be willing to help develop programs as they directly relate to the educational philosophy and goals of Eunice High School.
8. To become involved actively in his/her own education after returning to school following an absence of any reason. **STUDENTS TEMPORARILY OUT OF SCHOOL (FOR ANY REASON) SHALL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR KEEPING UP WITH WORK MISSED FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT!**
9. To develop the best record of which he/she is capable.
10. To maintain a clean and pleasant atmosphere in the building and on the grounds.

### **Discipline:**

Education is a parental responsibility, only part of which is delegated to the school. While discipline is not a subject, it underlies the whole educational structure. In order to create an atmosphere which encourages learning according to our school's mission, it is necessary that certain levels of conduct and discipline be maintained. Discipline develops self-control, character, orderliness, and efficiency. With this in mind you, as a student of Eunice High School, must form a POSITIVE ATTITUDE toward discipline. It is important that you do your part in making your school an effective place of learning. Each student has the responsibility of knowing the expectations of his/her classroom teachers and to conform to these expectations which may or may not be stated herein. **ANY TEACHER CAN CORRECT OR REFER TO THE OFFICE ANY STUDENT AS LONG AS THAT STUDENT IS ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS OR IS ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN A SCHOOL FUNCTION BOTH HOME AND AWAY. SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WILL REFER STUDENTS DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE FOR ANY CLASSROOM MISBEHAVIOR.**

### **GENERAL SCHOOL RULES:**

- A. Students are required to come to school with a willingness to try to learn. Nonparticipation in classroom activities and lessons will not be tolerated.
- B. Students must follow all directions as well as all school personnel's directives. Willful disobedience and disrespect of authority will result in severe disciplinary action.
- C. **No food, drinks, candy, or gum shall be allowed in the classroom.**

D. Students are required to bring all necessary items to class as required by individual teachers (paper, textbooks, notebooks, pencils, calculators, etc.).

E. Students must be in their assigned seats ready to work when the tardy bell rings.

F. Profanity/obscenity or rudeness in ANY FORM is prohibited. The following standard will be used to determine if something is profane/obscene or rude:

**Does the issue in question contribute positively to Eunice High School's educational philosophy?**

G. No book bags will be allowed in the classroom. The school takes NO responsibility for book bags or purses and their contents. Book bags and purses left unattended at any time are asking for theft. DO NOT BRING ANYTHING OF VALUE TO SCHOOL.

**Eunice High School is not responsible for any items that are stolen.**

H. No electronic devices (radios, tape/CD players, beepers, cellular phones, recording devices (audio or visual), lasers, etc.) are allowed on campus.

**(Possession of these devices will result in a disciplinary action. Actual use of a cell phone will result in an out of school suspension)**

I. Financial restitution and/or disciplinary action will be levied if any school property is defaced, destroyed, lost, or stolen by a student.

J. Any student involved in a fight, whether verbally or physically, will be subjected to any and all disciplinary action. All fights involving students that are subject to disciplinary action as determined by the School Principal will be thoroughly investigated by the Principal or designee in order to determine whether or not the students involved are to be disciplined. Following the investigation, all discipline to be applied will be in accordance with school policy. **Fighting is a serious offense and students must be aware that because they are under the supervision of Eunice High School, the need for a student to have to resort to self-defense is for all practical purposes nonexistent.** Students have the responsibility to report any incident that they feel may lead to an altercation. Students have the responsibility of asking themselves "Did I do everything in my power to prevent this altercation?"

K. Eunice High School students will have the opportunity to access information on the Internet. Students and parents must sign an Internet Use Agreement which will be kept on file before access to the Internet is granted. Any violations may result in a loss of computer access, as well as other disciplinary or legal action. Users are considered subject to all local, state, and federal laws.

L. Physical contact between students (i.e. touching, signs of affection) is not allowed.

M. Deliveries of gifts of any kind, such as flowers, balloons, candy, etc. will not be accepted by the school for redelivery to our students.

N. Gambling of any kind involving money (cards, dice, etc.) is strictly prohibited.

O. Walking out of class without permission is a suspendible offense.

P. Students are responsible to report and to be in their assigned classes at all times.

Any student caught in an unauthorized area will be subject to a suspension.

**Q.** Freshmen must bring planners to every class.

**STUDENTS WHO REGULARLY DISRUPT THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS DELINQUENT AND MAY BE REPORTED BY APPROPRIATE SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO THE JUVENILE COURT.**

**Cell Phone Policy:**

1. Any student caught with a cell phone in their possession will serve a one day in-school suspension.
2. Any student who uses a cell phone on school campus will serve a three day out-of-school suspension. Use entails: texting, incoming and outgoing phone calls, any audible sounds produce by phone, picture taking, bluetoothing and internet use.

**Students caught with cell phones:**

**1<sup>st</sup> time- phone will be kept by school for 1 week.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> time- phone will be kept by school for 6 weeks.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> time-phone will be kept by school for the rest of the school year.**

**TOBACCO USE:**

Possession or use of tobacco products on campus or at school events will result in a suspension from school.

**Substance Abuse Policy**

This policy was adopted by St. Landry Parish School Board on February 20, 1992, and revised October, 1995. The possession, use, delivery, transfer, or sale of alcoholic beverages, controlled dangerous substances, or any mood-altering chemicals by students, while on school premises, while on school buses, or while under school supervision is expressly forbidden.

A student, who is suspected of drug possession by any employee of the School Board, shall be reported by the employee to the principal for investigation and appropriate action.

**DEFINITIONS—THE TERMS USED IN THE TEXT OF THIS POLICY ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE is defined by Schedules I-V of the Uniformed Controlled Dangerous Substance Law of Louisiana at La. R.S. 40:961 et seq.

**2. POSSESSION** means having the drug on his/her person, locker or automobile while parking on school property.

**3. USE** means smoking, consuming, injecting or any intake of illegal drugs.

**4. PARAPHERNALIA** is defined as any material or object that is used to assist in drug usage or that is generally associated with drug usage.

**I. DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOL:** Manufacture, distribution, and possession with intent to distribute alcohol: When the principal or designee has reasonable cause to believe that a student has manufactured, distributed, or possessed with intent to distribute alcoholic beverages, the parents and the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction at that school shall be contacted immediately. Upon such violation, appropriate charges shall be filed by the law enforcement agency.

**A. ALCOHOL:** A student, even on a first offense, who sells, delivers for pay or not for pay, or shares alcohol with any person while under the jurisdiction of a public school in St. Landry Parish shall be recommended for expulsion from the public schools of St. Landry Parish without the expressed approval of the St. Landry Parish School Board.

**B. NO STUDENT EXPELLED UNDER ITEM I** shall be allowed to re-enter any public school in St. Landry Parish without the expressed approval of the St. Landry Parish School Board.

**II. FIRST OFFENSE: POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL:** Possession of alcohol or a student under the influence of alcohol will be the responsibility of the principal or a designee. When the principal or designee has reasonable cause to believe that a student is in possession of alcohol, parents and the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction at the school shall be contacted immediately. Upon such violation, appropriate charges shall be filed by the law enforcement agency. The student shall be suspended from school for seven (7) to nine (9) days and will be ineligible for participation in all extracurricular activities for that period of time.

**III. POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA:** Possession of drug paraphernalia, i.e., rolling papers, roach clips, stones, crack pipes, etc.: When a student is found to be in possession of any materials or devices used as drug paraphernalia, i.e. rolling papers, roach clips, stones, crack pipes, or any other material that is used for taking drugs, parents and the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction at that school shall be contacted immediately. Upon such violation, appropriate charges shall be filed by the law enforcement agency. The student shall be suspended from school for seven (7) to nine (9) days and will be ineligible for participation in all extracurricular activities for that period of time.

**ADDITIONALLY:**

**A.** The student will be evaluated by a professional substance abuse treatment facility approved by the St. Landry Parish Public School System prior to returning to school.

**B.** A student returning from a drug or alcohol suspension or expulsion will participate in a counseling/rehabilitative program prescribed by the St. Landry Parish School Board staff, which will include three (3) counseling sessions for the student, one (1) which must be attended by one parent.

**C.** The student will participate in a DFSC Program or school based re-entry activity designed to help the student remain drug-free.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH these procedures shall result in an expulsion from school for the remainder of the school year.

**IV. SECOND OFFENSE: POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL:** Possession of alcohol or under the influence of alcohol for the second time during a student's school career: When the principal or designee has reasonable cause to believe that a student is in possession of alcohol or is under the influence of alcohol, parents and the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction at that school shall be contacted immediately. Upon such violation, appropriate charges shall be filed by the law enforcement agency. The student shall be expelled from school for the remainder of the school year.

**V. STATE LAW REQUIRES THE SUPERINTENDENT TO EXPEL A PUPIL FOR MINIMUM PERIODS OF TIME IF FOUND GUILTY OF:**

**A. 16 YEARS OR OLDER**

IF AFTER AN APPROPRIATE HEARING A PUPIL IS FOUND GUILTY OF POSSESSION OF, OR KNOWLEDGE OF AND INTENTIONAL DISTRIBUTION, OR POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE, OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DETERMINED BY PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNEE) OF ANY ILLEGAL DRUG OR SUBSTANCE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, ON A SCHOOL BUS, OR AT A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT, THE PUPIL SHALL BE EXPELLED FOR A MINIMUM OF TWENTY-FOUR (24) CALENDAR MONTHS.

**B. UNDER 16 YEARS, BUT IN GRADES 6-12**

IF AFTER AN APPROPRIATE HEARING A PUPIL IS FOUND GUILTY OF POSSESSION, OR KNOWLEDGE OF AND INTENTIONAL DISTRIBUTION OR GUILTY OF POSSESSION OF, OR KNOWLEDGE OF AND INTENTIONAL DISTRIBUTION, OR POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE, OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DETERMINED BY PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNEE) OF ANY ILLEGAL DRUG OR SUBSTANCE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, ON A SCHOOL BUS, OR AT A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT, THE PUPIL SHALL BE EXPELLED FOR A MINIMUM OF TWENTY-FOUR (24) CALENDAR MONTHS.

**B. UNDER 16 YEARS, BUT IN GRADES 6-12**

IF AFTER AN APPROPRIATE HEARING A PUPIL IS FOUND GUILTY OF POSSESSION, OR KNOWLEDGE OF AND INTENTIONAL DISTRIBUTION OR POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF (DETERMINED BY PRINCIPAL OR DESIGNEE) ANY ILLEGAL DRUG OR SUBSTANCE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, ON A SCHOOL BUS, OR AT A SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENT, THE PUPIL SHALL BE EXPELLED FOR A MINIMUM OF TWELVE (12) CALENDAR MONTHS.

**Expulsion:**

Pupils may also be expelled for any of the following reasons:

1. Any pupil, after being suspended for committing violations of any discipline policies or other rule infractions, depending on the severity of the behavior, may be expelled upon recommendation to the superintendent by the principal.
2. Any pupil, after being suspended on three (3) occasions for committing any suspendible offense during the same school session, shall on committing the fourth

offense, may be expelled from the public schools of the parish until the beginning of the next regular school year, subject to review by the School Board.

3. Any pupil found guilty of possession of a knife two (2) inches or longer or a weapon (a weapon is defined as any instrument or substance that can be used to cause serious bodily harm) on school property, on a school bus, or in actual possession at a school-sponsored event; the pupil shall be expelled for the remainder of the school year.

4. 16 years or older

If after an appropriate hearing a pupil is found guilty of possession of a firearm on school property, on a school bus, or in actual possession at a school sponsored event, the pupil shall be expelled for a minimum of twelve (12) calendar months and shall be referred to the district attorney for appropriate action.

Under 16 years, but in grades 6-12

If after an appropriate hearing a pupil is found guilty of possession of a firearm on school property, on a school bus, or in actual possession at a school sponsored event, the pupil shall be expelled for a minimum of twelve (12) calendar months and shall be referred to the district attorney for appropriate action.

5. The conviction of any pupil of a felony or the incarceration of any pupil in a juvenile institution for an act which had it been committed by an adult, would have constituted a felony, shall be cause for expulsion of the pupil for a period of time as determined by the Board; such expulsions shall require the vote of two-thirds of the elected members of the Board.

### **Metal Detector Searches:**

The St. Landry Parish School Board has authorized the use of metal detectors in all schools to help ensure a safe environment for the students and staff under its jurisdiction. Metal detectors may be used by law enforcement agencies or school personnel or a combination of both parties to help minimize the presence of weapons on school campuses.

All policies in the School Board's policy manual concerning student searches will apply when metal detector searches are conducted on a student or non-student. Board approved Metal Detector Guidelines (May 19, 1994) will also apply to these searches.

### **Student Searches:**

The School Board is the exclusive owner of any public school building and any desks or lockers utilized by any student contained therein or any other area that may be set aside for the personal use of the students. Any teacher, principal, administrator, or school guard employed by the School Board, having a reasonable belief that any public school building, desk, locker, area or grounds of any public school contains any weapons, illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, nitrate based inhalants, stolen goods, or other items the possession of which is prohibited by any law, School Board policy, or school rule, may search such building, desk, locker, area or grounds of said public school. The acceptance and use of locker facilities or the parking of privately owned vehicles on

school campus by students shall constitute consent by the student to the search of such locker, facilities or vehicles by authorized school personnel.

Any teacher, principal, administrator, or school security guard employed by the School Board, may search the person of a student or his/her personal effects when based on the attendant circumstances at the time of the search, if there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the search will reveal evidence that the student has violated the law, School Board policy, or a school rule. Such a search shall be conducted in a manner that is reasonably related to the purpose of the search and the nature of the suspected offense. Such factors to be considered in determining the manner in which searches may be conducted are:

1. Age and sex of student
2. Behavior record of student
3. Need for search
4. Purpose of search
5. Type of search
6. Reliability of the information use to conduct search
7. The relative importance on making the search without delay
8. Nature and severity of problem in overall school environment

Random searches with metal detector of a student or his/her personal effects may be conducted at any time, provided such searches are conducted without deliberate touching of the student.

Any search of a student's person shall be done privately by a teacher, administrator, or security guard of the same sex as the student to be searched. At least one witness who is of the same sex as said student shall be present throughout the search. Detailed documentation shall be made of all searches. If requested, notification of the search shall be sent to the parents of the student involved.

Any automobile parked on School Board property by a student may also be searched at any time by school officials who have articulable facts which lead them reasonably to believe that items in violation of state law, School Board policy, or school rule are contained therein. If the automobile is locked, the student shall unlock the vehicle. If the student refuses to unlock the vehicle, proper law enforcement authorities shall be summoned and the student shall be subject to disciplinary action.

### **Lockers:**

Lockers are available to all students. **POLICIES WHICH APPLY TO LOCKERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Lockers are not areas of complete privacy. They may be searched periodically for health and safety purposes.
2. Each student will be assigned a locker by his 4th hour teacher. Students are to use only the assigned locker.
3. Lockers must be locked at all times.
4. Lockers will be kept clean and neat at all times.
5. Books are to be stored in lockers and not left in classrooms or hallways.

6. Book bags/gym bags must be kept in student lockers. **NO BOOK BAGS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM.**

7. Students will be allowed to go to their lockers before school, after 2nd hour, during lunch, after 5th period, and after school.

### **Activity Fee:**

Students are required to pay an activity fee at registration prior to the opening of school. The fee will cover the following items: an identification card, attendance to all home athletic events (excluding play-off games), school pictures, school yearbook, prom fees, P.E. lockers, and hall lockers. Activity fees need to be paid to attend the Homecoming Dance. All fees need to be paid to attend Prom.

Registration will be held on designated days prior to the opening of the school. Students entering school must clear all financial obligations to Eunice High School prior to registration.

### **Textbooks and equipment:**

Each student is responsible for all books and equipment issued to him/her. Most are issued to students without cost. Students will be asked to sign for books, for which they will be responsible if damaged, lost, or stolen. The cost of lost or stolen books must be paid and any student who leaves textbooks unattended overnight shall be subjected to disciplinary action.

### **Noise Control:**

Eunice High School's enrollment has increased significantly. Because of the number of students and the design of our campus, it is necessary that noise be kept to a minimum. Shouting, yelling, loud laughter, and boisterous behavior will not be tolerated. Students must be considerate and mindful that learning is constantly taking place

### **Student I.D. Cards**

Students will be issued an I.D. card at the beginning of the school year. It is necessary that students carry I.D. cards around their neck on lanyards during the school day and at all school-sponsored activities. I.D.'s must be visible at all times. Failure to have your I.D. will result in disciplinary action. If a student loses his/her I.D. card, he/she must purchase a new card. A student must present his/her I.D. card at the request of any teacher or administrator of this school.

### **Homecoming Court**

While at Eunice High School, to be eligible for Homecoming Court, girls must be in at least one club and one service organization per year for two years or two service organizations per year for two years. (Clubs and organizations can differ each year.)

## **Athletics**

All interscholastic athletics at Eunice High School are approved and sanctioned by the Louisiana High School Athletic Association. To be eligible for interscholastic athletics, a student must have passed five academic subjects the preceding semester. Members of the athletic teams as well as members of the band, green jackets, dance team, and cheerleaders must be present at least one-half day to be eligible to practice for or participate in their respective school activities on that day. Eunice High School competes in football, basketball (boys and girls), track (boys and girls), golf (boys and girls), tennis (boys and girls), baseball, and softball.

Students scheduled for physical education are required to initial their gym shoes, shirts and shorts with indelible ink so they can be identified. Any student having in his/her possession gym equipment belonging to another person will be subject to disciplinary action.

## **Behavior rules for Extracurricular events**

**ALL SCHOOL RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE ENFORCED AT ALL ATHLETIC EVENTS AND FIELD TRIPS AT WHICH EUNICE HIGH SCHOOL IS INVOLVED.**

Students who are on an out-of-school suspension are not allowed to attend any extracurricular activities or events. **In order for a student to be eligible to participate in any extracurricular activity, he/she must be in attendance for at least one half-day.** All field trips must be approved through the principal's office. Any student misconducting him/herself will be subject to disciplinary action.

## **Health and Medication**

**ABSOLUTELY NO MEDICINES ARE TO BE GIVEN INTERNALLY AT SCHOOL-BY-SCHOOL PERSONNEL WITHOUT WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY (SNO: FO1) FROM THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN. ASPIRIN IS A MEDICINE.**

If a student is on medication that must be taken during regular school hours, the medicine must be brought to the office and the student will make arrangements through the office to be released at the proper time to take the medicine. At no time must a student have in his/her possession any medication.

## **Restricted Areas**

Students are to keep the FRONT ENTRANCE and OFFICE AREA cleared at all times. Students are not to block hallways or doorways at anytime. **The parking lots are STRICTLY OFF-LIMITS as well as the areas in the rear of the building (with the exception of the portable classrooms).**

When the dismissal bell rings, all students with the exception of those participating in a teacher-supervised activity are to exit the campus. The gates will be closed and ALL HALLS MUST BE CLEARED. STUDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT ALL SCHOOL RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE ENFORCED AS LONG AS THE STUDENT IS ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS (THIS INCLUDES THE DRESS CODE).

The cafeteria, auditorium, library, teachers' lounge, all classrooms, gym areas, storerooms, labs, offices and all other school campus areas are strictly OFF-LIMITS to

any student unless that student has received permission from the official who is in charge of that area.

**Any student out of class during class time must have a hall permit/planner in his/her possession.**

### **Attendance**

It is of utmost importance that students attend class regularly. As senior high school students, the responsibility of attending school is yours. Punctuality and reliability are traits we hope to help you develop.

The St. Landry Parish School Board requires that students must be in attendance a **minimum of 160 days** during a school year in order to receive credits for the courses taken. Excuses for students missing in excess of twenty days during a school year must be granted by the St. Landry Parish School Board. Ordinarily the only exception will be for students with medical problems. **All excuses must be brought in within five days of the student returning to school to the front office.** Upon verification, these days will be considered excused.

A letter will be sent by the school to parents of students sixteen (16) years and younger when the student has missed five (5) days of school. This letter will inform the parents of the seriousness of their son/daughter's attendance at school and the consequences of continued absences.

On the seventh (7th) day of unexcused absence, the school principal or designee will send a list of the students to the office of the District Attorney. The District Attorney's staff will send a letter to the parents of these students informing them of a meeting to discuss the consequences of continued absences from school. At least one of the parents along with the student must attend this meeting.

On the twelfth (12th) day of unexcused absence, the school principal or designee will send the LA15 form to the Child Welfare and Attendance Department at the Central Office. This information will be turned over to the District Attorney's staff for possible prosecution. Students 17 years of age and above are required to follow the compulsory attendance policy.

**It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to contact his/her teachers on the DAY HE/SHE RETURNS TO SCHOOL regarding make-up tests. Upon returning from an absence, within five days, students must make up tests. Failure to do this will result in the student receiving an "F" for all work. Class work, reports, and pop tests that are considered to be part of your daily grade will not be allowed to be made up.** A student checking out or in is not excused from assignments due that day. All approved holidays are announced in advance. There are no approved "SKIP DAYS." Students participating in, or otherwise instigating so-called skip days will have an unexcused absence and WILL NOT be allowed to make up class work or tests when they return.

Students will be assigned homeroom teachers for record keeping. Students arriving after the 1st hour tardy bell must report to the library.

If a student is returning to school from a medical appointment, this will not be considered a tardy. However, verification must be shown when the student arrives at school. Eunice High School will minimally follow all current state and parish policies regarding attendance.

## **Suspensions**

Upon returning from in-school suspension, students are allowed to make up work/tests. Upon returning from out-of-school suspensions, students are not allowed to make up work/tests and will receive a zero on all missed work.

## **Midterm and Final Exams**

In order to prepare our students to excel on standardized tests and other college, armed forces, and technical school's entrance exams, Eunice High School will require all students to take a comprehensive midterm and final exam in every subject. This gives our students the opportunity needed to become familiar with taking these types of exams.

During midterm and final exam weeks, there will be no checkouts during testing time. No student will be allowed to take an exam earlier than the scheduled exam time. Students checking in late will report to the library and arrangements will be made to reschedule testing.

## **Grading scale**

The St. Landry Parish School Board has adopted the following grading scale:

100-92	A
91-83	B
82-75	C
74-67	D
66-0	F

## **Bullying, threatening, or violent behavior**

The St. Landry Parish School Board is committed to maintaining a safe and secure school environment. Therefore, all incidents of bullying, threatening, or violent behavior exhibited on campus, at school-sponsored activities, on school buses, at school bus stops, and en route from home to the bus stop and from the bus stop to home will not be tolerated. Even if made in a joking manner these statements threatening other students, school personnel, or school property are unacceptable.

## **Threatening/violent statements**

Whether written or verbal, such threats will be dealt with severely. School authorities will conduct an investigation to determine the severity of the incident. Students who have made a verbal threat overheard by a staff member or reliable student witnesses will receive an out-of-school suspension and possibly a recommendation for expulsion. Students who write a hit list or death threat shall be recommended for expulsion.

## **Bullying**

The terms harassment, intimidation, and bullying shall mean any intentional gesture or written, verbal, or physical act that pertains to a student's disability, race, religion, or sex that:

a) A reasonable person under the circumstances should know his/her action will have the effect of harming a student or damaging his/her property or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to his/her life or person or damage to his/her property; and

b) Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for a student.

Any student, school employee, or volunteer who in good faith reports an incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying to the appropriate school official in accordance with the procedures established by local board policy shall be protected from any retaliation against the person that reports incident to the school authorities.

Recommended disciplinary actions are as follows:

First Offense: Three (3) day out-of-school suspension and contract signed by student, parent or guardian, and administrator

Second Offense: Five (5) day out-of-school suspension

Third Offense: Recommendation for expulsion

Depending upon the severity of the incident, the principal may suspend and/or recommend expulsion on the first offense. Other actions that may be for any of the above offenses of threatening or bullying, include but are not limited to, referral to school counseling, referral to law enforcement officials, and/or referral to Families in Need of Services (FINS). It is strongly recommended that parents/guardians seek additional counseling for these students. The alternative school will not be an option for students receiving a recommendation of expulsion for making a comment of threatening violent nature or bullying.

### **Electronic bulletin board**

Eunice High School's Electronic Bulletin Board is used to notify students of upcoming events, deadlines, and other pertinent information. It is the student's responsibility to check the bulletin board for all school announcements.

### **Dishonesty**

A student caught cheating on a test; homework assignment, project, or any other assignment shall receive a "0" on his/her numerical grade on that particular assignment. Students faced with the task of writing a paper are sometimes tempted to borrow facts, ideas, or phrases from other writers as an aid to their own expressions. The attempt of any student to present as his/her own work which he/she has not produced is regarded as plagiarism. Students found guilty of plagiarism, as well as students assisting others in plagiarism, will be subject to disciplinary action. Students found guilty of stealing will be subject to disciplinary actions. Upon such violation, appropriate charges shall be filed by law enforcement agency.

### **Accidents**

Any accident that occurs during school hours must be reported to the school administration immediately in order for an accident report to be completed. Eunice High School has no financial responsibility for accidents that occur on the school campus or school sponsored events. School insurance is available for all students. Please check in the front office for information.

## **Telephone**

Phones will not be available to students during school hours. All phone calls to parents during school hours must be made by an administrator. **Students are not allowed to use any phone on school premises. Students caught using any phone will be subject to disciplinary action.**

## **Detention**

Detention is an alternative to suspension. Failure to attend a scheduled detention will result in a suspension.

## **Fundraising**

Any fundraising activity using Eunice High School's name must be cleared through the principal's office.

## **Sexual harassment**

The St. Landry Parish School Board's policy on sexual harassment will be given to all students and will be kept on file in the principal's office.

## **Checkout Procedure**

The faculty of Eunice High School cannot carry out its responsibility of educating students unless the student is in class. The checking out of students has become an ever-increasing problem at our school. With this in mind, the following policy will be followed concerning students checking out of school.

No student will be allowed to check out of school at anytime during the school day unless the parent or guardian comes to school in person to sign the student out. The fact that the student may have his/her automobile on campus does not alter the fact that the parent must come to school. If the student is too ill to remain in school, then he/she is certainly too ill to drive.

Students are NOT to leave the campus during the school day; however should an EMERGENCY arise, he/she must:

1) Secure permission from his/her teacher at that time (if it is between classes, he/she must report to his/her next hour teacher for permission). VERIFICATION THAT PERMISSION FROM THE TEACHER WAS GRANTED MUST BE SHOWN.

2) REPORT TO THE PERSON IN CHARGE: AT THAT TIME, THE PERSON IN CHARGE WILL PLACE A CALL TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN. STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE ANY SCHOOL PHONE TO CALL PARENTS TO CHECK OUT. ALL CALLS TO PARENTS MUST BE MADE BY THE PERSON IN CHARGE. PARENTS MUST COME TO SCHOOL TO CHECK OUT THEIR CHILD REGARDLESS IF THE STUDENT DRIVES TO SCHOOL. ALL CHECK OUTS MUST BE CLEARED THROUGH THE FRONT OFFICE.

3) The student must then RETURN TO HIS/HER CLASS UNTIL HE/SHE IS CALLED TO THE OFFICE. PARENTS MUST REPORT TO THE FRONT OFFICE BEFORE THE STUDENT IS ALLOWED TO LEAVE.

NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO CHECK OUT during the lunch periods and the last thirty (30) minutes of the school day UNLESS IT IS AN EXTREME EMERGENCY.

**Once a student is checked out, he/she must LEAVE THE CAMPUS WITHIN FIVE MINUTES.** Any student not leaving the campus within this time period will be reported to the office for the proper disciplinary action.

Teachers are responsible for every student assigned to them during their class time. Students are not allowed to run errands during class time. Students are not to leave the campus without permission from the front office.

**STUDENTS LEAVING THE SCHOOL CAMPUS WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION, AS WELL AS THOSE CUTTING CLASSES AND REMAINING ON CAMPUS, WILL BE SUSPENDED.**

Eunice High School is continuously striving to improve its academic program and in so doing will be demanding more of you as a student. Students choosing to miss school will find it extremely difficult to keep up with their studies and in most cases impossible to pass. Education is the greatest gift we, as a school system, can give you. However, you must ATTEND SCHOOL IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THIS WONDERFUL GIFT!

### **ASSEMBLIES**

Senior high school students will need to work hard to develop a reputation for courteous behavior in school assemblies. Students should give full attention to the performers on stage and appreciation shown only through clapping hands.

### **TARDY POLICY**

It is necessary that students report to SCHOOL/CLASS promptly. Any doctor excuse for checking in late must be presented to the office at the time of check-in. Any student who arrives at school after the morning tardy bell or who CHECKS IN UNEXCUSED will be considered LATE TO SCHOOL. Any student who is LATE TO SCHOOL must report to the office. Being LATE TO SCHOOL will result in disciplinary action and/or removal of driving privileges. Tardies will be excused only with a doctor's excuse or student accompanied by a parent. **Any student with excessive tardies (excused or unexcused) may be subjected to disciplinary actions.**

If a student is not in class by the tardy bell he/she is considered TARDY TO CLASS. Any student who is TARDY TO CLASS must abide by his/her teacher's tardy policy. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. Any student more than TEN (10) MINUTES TARDY TO CLASS will be deemed CUTTING CLASS and will be sent to the office for proper disciplinary action.

### **Evacuation of school site**

In case of emergency evacuation, Eunice High School students will be evacuated to St. Thomas More Church which will serve as a pick-up point where parents can retrieve their children. Our secondary site will be the Physical Education and Health parking lot at LSUE.

### **Graduation**

Full participation in the graduation ceremony at Eunice High School is a privilege, and not a right, for the individual student and his/her parents. Therefore, the privilege of graduation with one's class on the stage on graduation day is governed by the following principles: (1) successful completion of the course of studies and exams required by the

state; (2) successful completion of the course of studies required by the St. Landry Parish School Board; (3) attendance at graduation practice, fulfillment of all financial obligations and certification by Eunice High School's administrators as having followed the rules and regulations of the school to such a degree that the student has earned the privilege of being an active participant in the graduation ceremony. These rules and regulations specifically include those covered in the handbook. However, other egregious breaches of rules and regulations may be considered by the administration before bestowing on the student the privilege of being able to participate in the graduation ceremony. All three requirements must be met. Any graduation supplies ordered are the responsibility of the student. Ordering graduation supplies should only be done if the student knows for a fact that he/she will be graduating. Once ordered, students are obligated to pay for all graduation supplies.

### **Prom**

Eunice High School will sponsor a Jr./Sr. prom. Full participation in the prom at Eunice High School is a privilege, and not a right, for the individual student. Students and guests are responsible for all rules and regulations set forth by Eunice High School for extracurricular activities. All students and guest will be subject to Breathalyzer Test. All activity fees must be paid to attend Homecoming Dance. All school debts must be cleared to attend Prom.

### **Graduation honors**

Ranking of graduates and the determination of the valedictorian and salutatorian will be done according to parish policy.

### **Curriculum**

Course selections should be based upon plans for graduation. Graduation requirements are subject to change by stipulation by BESE and the state legislature. Eunice High School will conform to these changes.

Regardless of the curriculum pursued, a student shall earn a minimum of 23 units of high school credit and pass the state required graduation exit exam (GEE) in order to earn a high school diploma. The English and mathematics segments of the exit test are given in the tenth grade, and the social studies and science segments are given in the eleventh grade. Provisions are made for students to be remediated and re-tested, if necessary.

The units required for graduation must include the following:

Free Enterprise	1/2 unit
Civics	1/2 unit
American History	1 unit
Social Studies Elective	1 unit
Algebra I or Algebra I Part I	1 unit
Math Electives	2 units
Biology	1 unit
Science Electives	2 units
English	4 units
Physical Education	1 1/2 units

Health	1/2 units
Computer Course	1 unit
Electives	7 units
TOTAL	23 units

### **Academic Lettering Requirements**

Eunice High School, in conjunction with its A.C.E. program (Academic Curriculum for Excellence), is offering its students the opportunity to earn a letterman jacket in academics. In order to qualify for an academic letter, the student must be enrolled in Eunice High School's A.C.E. program. The student must have completed at least five semesters of the A.C.E. program (three of which must be at Eunice High) and must have earned a minimum cumulative 3.3 G.P.A. in this specific curriculum. A student, therefore, has four opportunities to earn an academic letter before he/she graduates—at the end of each fall or spring semester during his/her junior or senior year. The A.C.E. curriculum for academic lettering consists of the following subjects:

English I, English II, English III, English IV

Algebra I, Algebra II, Advanced Math, Geometry or Calculus

Biology I, Physical Science or Biology II, Chemistry, Physics or Computer Science

Civics/Free Enterprise, American History, 1 other unit of social studies

1 unit of foreign language

Once a student letters in academics, he/she is then required to maintain the necessary academic requirements. The student must continue to be enrolled in the A.C.E. program; failure to do so will automatically cause student to lose his/her letterman's status. Also, failure to meet the required 3.3 cumulative G.P.A. in the A.C.E. program will result in probation for a period of one semester. After the probationary period, if the student's G.P.A. does not reach the minimum 3.3, the student will then relinquish his/her academic letter.

### **Louisiana's Tuition opportunity program for students, "tops"**

To Qualify Under Opportunity Award, a student must:

1. Have a high school GPA of 2.50
2. Have earned 16.5 core units\*
3. Have earned ACT (prior year State ACT average, rounded, minimum 19)

To Qualify Under Performance Award, a student must:

1. Have a high school GPA of 3.50
2. Have earned 16.5 core units\*
3. Have earned ACT composite of 23

To Qualify Under Honors Award, a student must:

1. Have a high school GPA of 3.50
2. Have earned 16.5 core units\*
3. Have earned ACT composite of 27

\*See Guidance Counselor for Core unit description

Other government assistance plans are available. See guidance department for more information.

**Classification of Students**

**Freshman** (9th Grade) any student who has earned less than 5 credits.

**SOPHOMORE** (10th Grade) Any student who has earned 5 or more credits.

**JUNIOR** (11th Grade) Any student who has earned 11 or more credits.

**SENIOR** (12th Grade) Any student who has earned 16 or more credits.

All students (with the exception of 5th year seniors) will be required to schedule 7 classes a day.

**ST. LANDRY PARISH SCHOOL CALENDAR**

2009-2010

Professional Day	Tuesday, August 11, 2009
First Day for Students	Wednesday, August 12, 2009
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2009
Professional Day	Monday, September 21, 2009
Professional Day	Monday, October 12, 2009
Thanksgiving Holidays	Close at end of day, Friday, Nov. 20 and reopen Monday, Nov. 30, 2009
Christmas Holidays	Close at end of day, Friday, Dec. 18 and reopen Monday, January 4, 2010
Martin Luther King Holiday	Monday, January 18, 2010
Professional Day	Tuesday, January 19, 2010
Mardi Gras Holidays	Close at end of day Friday, Feb. 12 and reopen Thursday, February 18, 2010
Easter Holidays	Close at end of day Friday, March 26 and reopen Tuesday, April 6, 2010
Professional Day	Thursday, May 27, 2010
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31, 2010
<b><u>SIX WEEKS REPORTING PERIOD ENDS:</u></b>	
1 <sup>ST</sup> Period	Wednesday, September 23, 2009
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	Thursday, November 5, 2009

3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	Wednesday, January 6, 2010
Mid-term	Wednesday, January 6, 2010
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	Tuesday, February 23, 2010
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	Wednesday, April 14, 2010
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	Wednesday, May 26, 2010
Last day for seniors	Friday, May 7, 2010
Graduation	Friday, May 14, 2010
Last day for testing pupils	Wednesday, May 26, 2010
Professional Day	Thursday, May 27, 2010
Final report cards will be mailed out	Thursday, May 27, 2010