

Garfield Heights High School

4900 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

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Garfield Heights High School - Home of the Bulldogs

What it means to be a "Bulldog":

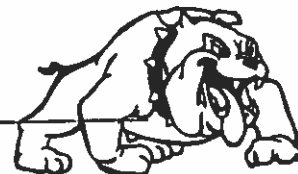
1. Polite – Bulldogs are polite to staff members and to each other.
**All staff members in the building are responsible for your safety and education. At any time, any staff member may question your actions and should be replied to in a respectful manner (even if you don't know them.)
2. Productive – Bulldogs use their time wisely.
3. Prompt – Bulldogs arrive ON – TIME! They are in class BEFORE THE BELL RINGS. First bell to start the school day is at 7:25 a.m. Doors to the school open by 6:30 a.m.
4. Prepared – Bulldogs are always prepared – for class, for extra-curricular activities, etc. Bulldogs have writing utensils, homework, materials – just in case!

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**WELCOME!!
WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!**

a. Guidance Counselors

You may visit guidance during study hall, lunch, before and after school – not during class unless it's an emergency. The high school web site has a guidance tab that contains important information.

Mrs. Marksberry will work with student whose last names begin with A-G;
Mrs. Castignola will work with student whose last names begin with H-O;
Ms. Williams will work with student whose last names begin with P-Z.

b. Principals

Mr. Fording, Assistant Principal– 10th / 12th grades
Mr. Winton, Assistant Principal - 9th / 11th grades
Mrs. Reisland, Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning
Ms. Hager, Principal

c. Additional Resources

Mr. Johnson –Youth Development Coordinator
Officer Seawright – School Resource Officer

d. Social Media: Twitter @GHHS_Barks

District website – offers information on upcoming events/important news
www.garfieldheightscityschools.com

e. Progress book – this is an on-line grade book for students and parents to access. Please ask your guidance counselor for your password and how to log on. (Your teachers can also help you.)

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What should I do if I'm absent?**
 - a. Have your parent call the school to report your absence. The number is 216-662-2800.
 1. Parents can call anytime – we have an answering machine for attendance.
 2. If your parents don't call – please ask them write a note concerning the absence and bring it to the office when you return to school.
 3. If your parents need to take you out of school- please send a note in the morning so the dismissal is pre- arranged.
 4. Parents may also call in for an early dismissal. Please do so at the beginning of day, so the office staff can prepare your pass.
 5. **THE SAME GOES WHEN YOU'RE RUNNING LATE TO SCHOOL. PLEASE CALL and let us know.**
 - b. When you return, get your assignments from your teachers. Most teachers have a policy about absent work. You are responsible to make up any missed work.
 - c. If your absence is not excused, you are not permitted to make up any work and will not receive any credit.
2. **What should I do if I know I'm going to be late to the next class?**
 - a. Ask your teacher for a pass.
 - b. Tardy students who arrive to class without a pass will be disciplined. After 4 tardies, students will be written up and called down to the assistant principal's office.
3. **What should I do if need to use the restroom or go to the clinic?**
 - a. Ask your teacher what his/her policy is regarding passes.
 - b. No passes are issued during the first 10 minutes or last 10 minutes of class.
4. **What should I do if I need extra help from a class?**
 - a. Talk to your teacher.
 - b. Extra tutoring is available before and after school.
5. **How do I find out my grades?**
 - a. Log into Progress Book from the district Website:
www.garfieldheightscityschools.com
 - b. Double check with your teacher.
6. **What happens if i break a rule?**
 - a. You may receive a detention, be removed from class, placed in the alternative school, suspended or expelled depending on the severity of the situation.
 - b. Your assistant principal will handle your discipline issues.
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7. **What should I do if I need a computer?**
 - a. The library has computers. You will need a pass from your lunch or study hall teacher.
 - b. The cafeteria has computers.
 - c. Room 232 is available if you make arrangements AHEAD of time.

8. **What should I join/do for extra-curricular activities?**
 - a. There are MANY clubs/sports and activities to join.
 - b. GET INVOLVED!
 - c. Don't see something you like? Ask a teacher to help start a club.

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

If you like:	Then Consider:
MUSIC	Band (Jazz, Concert and Marching) Music Express, Concert and A'Cappella Choirs
THEATRE/ACTING/ARTS	Drama Club, Art Club
SPORTS	Football, Volleyball, Tennis, Golf, Cheerleading Soccer, Cross Country, Basketball, Bowling, Wrestling, Baseball, Fast Pitch Softball, Track
MOVEMENT/DANCE	Drill Team, Flag Line, Dance Line, Drama Club
ACADEMICS	Academic Team, Spanish Club, Set the Bar High Club
HELPING OTHERS	Students of Service, Class Officer
SOCIAL CONCERNS	Gay/Straight Alliance, Tree Huggers
REPORTING	Newspaper, Yearbook

Just in:

The Morning Announcements are now on twitter!
Follow us @GHHS Barks for all of your announcement information, updates about the school,
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Helpful information for success at the high school

Arriving to School

1. Our first class begins at 7:30. The first bell rings at 7:25.
2. Doors to the high school open at 6:30 a.m.
3. You must sit in the cafeteria until the bell rings to dismiss you.
4. You ARE NOT permitted to roam about the building. If you need to see a teacher in the morning, please make prior arrangements.
5. Breakfast is served from 7:00-7:20 a.m.

Cell phone policy

1. Cell phones are permitted in lunch and study halls ONLY. Earbuds/headphones MUST be used at all times.
2. Headphones/Earbuds are NOT permitted to be worn in the hallway.
3. Each teacher has a cell phone policy in their class. Please look for the cell phone sign to determine what is expected in that class.
4. If a staff member asks for your phone, please hand it to them. Failure to do results in two days of alternative school. (Most teachers will give it back to you at the end of the period.)

Student ID

1. You will receive a Student ID.
2. This will be needed for lunch and library purposes.

Locker

1. You will receive a locker. This is school property, please treat it kindly.
2. Please do NOT share lockers!
3. You may visit your locker BETWEEN classes.
4. You are NOT permitted to use your locker before the first bell rings in the morning.

Moving through the Hallway

1. There are four minutes in between each class period, with a one-minute warning bell.
2. Please do not wear headphones or hats in the hall.
3. If you're in the hallway during a class period, you MUST have a pass from a teacher.

Classes

1. Classes are 47-minutes long.
2. Please arrive to all your classes on time.
3. Please check with your teachers about their class policies and expectations.
4. Please be productive in class.

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Lunch Period

1. Bulldogs are expected to arrive to ALL classes (including lunch) on time.
2. The cafeteria is divided into 4 sections. One section at a time is called by the teachers to get up for lunch.
3. You will need your ID to get your lunch. If you don't have your ID, you may go last.
4. You may use the restrooms just outside the cafeteria during lunch.
5. You DO need a pass to leave the cafeteria.

Passes

1. There are no passes the first 10 minutes of class AND the last 10 minutes of class.
2. Please ask your teacher what their pass policy is.
3. Do not ask a substitute for a pass. They are not allowed to issue any passes to students.
4. You will need a pass for the clinic, the library and lunch.

Library

1. You will need a pass to enter the library from study hall or lunch.
2. No food or drink is permitted in the library.

Clinic

1. The clinic is located right next to the library.
2. You will need a pass to enter the clinic.
3. The nurse does not arrive until 8:30 a.m. and leaves at 1:30 p.m.

Supplies

1. Most teachers will require one or more of the following: notebook, folder, paper, binder.
2. Please be prepared with your supplies.

Tardies

1. After 4 unexcused tardies, you will receive a referral to the office. This means that you just showed up to class late.
2. After 4 unexcused tardies, you will be receiving some type of discipline from your assistant principal.
3. If you know you're going to be tardy, please ask your teacher for a pass to get to your next class.
4. You even need a pass to go to lunch if you're going to be late!

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