



## **WELCOME TO BOYNTON HIGH SCHOOL!**

**"Home of the Buccaneers"**

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This packet is designed to answer many of the questions that parents and students have regarding Boynton High School. Our procedures and policies are designed to assist in maintaining a positive learning environment and a safe campus. Boynton staff is committed to helping students develop a sense of self worth, respect for individual differences, and respect for the values of honesty, integrity and hard work. A key element to success is for students to learn how to take responsibility for their educational future and learn how to accept responsibility for their actions.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION – 2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

#### **SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:**

7:30am – 4:00pm

#### **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:**

Principal: Mrs. Sarah Thomas

Assistant Principal: Mrs. Liz Tovar

Guidance Advisor: Mrs. Janel Holguin

#### **AUTOMATED TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

(408) 626-3404

Attendance	Press 1
Registrar	Press 2
Assistant Principal	Press 3
Guidance Advisor	Press 4
All other calls	Press 6

24-Hour Attendance Hotline (408) 558-3064

## **Boynton High School Mission**

The mission of Boynton High School is for staff members, students, parents and community members to work together to create a safe environment recognizing individual differences and celebrating cultural diversity, and to create a standards-based curriculum using instructional strategies which enable all students to utilize their talents for success in life.

## **Boynton High School School Vision Statements**

- all students make progress toward graduation, social responsibility and career goals
- differentiated instructional practices are aligned with adopted content standards
- assessment is aligned with standards and includes multiple measures
- cultural and individual differences are acknowledged, accepted and celebrated
- powerful teaching and learning are recognized and acknowledged
- parents, community members and students share responsibility in making progress
- trust is established between staff members, students and adults
- communication is open and honest

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **CAMPUS RESPECT:**

One of the most important lessons of education is respect for others. A safe, orderly, and healthy school environment exists when students and staff respect each other's rights and property. A great many problems on campus would be averted if everyone would remember to keep a respectful attitude toward others in both speech and action. Students are expected to show respect for the authority of all adult personnel. Keeping the classrooms, campus, and restrooms neat is also essential for an orderly and pleasant learning environment. When all members of the school community work to maintain an atmosphere where learning and teaching can take place without the interruption and disruption caused by misconduct or unlawful acts, all members of the community benefit.

### **ATTENDANCE IN THE CONTINUATION PROGRAM:**

1. School starts at 8:30 a.m. Late students will not be admitted after 9:00 a.m.
2. The school phones home daily on tardies and absences.
3. Excessive absences may result in a referral to the District Attorney or Adult Education (CACE)
4. Tardies: Students are expected to be in class on time. Students arriving after the beginning of the period will be marked tardy and a phone call will be made to notify the parent. Each teacher will determine how tardies affect course credit.
5. Attendance is monitored on a weekly basis. Students who have perfect attendance for a week will receive a treat the following Monday. Daily attendance is critical if students expect to make progress towards graduation.

### **Parking Lot and Motor Vehicle Registration**

There are two parking lots on the Boynton campus. The front parking lot is for **staff and visitor parking only**. Students are to park in the parking lot at the end of the driveway.

### **Students MUST PARK in the student lot. Parking off campus is strictly prohibited.**

- Motor vehicles must be registered in the Main Office and have a current parking placard.
- Students who fail to park in the proper space, drive recklessly or park outside the student lot are subject to: citation by the police, having their car towed away at owner expense, suspension from school and/or loss of driving and parking privileges on campus.
- The parking lot is off-limits during school hours. Students may not go to their car during the school day, including break and lunch. This rule provides better security for student cars.
- **All vehicles on CUHSD property are subject to search if there is reasonable cause.**

### **CLOSED CAMPUS:**

Boynton High School is a closed campus and students must remain on school grounds for the full school day. Those that leave campus without a pass are subject to disciplinary action that will include suspension and possible removal from school. **In addition, students are not allowed to be on or near other school campuses. Violators are subject to suspension and possible police citation.**

### **STUDENT VISITORS:**

Visitors are NOT allowed on campus. Please do not bring friends or relatives to school with you as they will be sent home. For ISP students: Do Not Bring friends and visitors with you for any appointments. They will be asked to leave.

### **ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT ON CAMPUS:**

Any electronic item (i.e. iPod, cell phone, CD/DVD player, laptop) brought to campus is done so at a student's own risk. It is a student's responsibility to keep track of their personal items. Students cannot play loud music during breaks or lunch. **Students need to use headphones if they want to listen to their own music during breaks or lunch.**

### **CELL PHONE POLICY**

Cell phones are to be turned in at the beginning of each class period. Cell phones may be used before school, at break or lunch, and after school. **PLEASE HELP YOUR STUDENT FOLLOW SCHOOL RULES! PLEASE DO NOT CALL YOUR STUDENT WHILE THEY ARE IN CLASS, IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AND WE WILL GET YOUR STUDENT TO THE PHONE.**

The progressive discipline model used for violators of the cell phone policy will be the following:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – phone confiscated for the remainder of the school day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – phone call to parent and phone confiscated for the remainder of the school day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – phone confiscated until a parent picks-up the phone
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense – student must check phone into the office daily & not have it on campus

### **INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE:**

It is the school's goal to prepare students for the world of work; for that purpose "swearing" and profanity will not be tolerated on this campus. Repeated violators will be subject to school suspension.

### **SKATEBOARDS, ETC:**

Use of roller blades or skateboards or hoverboards on campus is prohibited, as they are a safety hazard. They are allowed as transportation to and from school only. When you arrive on campus bring your skateboard to the main office. The main office has a skateboard rack to hold skateboards during the school day.

### **BIKES:**

All bikes must be parked in the bike rack as you enter the campus. Please be sure to bring a lock for your bike.

### **FOOD AND DRINK:**

Delivery of food/lunch during the school day is not allowed. Students need to plan to eat the campus food or bring their own lunch. **Food will only be accepted if it is delivered by a parent/guardian. (this should only happen on an emergency basis)**

Food or drink is allowed in the classroom at each teacher's discretion/permission. Students must learn to follow each individual teacher's classroom rules. All garbage should be placed in appropriate garbage cans.

### **RESTROOM USE DURING CLASS TIME:**

- 1.) No more than one student from a class at a time.
- 2.) Students are not allowed to leave their classroom to use the restroom the first 15 minutes of the beginning of class and the last 15 minutes before the end of class.
- 3.) The restrooms are subject to closure at any time if the administration finds that students are loitering or causing a disruption. (smoking in the bathroom, tagging, vandalizing or making a mess)

- \* Students who leave class without teacher's permission will receive a referral.
- \* Going to P.E. class, the vending machine or other classes you are not enrolled in for that Period is not allowed.

### **GUM AND SPITTING:**

The world is not your garbage can. Please put gum in the appropriate can and spit in designated areas (dirt or can only).

### **TAGGING:**

The display or use of any symbol(s), word(s) or "tag" which may reasonably be interpreted as symbolic or gang related is prohibited on personal or school property. This includes student folders/notebooks. Violators are subject to suspension and/or citation by local law enforcement.

### **SMOKING:**

State law prohibits the smoking of tobacco and the use of tobacco products on a school campus. Students caught smoking in the restroom will be suspended. In order to meet the letter of the law, we have instituted the following policy:

- a.) Cigarettes will not be visible or displayed in any way.
- b.) Smoking or the use of tobacco products will not be allowed anywhere in front of, across the street from, or on the school campus.
- c.) Students must not congregate to smoke or to loiter on the corner of Underwood and Boynton.
- d.) Vaporizers are considered drug paraphernalia and are not allowed on campus. Vaporizers will be confiscated by school personnel.

**Students not following these rules will be subject to discipline such as suspension and/or citation by the SJPD.**

### **NO BACKPACKS:**

Backpacks are not allowed on the school campus or classrooms. If students need to bring a bag to campus they can store it in the office. School supplies are provided for our students in each classroom.

### **OFF CAMPUS BEHAVIOR:**

You represent our student body in this community and neighborhood: Keep moving to or from campus in an orderly fashion. Congested areas can bring the SJPD to intervene and write citations. The neighborhood does not want to see students congregating at the corner of Boynton and Underwood in the morning and afternoons.

### **SEXUAL HARASSMENT:**

Sexual harassment is defined as making unsolicited and unwelcome written, verbal, physical and/or visual contact with sexual overtones, or continuing to express sexual interest after being informed that the interest is unwelcome. If a student believes he or she is being sexually harassed by another person, the first step is to tell the offending person that their actions are unwelcome. If the action persists, the student should make a formal complaint to the Dean.

### **WORK PERMITS:**

Students under the age of 18 who are employed during the school year are required by state law to have a work permit. Work permit applications are available in the office. Work permits are valid only for the current school year. You must have your social security card and proof of birth to apply. Work permits will be REVOKED if a student is not attending school regularly and following school rules.

### **COMPUTER/INTERNET USE POLICY:**

Parent signatures on the yellow registration card and pink policy sheet are required for a student to use the internet. Use of the internet, e-mail, and computer services provides great educational benefits to students. Unfortunately, some material accessible via the internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, or potentially offensive to some people. Access to the internet, e-mail and other computer activities are given as a privilege to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner.

The following rules apply:

- Students are responsible for good behavior on the internet just as they are in a school building. General school rules for behavior and communication apply.
- Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files would always be private.

### **COMPUTER/INTERNET USE POLICY: (continued)**

**The following are NOT permitted:**

- sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- using obscene language
- harassing, insulting, or attacking others
- damaging or hacking computers, computer systems, or computer networks
- violating copyrights laws
- using another's password
- trespassing in another's folder, work or files
- intentionally wasting limited resources, including the use of "chain letters" and messages broadcasted to mailing lists or individuals
- employing the network for commercial purposes
- revealing the personal address or phone number of yourself or any other person without permission from your teacher

**Violations of the Computer/Internet Use Policy may result in a loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.**

## **DISCIPLINE PHILOSOPHY**

Boynton High School uses a progressive discipline model. Consequences will keep within a student's "due process" rights. This means that consequences increase in severity with repeated misconduct or in accordance with the seriousness of the violation. Discipline interventions and consequences may include: a verbal/written warning, sitting in the Assistant Principal's Office, doing campus clean-up projects, the confiscation of student property which violates school rules, after school detention, suspension, removal from a class with an "F" grade, or other action considered reasonable and appropriate by the school administration.

### **GENERAL RULES:**

Boynton High School has established a few simple rules to guide student conduct. Teachers will publish and inform students of classroom rules AND the consequences for violations. Students have the responsibility to become informed and abide by the established rules.

- Students will take responsibility for their own actions.
- Students will respect the authority of all adult members of the staff and will speak and act politely to those staff members.
- Students will use language which is appropriate and reflects respect for one another. Profanity is not acceptable.
- Students will resolve conflicts calmly and with reason; thus avoiding the use of violence, threats and intimidation.
- Students will not contribute to conflicts by spreading rumors, gossiping or threatening others with harm.
- Students will respect the diversity of the campus and avoid acts of discrimination and bigotry based on race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, and/or National origin.
- Students will respect all school property and will refrain from spitting, defacing, vandalizing, breaking or damaging it.

### **Drugs, Narcotics, and Alcohol:**

The use, consumption, possession, distribution and/or being under the influence at or near school or at any school function are strictly prohibited. Violators will be sent home or suspended from school and cited by SJP, as necessary.

### **Fighting:**

All forms of fighting or provocation to engage in fighting are strictly prohibited and violators will be subject to suspension or removal from school. Legal charges of assault may result.

### **Suspensions and Expulsions:**

In certain instances, student misconduct is serious enough to warrant a suspension and/or expulsion. The Education Code of the State of California dictates which behaviors bring a suspension and possible expulsion. Listed below are those offenses:

- Possessing, selling, or furnishing a firearm
- Brandishing a knife
- Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed in the Health and Safety Code

- Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or sexual battery
- Possession of an explosive
- Causing serious physical injury to another person
- Attempt, threaten, or cause physical injury
- Willful use of force or violence on a person
- Possession or use of any knife or other dangerous objects of no reasonable use
- Possession/use/under the influence, or providing or attempting to provide drugs or alcohol
- Offer/arrange/negotiate to a sell look-alike substance represented to be drugs or alcohol
- Using, possessing or providing any substance for use as an intoxicant
- Robbery or extortion
- Assault or battery of a school employee
- Theft
- Damage to property
- Use or possession of tobacco
- Obscenity/Profanity/Vulgarity (acts or language)
- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- Disruption or defiance
- Receipt/possession of stolen property
- Possession of imitation firearms, or look alike weapons
- Intimidation/harassment/threats of violence
- Sexual harassment
- Hate violence
- Creating a hostile educational environment
- Terroristic threats
- Engaged in or attempt to engage in hazing
- Bullying or cyberbullying

#### **DRESS CODE:**

Students are to dress appropriately for school. Good taste and cleanliness provide the criteria for acceptable standards of student dress and appearance. Wearing clothing that is overly revealing, has gang connotations, promotes drugs/alcohol, and or poses a danger to students and staff is strictly forbidden. Students should select those styles, which do not attract undue attention nor cause a disruption/distraction in the learning environment.

#### Inappropriate dress includes but is not limited to:

- No clothing item or hat containing reference to drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. Including huf socks with marijuana leaves on them.
- LRG shirts and clothing or items with the label Cookies are not allowed.
- No clothing item or hat containing obscene, vulgar, profane, or derogatory language, symbols, or drawings including words/pictures with double meaning.
- No clothing item or hat with guns or other weapons on it, or clothing containing reference to violence.
- No attire that may be used as a weapon, such as steel-toed boots, chains, or items with spikes may be worn.
- All clothing must be modest and cover the upper and middle torso. No low cut necklines, exposed cleavage, or exposed undergarments. See through apparel or midriff baring tops are not acceptable. No backless shirts or tube tops. Dresses,



- skirts, and shorts must have a hem line no higher than the mid-thigh.
- Footwear must be worn at all times. No house slippers.
  - No excessively saggy pants.
  - ONLY athletic jersey's may be worn. No other jerseys will be allowed.
  - Any athletic jerseys, jackets, or hats must represent the official colors of the athletic team.
  - Gang-related symbols or insignias are not allowed on campus in any form.
  - Nor-Cal shirts will be censored.
  - No clothing with "bay area", 408, 415, 510, 209..., SSSJ, WSSJ..., or Old English style writing may be worn.
  - No bandanas, "rags", hairnets, or do-rags.
  - No blue or red shoelaces.
  - **No blue or red belts.** No dangling belts. Belt buckle monograms must be appropriate.
  - No more than one clothing item of red or blue, with the exception of blue jeans, may be worn at any time.

**Students who violate the dress code will be asked to turn their shirt inside-out (typical infraction) or offered a change of clothing by the school. If they refuse, they will be sent home to change. Repeat offenders are subject to suspension.**

# **Boynton High School Rules 2019-2020**

Please review the attached school rules, sign below, and return to Boynton's office.

I have heard the presentation by the Assistant Principal and have reviewed the General Information Packet that was provided. I understand the school rules, expected student behavior, and the consequences that may occur if the school rules are not adhered to.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Name (Print)**

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**Parent Name (Print)**

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**Student Signature**

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**Parent Signature**

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**Date**

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**Date**



## **Boynton High School - School Compliance Policy**

Boynton High School adheres to a district wide School Compliance Policy that is enforced on campus regardless of the time of day or if school is in session (including weekends and holidays); this policy also includes when a student is on their way to and from school, during all school hours and at, to, or from all school-sponsored activities. It is important for parents and students to understand that the Education Code contains a variety of offenses for which a school MAY recommend expulsion. These offenses are clearly stated in the 2019/2020 General Rules packet and are reviewed during the Assistant Principal's presentation of school rules provided at the beginning of each school year. The policy is reviewed at each new student orientation and is periodically restated throughout the school year for all students.

Among the offenses listed in the 2019/2020 Student Handbook, the Education Code mandates that a student **MUST** be recommended for expulsion for the following offenses:

1. Causing serious physical injury to another person not in self-defense
2. Possession of any dangerous object of no reasonable use to a pupil. The district defines this as including, but not limited to the following:
  - knives (any type or size)
  - firearms or look-alike firearms such as pellet or air soft guns
  - brass knuckles
  - fighting sticks
3. Unlawful possession of any controlled substance listed in Section 11053 and the following sections of the California Health and Safety Code which includes, but is not limited to the following:
  - Marijuana (over 1 oz)
  - Cocaine
  - Methamphetamines
  - Ecstasy
  - Prescription medication (If possession is not in accordance with school rules)
4. Robbery and/or extortion
5. Assault or battery on a school employee

In addition to the five offenses cited above, the student **MUST** be recommended for expulsion **AND** the CUHSD Board of Trustees is **REQUIRED to expel a student** who has committed any of the following:

1. Possessing, selling or otherwise furnishing a firearm.
2. Brandishing a knife at another person.
3. Unlawfully selling a controlled substance.
4. Committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or battery. Sexual battery includes touching an intimate part (female's breast or anyone's anus, groin, sexual organ, or buttocks) against that person's will (without consent) for a sexual purpose, even if the touching is through clothing.
5. Possession of an explosive.

By signing this form I am acknowledging that I have reviewed this School Compliance Policy with my parent/guardian. I understand that I may be expelled for any of the above offenses (or other offenses), even if it is my first offense.

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Student Signature

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PRINT NAME

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Date

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Parent Signature

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PRINT NAME

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Date