

**WAKULLA HIGH
SCHOOL
2016-2017**

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STUDENT HANDBOOK

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This handbook belongs to:

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ Zip Code _____

Phone_____

Student # _____ Homeroom: _____

Principal's Message

Dear Wakulla High School Students:

We are all privileged to be a part of one of the very finest school families in the State of Florida. We must treasure the opportunity to work together in maintaining the great traditions which this institution has established for us. Each of us is responsible for doing our part to continually strive for excellence in all that we attempt. This 2016-2017 school year will be filled with challenges and with rewards. Remember that your possibilities for success are limitless if you will give it your best efforts. The WHS faculty and staff are here to support you and to assist you in any way we can.

There are classes and activities available to you which can truly prepare you for the future; take advantage of them by becoming actively involved. Be a participant. If you need help, ask me or any other adult who works here for assistance. My fondest wish is that you will remember this school year as one of the most wonderful times of your life. It is an honor for me to be your principal. My pledge to our community is that I will work very hard to be worthy of the trust given to me. I hope that you will approach this year with the same attitude.

Go Mighty War Eagles!

Sincerely,

Mike Barwick
Principal

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REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE

Breakfast	7:10-7:35
1st period	7:40-8:30
2nd period	8:35-9:20
3rd period	9:25-10:10
4th period	10:15-11:00
First 5th period	11:05-11:55
1st Lunch	11:00-11:35
Second 5th period	11:40-12:30
2nd Lunch	11:55-12:30
6th period	12:35-1:20
7th period	1:25-2:10

HOMEROOM DAY BELL SCHEDULE

Breakfast	7:10-7:35
1st period	7:40-8:20
2nd period	8:25-9:05
Homeroom	9:10-9:30
3rd period	9:35-10:15
4th period	10:20-11:00

Remainder is same as Regular Bell Schedule.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

9th Grade to 10th Grade: A minimum of four (4) credits earned in Grade 9 and a 1.0 GPA.

10th Grade to 11th Grade: A minimum of eleven (11) total credits earned in Grades 9 and 10 including at least one (1) English, one (1) mathematics, one (1) science and one (1) social studies credit and a 1.5 GPA.

11th Grade to 12th Grade: Students will be promoted from 11th grade to 12th grade with the understanding graduation requires 24 credits in specific areas and a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Second Year Seniors: When a student, after completing one full year with classification as a senior, lacks the 24 credits or the 2.0 GPA required for graduation, he/she may return to Wakulla High School as a second year senior on a part-time basis to complete the requirements for graduation.

GRADING SYSTEM

A -90-100	Outstanding
B -80-89	Above Average
C -70-79	Average
D-60-69	Below Average
F- 0-59	Failing
I	Incomplete

REPORT CARDS

The student's homeroom teacher will distribute report cards on the dates indicated on the school calendar. Report cards are to be taken home to the parent. Any parent who does not receive a report card can call the school and a copy will be mailed home.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports will be given to each student at the midpoint of each grading period.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Students who require schedule changes must fill out a "Schedule Change Request" form and turn it in to Student Services. Forms are available through homeroom teachers, Student Services or the front office. Students should fill out the form and wait for notification.

Schedule changes should not be requested for courses that the student signed up for as requirements, electives or alternates. Request for changes may be made only during the first 5 days of school and only for the following reasons:

1. A student needs to drop a class that he/she has already passed.
2. A senior needs a course for graduation.
3. Administrative discretion (to balance, delete or add classes).

ATTENDANCE

EXCUSED AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Determination of when an absence is excused or unexcused is the responsibility of the principal or his/her designee. Parents/Guardians are required to provide written notes or other documentation to the attendance office within two (2) days of the student's return to school for the absence to be considered excused. Parent notes will be accepted for up to four (4) absences in a grading period. For all other absences, official third party documentation is required. A student with four (4) or more unexcused absences per nine (9) weeks grading period will have an automatic failing grade of 59, or lower if earned, for that class unless a successful appeal has been made. Students who miss more than 10 minutes of a class will be considered absent from that class. **THE ATTENDANCE POLICY WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR.**

For more information concerning the appeal process consult the *Secondary Code of Student Conduct and Attendance Policy*.

EXCUSED ABSENCES ARE ABSENCES RESULTING FROM: The student and/or parent must contact each teacher by the end of the second day after returning to school to obtain make-up work. The time frame for handing the work in will be determined by the teacher.

1. Illness or injury of the student.
2. Death in the family.
3. Legal reasons
4. Religious holidays or services which are mandated for all members of the faith and which cannot be observed outside the regular school day.
5. Other individual student absences beyond the control of the parent or student, as determined and approved by the principal or the principal's designee.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: Any student who misses a class with an unexcused absence is required to contact each teacher by the end of the second day after returning to school to obtain make-up work for half credit. Failure to obtain make-up work within the two days will result in the student's loss of the right to make up the work for half credit (at teacher discretion how much less than half to count work).

1. Truancy.
2. Missing the bus.
3. Trips not pre-approved.
4. Shopping.
5. Hunting, fishing, attendance at games.
6. Birthdays or other celebrations.
7. Gainful employment.

See the *Secondary Code of Student Conduct and Attendance Policy* for more information concerning a student's absence from school. An excused absence will be given only for the reasons listed in the student handbook. Students who miss more than 10 minutes of a class will be considered absent from that class.

TARDIES

Students arriving during first period should report directly to class if they arrive before 7:50 A.M. Students arriving after 7:50 AM should report to the Attendance Office. Students are considered tardy to class if they are not in the room when the bell rings. Students arriving to any class (without permission) 5 minutes after the bell rings are considered

skipping, and students arriving to any class (without permission) 10 minutes after the bell rings are considered absent. Oversleeping, car breakdowns and missing the bus are examples of unexcused tardies. When students accumulate 4 or more unexcused tardies in a class during a semester, they may be given a disciplinary consequence by the teacher or administrator. Upon accumulating 8 or more unexcused tardies in a class during a semester, the student will be referred to the Student Affairs office.

PROCEDURE TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY

Students desiring to leave school early must check out through the Attendance Office. Parents should be either present or send a written request. Students may not leave campus without permission from the office. If a student returns to school on the same day, he/she must also check in through the Attendance Office.

ATTENDANCE AND WITHDRAWAL

New student registration is initiated in Student Services. Before a student may be finally admitted, an official transcript of his/her school work or other evidence of class or grade level must be presented. Before withdrawing from Wakulla High School, a clearance slip must be obtained from Student Services. Once the clearance slip has been properly signed, it should be given to the principal or the principal's designee for approval in order for the student to receive a release slip. Any student transferring to another school will need to furnish that school with a signed release so that they may request school records.

GENERAL STUDENT INFORMATION

BREAKFAST and LUNCH

Breakfast and lunch are served in the cafeteria for a moderate price. Free and reduced lunch applications will be distributed on the first day of school. Students must remain in assigned areas at all times. No food or drinks are to be removed from the cafeteria or patio. Students are expected to see that their trays are taken to the tray return. All trash is to

be placed in garbage receptacles. Students are prohibited from leaving school for the purpose of eating lunch off campus.

LOCKERS

The use and care of the locker will be the responsibility of each student. Periodic inspections of lockers will be made by the administration. All students at WHS are required to have a school lock on their locker. A lock may be purchased from the Student Affairs office. School locks from previous years will be acceptable if they are of the V54 or V63 series master lock. Locker security is the responsibility of the individual student. Any locks which are not issued by WHS may be cut off and discarded.

PASSES

Students must have a pass to leave the classroom for any reason.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phones and other appropriate electronic devices may only be used before school, after school, at lunch and in between classes. During all other times of the school day, phones and other electronic devices may not be seen, used or heard. Classroom teachers may allow phones and other electronic devices to be used when pertinent for a particular lesson. Violations of this rule will result in confiscation of the phone and/or a discipline referral.

TELEPHONE CALLS

Messages to students will be delivered at the end of the day. Students will be called to the office from class only in the case of an emergency.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found department is located in the Student Affairs office. At the end of the school year, items not claimed will be discarded.

RESTROOMS

1. Help keep restrooms clean and safe. Report any damages or problems to the office.
2. No more than one person in a restroom stall at a time. Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

The school is responsible for student supervision only one half hour before and after the scheduled student day and when the student is on school premises participating with authorization in a school sponsored activity.

STUDENT SERVICES

GUIDANCE

Recognizing the uniqueness of each student, Wakulla High School offers a comprehensive guidance program to aid students and parents.

Professional personnel such as guidance counselors, school psychologist, attendance officer and school resource officer provide the following services: high school educational planning, testing and evaluation, exceptional education coordination, credit checks for graduation, career guidance, personal counseling, college admissions counseling, financial aid information and scholarships.

Students with academic or personal concerns may make an appointment to see a counselor. Appointment slips are available in the Guidance Office.

For more Guidance information, click Guidance on the WHS website at www.wakullaschooldistrict.org/whs/.

DRUG FREE WORK PLACE

The School Board maintains a drug-free work place. Drug abusers will be prosecuted as prescribed in the Drug Free Work Place Act of 1988. WCSB Policy 3.42 and 6.33.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION PROVIDED

Disabled individuals needing reasonable accommodations to participate in and enjoy the benefits of services, programs, and activities of the School Board are required to notify the administrator at the school/center at which the event or service is offered, in advance, to request reasonable accommodations.

MEDIA CENTER

The Media Center supports the instructional program of the school. The Media Center is open every day. Students entering the Media Center from class must have a pass signed by their teacher. Passes are needed during lunch. Books can be borrowed from the Media Center for two weeks. Students are financially responsible for all materials checked out.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parents who wish to have a conference with a teacher or teachers should call and arrange this through the teacher. Parent/Teacher conferences are usually held after school at 2:15. Individual teachers may be contacted by phone at 926-7125. Calls will be returned when the teacher is not in class.

STUDENT RECORDS

The school maintains a cumulative folder on each student. Student records are confidential and are protected by law. Only qualified persons have access to records without the consent of parents. Parents, guardians, or students 18 or older may examine records by making an appointment through the Guidance Office (926-2221).

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS

1. In order to be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics a student must maintain a cumulative unweighted grade point average of 2.0 or above. A ninth or tenth grader who does not meet this requirement may use their previous semester to qualify.

2. Students participating in an activity must be present at school for at least one half of the day. Exceptions by principal's approval only.
3. All participating students traveling to and from school-sponsored events or any extra-curricular activities must use the transportation provided by the school going both ways. Exception to this rule may be made only if a student is to ride with his/her own parents and this exception has been arranged, in writing, with the principal or his designee.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

SCHOOL GOAL

Our goal is to provide guidelines which define your responsibilities as students. All students are expected to behave in a manner appropriate to high school. You share responsibility to keep Wakulla High School a place of which we are all proud. Proper student behavior is expected in the hall, on campus, in classrooms, and while attending extracurricular activities. Please refer to the *Secondary Code of Student Conduct* for detailed explanation.

GENERAL RULES

No skateboards, roller blades, or roller skates are allowed on campus at any time. No student is to use, sell or 'be in possession of alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia on school grounds or during school sponsored activities. The first violation of this rule will result in the suspension, expulsion or placement in the Long Term Discipline Program. The student is also subject to prosecution by the Sheriffs Dept.

FACULTY/STAFF AUTHORITY

Students must courteously and respectfully comply with the reasonable request of a teacher, staff member, or administrator in or out of the classroom. Students are also expected to give their names if asked for them by any staff member. Failure to comply with the directions of school personnel acting in the performance of their duties will be considered insubordination and the students will be subject to immediate disciplinary action.

DRESS CODE

The school administration reserves the right to determine whether a student's dress satisfies the school dress code policy.

All students are expected to dress appropriately for school. Students who are in violation of the dress code will be disciplined.

Shirts, tops, blouses, jackets must cover all aspects of the bosom, chest, back and sides with straps at least 3 inches wide on each shoulder. **Cleavage should not be visible. Tank tops, tube tops, halters, or spaghetti straps are not permitted as a primary top.** If a jacket or other covering is worn over the top, the shirt, blouse, or dress underneath must meet the dress code.

Skirts, dresses and/or shorts, must be approximately knee length when in a standing position. All dresses must have straps at least 3 inches wide. No revealing short-shorts and mini-skirts. Undergarments should not be visible at any time. **Tights, yoga pants, leotards and/or leggings must be covered by clothing that is approximately mid thigh length when in a standing position.**

Pants should fit appropriately, without sagging, and hide all undergarments. (ballers, underwear, boxers, shorts, etc.)(*Florida's Sagging Pants Law) requires school boards to adopt dress codes barring clothes that "expose underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner."Holes in pants above the knee must be covered.

Underwear (boxers, briefs, bra and bra straps, etc.) must not be exposed at any time.

Shoes are required and must be safe for school activities.

Hats may be worn in the hallways, inside the buildings and cafeteria. Hats are not allowed in the classrooms or offices, unless approved by that classroom instructor. Costume hats, or hats that draw unnecessary attention or distraction will not be allowed without prior approval from the principal. Bandanas of any color will not be allowed and if visible will be confiscated.

Attire and jewelry must not be sexually suggestive or feature crude or vulgar commercial lettering, printing or drawings which would be offensive or insensitive to those on the Wakulla High School campus. They

may not depict drugs, tobacco, weapons, alcohol, or be indicative of gang membership.

SMOKING/TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Smoking or other use of tobacco products by students on campus at any time is prohibited. Possession of these products is also prohibited. Any student caught smoking or in possession of tobacco products on school campus or within 1,000 feet of school grounds will be charged and subject to a \$25.00 fine by State Law.

BULLYING & HARASSMENT

Conduct that constitutes bullying and harassment is defined in Wakulla County School Board Policy 5.321 found in its entirety at www.wakullaschooldistrict.org under School Board Policies.

Consequences for investigated and confirmed incidents of bullying and/or harassment may range from positive behavior interventions up to and including, but not limited to, suspension, expulsion, or criminal charges is warranted.

Felony Charges and Convictions:

1. A student who if formally charged with a felony involving any area of the Wakulla School System is subject to disciplinary action outlined in the Student Code of Conduct, including, but not limited to suspension, expulsion, and/or assignment to the Second Chance School.
2. A student who is formally charged with a felony for an incident which allegedly occurred on property other than school property may be assigned to alternative education at the Second Chance School if the principal deems the incident may have an adverse impact on the educational program, discipline, or welfare in the school in which the student is enrolled.
3. A student is convicted of, or found to have committed, a felony or a delinquent act which would have been a felony if committed by an adult, regardless of whether adjudication is withheld, shall be assigned to the Second Chance School for a minimum period of one

year from the date of conviction, provided there are no serious violations requiring further discipline, or there is no formal expulsion as result of the felony conviction. For the application of this policy, the term "conviction" is defined as a finding of guilt, a plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere or a verdict of guilty. The withholding of adjudication or entry of an order sealing or expunging a record based upon intervention, diversion or completion of probation shall not be considered an exception to this definition. A student assigned to the Second Chance School may not participate in any activities extracurricular, co-curricular or otherwise, in any of the Wakulla County Schools for the duration of his/her placement.

Harassment on the basis of sex is a violation of Federal and State law and is prohibited by the Wakulla County School Board. Questions, concerns or complaints regarding this policy or a specific act or situation should be brought to the attention of the Equity Coordinator. The grievance procedure timeline will be followed for resolution of issues.

DISCIPLINE GRID

Disruptive behavior at Wakulla High School may result in a student receiving a form of disciplinary action. Disruptive behaviors have been grouped into major and minor classifications. Each classification is followed by a disciplinary procedure. This will be implemented by the administrator. This grid is a guideline. The consequences for these offenses and other inappropriate behaviors will be at the discretion of the administrator.

OFFENSE	1st Offense	2nd Offense
1. Defacing School Prop.	1-5 OSS	3-10 OSS
2. Fighting	3-10 OSS	5-10 OSS and possible LTDP
3. Fireworks	3-5 OSS - possession 10 OSS – use	5-10 OSS and possible LTDP 10 OSS and LTDP

4.	Forging Signature	3 ISS	5 ISS
5.	Insubordination Toward Staff		
		1-3 ISS	3-5 ISS
6.	Possession of Drugs /Drug Paraphernalia	10 OSS and LTDP	10 OSS and Expulsion
7.	Possession of Alcohol /Alcohol Paraphernalia	10 OSS	10 OSS and LTDP
8.	Possession of Tobacco /Tobacco Paraphernalia	3 ISS	3-5 OSS
9.	Possession of Weapon /Weapon Paraphernalia	5-10 OSS/Poss. Expulsion or LTDP	10 OSS and Expulsion
10.	Profanity	ISS or OSS	ISS or OSS
11.	Profanity toward Staff	5-10 OSS	10 OSS
12.	Public & Inapprop. display of affection	1-3 ISS	3-5 ISS
13.	Sex Offenses	5 OSS	10 OSS/Expulsion
14.	Skipping	1-3 ISS/ Loss of Driving Privilege	3-5 ISS/ Loss of Driving Privilege
15.	Stealing	3-5 OSS	5-10 OSS
16.	Threatening a School Employee	OSS and Possible Expulsion	Expulsion
17.	Electronic Devices	1 ISS	3-5 ISS
18.	Falsifying a Document	5-10 OSS	10 OSS and possible LTDP
19.	Under the Influence	5-10 OSS	10 OSS and LTDP

Excessive referrals (10 or more) will result in OSS and/or referral to long term discipline program.

Definitions

WEAPON - Knives or guns (real or look alike) or other objects readily capable of causing bodily harm.

DRUGS - Alcohol or legal and/or illegal control substance or imitation of substances.

FIGHTING - Actions involving serious physical contact where injury may occur (e.g., hitting, pushing, hitting with an object, kicking, hair pulling, scratching, etc.)

STEALING - Possession of, having passed on, or being responsible for removing someone's property.

PROFANITY- Verbal or written messages that include swearing, name calling, or use of words in an inappropriate way.

FIREWORKS- Possession or igniting any type of flammable or explosive device.

THREATENING- Placing a person in fear of harm (emotional or physical) with or without the use of a weapon.

TOBACCO - Possession of or using cigarettes/electronic cigarettes or other tobacco products.

SEXUAL OFFENSES - Any sexual act that may be offensive to someone else whether written, spoken or physical contact.

DEFACING/VANDALIZING PROPERTY - Damaging, defacement, or destruction of someone else's property.

FORGERY -Signing or participating in the act of signing a person's name without their permission or generating false documentation.

SKIPPING -Leaving class/school without permission or staying out of class/school without permission.

INSUBORDINATION -Refusal to follow directions, talking back and/or socially rude interaction.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

Corporal punishment may be used as a form of discipline to be administered only by the principal or his designee.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

1. Students may be assigned to ISS as a consequence for not following school rules, regulations and procedures.
2. Students will be allowed restroom and lunchtime privileges, under supervision, at a time not scheduled for other students.
3. ISS is a corrective action assigned in lieu of out-of-school suspension. Abuse of ISS may result in out-of-school suspension.
4. Refusal to serve ISS or dismissal from ISS will result in OSS and upon returning to school, the student must serve the initial days of ISS.
5. Students must turn in electronic devices/cell phones to teacher upon entering ISS until the end of day.

ALTERNATIVE TO OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION

Students may be assigned to a Short Term Disciplinary Program (STDP) within the school district by the principal or designee for behaviors that would warrant an out of school suspension. Placement in the STDP will not exceed 10 days. Students placed in the STDP must successfully complete the assigned days before being allowed to return to Wakulla High School.

RULES FOR ISS/STDP

1. Students will report on time and on the assigned day(s).
2. Students will bring books, pen/pencil, paper and enough schoolwork to be on task and productive the entire time.
3. Students will not talk or otherwise disrupt the orderly climate of the setting.
4. Students will not be out of their assigned seat. (Absolutely no passes will be issued to lockers, restrooms, etc.). Students will comply with the above rules. Failure to do so will result in further disciplinary corrective action.

INVOLUNTARY TRANSFER/LTDP

When a student's behavior becomes unacceptable for normal activities at Wakulla High School, that student can be referred to the Long Term

Discipline Program Committee for placement in the Long Term Discipline Program.

TRANSPORTATION

BUS RIDER RULES

Students should be on time at the school bus stops. They should stand off the roadway while waiting for the bus. While on the bus, students should keep hands and heads inside of the bus at all times. Remember that loud talking and laughing divert the driver's attention and make safe driving difficult. Horseplay is not permitted around or on the bus. Students may be suspended from the bus for repeated misbehavior.

1. Do not leave your seat while the bus is in motion.
2. Cross the road immediately in front of the bus. Wait for the bus driver's signal before crossing.
3. Obey the bus driver at all times.
4. The driver has the right to assign seats if necessary to promote order on the bus.
5. Do not eat, drink, or smoke on the bus.
6. No electronic devices to be seen, used or heard on the bus.

BUS PASSES

Notes from parents or guardians concerning a student riding a bus other than his/her assigned bus must be approved by an administrator.

STUDENT VEHICLES

A parking area is provided for students who have been granted permission to drive to school. It is expected that students who are given this privilege will follow the rules listed below. Failure to comply with these rules will result in loss of driving privileges on campus and/or suspension.

1. All vehicles **MUST** be registered in the Student Affairs office and have a WHS parking sticker to be allowed on campus. Stickers can be purchased in the Dean of Students' office when the vehicle is registered.
2. Student vehicles are to be parked only in the designated, numbered student parking space.

3. Students are **NOT** allowed in the parking lot until the close of the school day, unless permission has been obtained from an administrator.
4. The speed limit on campus is ten (10) miles per hour.
5. Once students arrive on campus, they are not permitted to leave without permission,
6. Leaving campus without permission may result in the loss of driving privileges.
7. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA per grading period to keep driving privilege.
8. Parking rule violations will result in the loss of driving privilege for 10 school days.
9. Failure to return school books or payment of damaged/lost books.
10. Failure to meet expectations for student conduct or other inappropriate behavior.

STUDENT DROP OFF

Students who are brought to school should be dropped off and picked up in the front of school only.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Wakulla County School Board is committed to providing fair and equal educational and employment opportunity without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, disability, or marital status. The district complies with all Federal and State laws prohibiting discrimination in education. WCSB Policy 2.80.

EQUITY COORDINATOR

The district appoints an Equity Coordinator to coordinate compliance with Federal and State laws prohibiting discrimination. If you have any questions, concerns, complaints, or suggestions about policies and/or procedures effecting employment or educational opportunities in the district please contact: Karen Wells, Equity Coordinator (850) 926-0065
Wakulla County School Board
69 Arran Road
Crawfordville, FL 32327

STUDENT INFORMATION

During the year we receive requests for student information, including addresses and telephone numbers, from the Armed Services, Colleges, Universities and academically oriented organizations. If you do not wish your name, address, etc. to be shared, a written request should be sent to the Guidance Office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1003.44 Patriotic programs; rules.-

- (1) Each district school board may adopt rules to require, in all of the schools of the district, programs of a patriotic nature to encourage greater respect for the government of the United States and its national anthem and flag, subject always to other existing pertinent laws of the United States or of the state. When the national anthem is played, students and all civilians shall stand at attention, men removing the headdress, except when such headdress is worn for religious purposes. The pledge of allegiance to the flag, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all," shall be rendered by students standing with the right hand over the heart. The pledge of allegiance to the flag shall be recited at the beginning of the day in each public elementary, middle, and high school in the state. Each student shall be informed by a written notice published in the student handbook or similar publication pursuant to s. 1006.07(2) that the student has the right not to participate in reciting the pledge. Upon written request by his or her parent, the student must be excused from reciting the pledge, including standing and placing the right hand over his or her heart. When the pledge is given, unexcused students must show full respect to the flag by standing at attention, men removing the headdress, except when such headdress is worn for religious purposes, as provided by Pub. L. ch. 77-435, s. 7, approved June 22, 1942, 56 Stat. 377, as amended by Pub. L. ch. 77-806, 56 Stat. 1074, approved December 22, 1942.

Educational Choice Options

FS 1003.3101: If a parent or guardian wishes to request his or her child be transferred to another classroom teacher, they will need to contact the principal or the principal's designee. This does not give a parent the right to choose a specific classroom teacher. Schools will approve or deny the transfer within 2 weeks after receiving a request. If a request for transfer is denied, the school must notify the parent and specify the reason for the denial.