

Pickens High School

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2013-2014 STUDENT HANDBOOK

This school agenda belongs to:

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This handbook contains Pickens High School's rules and regulations. Each student will receive a copy and is responsible for its entire contents. Failure to read this information is an unacceptable reason for not following the rules. If you have any questions, please discuss them with your principal, teacher, parent or counselor. Replacement cost is \$5.00.

Back 2 Schools 2013: A Handbook for Students & Parents contains information which may not be included in this student agenda. Please refer to the SDPC publication for further information and clarification.

PICKENS HIGH MISSION STATEMENT

Grounded in a tradition of excellence, Pickens High School, sharing responsibility with parents and community, provides challenging academic and career preparation through diverse learning opportunities in a safe, caring, and technologically advanced environment to prepare students to be responsible and productive global citizens.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Pickens High School. We are glad you are here and hope that the 2013-2014 school year will be educationally profitable for you. Your year will be exciting and filled with many new opportunities. You will be able to explore educational opportunities through your coursework, chances to learn more about career paths after high school through mentoring, shadowing, and service learning, and occasions to become involved in extracurricular activities through clubs, organizations, and sports. We hope you take advantage of all these possibilities.

Cooperation is, of course, the key to a successful year, and toward that end, I expect you to read this handbook carefully. You are responsible for knowing its contents. I trust that you will carefully read all the information in this handbook and ask questions as necessary. The contents of this handbook are not intended to be all-inclusive. You may also refer to your **Career Planning Guide** and The District's **Back 2 School** handbook for valuable information about policies and procedures.

Attitude and effort are the two components of the education process that you, the student, control. Choose to have a positive attitude each day. Complete all assignments and course requirements. Plan to be present and on time. Challenge yourself to achieve excellence at Pickens High School.

Again, welcome to PHS. Strive for excellence in all you do!

Sincerely,

Marion Lawson

Marion Lawson, Principal

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SCHOOL CONTACTS

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| Max Monroe | Senior and Junior Assistant Principal |
| Linda Wnukowski | Sophomore Assistant Principal |
| George Martin | Freshman Assistant Principal |
| Stan Butler | Athletic Director |
| Ansley Cudd | Head of Guidance and Senior Counselor |
| Larry Ayers | Junior Counselor |
| Bethany Guiliano | Sophomore Counselor |
| | Freshman Counselor |
| Judy Anthony | Guidance Receptionist |
| Bonny Stewart | Registrar |
| Teresa Underwood | Data Entry |
| Janet Childs | Bookkeeper |
| Angie Hester | School Secretary |
| Sharon Mulkey | Attendance Clerk |
| Julie Garrett | Receptionist |
| Diane Hamilton | Food Service Director |
| Tracy Nelson | School Nurse |

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Academic dishonesty includes **giving, receiving, or using** unauthorized aid on any academic work. Plagiarism, a form of academic dishonesty, includes the copying of language, structure, or ideas of another and attributing the work to one's effort. Academic dishonesty may result in the student's receiving a "0" on the work. A second occurrence in a school year will result in a Grade of Zero for the class.

ASSIGNMENTS / MAKE-UP WORK

It is the responsibility of students to get assignments when they are absent from school. Students are encouraged to get assignments from classmates if they miss a class. Students who are to be absent from school for 3 or more days may request assignments through the guidance office. Counselors should be given at least 24 hours to get the assignments from teachers.

Students will not be excused from work that was assigned during an absence. Work completed by the class while a student was absent should be completed by the student to the satisfaction of the teacher when the student returns to school. Teachers will permit students to make up work missed during lawful absences as long as a student makes appropriate arrangements with the teacher no later than the student's 5th day back at school. **Students will not be permitted to make up work missed due to an unlawful absence. Work not made up due to an unlawful absence will receive a grade of zero. Students must bring appropriate notes within three days to get the chance to make up work or tests.**

ATHLETICS All students are invited to participate in all athletics as long as they meet the eligibility requirements of the South Carolina High School League. All participants must have a physical and insurance coverage before being allowed to practice. In addition,

participants must have an approved birth certificate before being allowed to participate in any interscholastic competition.

A student must be taking a minimum of four subjects, or their equivalent, for which no previous credit has been received. Students in grades 9 through 12 must achieve an overall passing average and either pass at least four academic courses, including all required courses taken up to four, or pass a total of 5 academic courses. Team members will be selected by the coach in charge of the sport. Because of the nature of athletics and the necessary training, certain rules and regulations are necessary which do not apply to other students. Contact your athletic director for more information.

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

Student athletes who are expecting to be recruited for athletic scholarships should begin the process of getting registered and completing eligibility with the NCAA starting no later than their junior year. See the Athletic Director or Head of Guidance for more information.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR CODE

At Pickens High School we believe that the most effective form of discipline is self-discipline. We believe that when our students clearly understand what behavior is expected of them, they will make good decisions regarding their actions at school. Each student is responsible for his or her actions at PHS. Administrative response to misbehavior will be swift, fair, and firm.

The behavior code is effective during the following times and in the following places: on school grounds at any time; off school grounds at a school activity; en route to and from school on a school bus or other school vehicle; and off school grounds when such conduct has a direct, detrimental effect on the general welfare of students and/or school personnel or the orderly operation of school. Disciplinary actions may be one or a combination of the following: parent conference; teacher-assigned detention; administrative detention; Saturday School; out of school suspension; District Behavior Contract; recommendation of expulsion; referral to law enforcement authorities.

CONFERENCES

Parents wishing to talk with a teacher, counselor, or administrator are asked to schedule a conference. Because school personnel have assigned duties, conferences must be arranged in advance. Contact the grade level counselor to arrange a conference.

COUNSELORS

PHS guidance counselors are available to students 30 minutes prior and 30 minutes after the regular school day as well as throughout the school day. Students may request an appointment to see a counselor concerning scheduling, career planning and other non-emergency matters by filling out a request form. Matters requiring immediate attention may be referred by school personnel or a parent.

DEBTS

At the end of each semester, a student who owes the school a financial debt may have his/her records and/or credit for course withheld until the debt is paid. All debt unrelated to textbooks must be paid at the end of each month. Failure to pay these debts on time will result in disciplinary action.

D BADGES

All students are required to wear an ID badge. Each student will be given a permanent badge at the beginning of the school year. Replacement permanent badges will cost \$5.00 and temporary badges will cost \$1.00. Consequences for insubordination of the ID policy will be outlined at the beginning of the school year. **Students are not to deface or alter their ID badge in any way.**

DRESS CODE

Moderation and modesty should govern student dress. **Therefore, students will follow these rules in high school programs effective by School Board Policy on 4/27/09.**

1. Provocative and suggestive clothing is not permitted (tight fitting, plunging necklines, etc.)
2. Garments worn on the legs (pants, shorts, skirts, etc), as well as dresses, must be at no lower than the natural waistline and knee length (defined as with one inch of the top of the knee cap) with no holes above the knee. Outermost garment must be free of holes and of appropriate length
3. Bare midriffs will not be permitted. The standard used will be that no midriff is visible when the student is engaged in normal movement such as walking, sitting down, standing up, etc.
4. Any sleeveless garment must have width on the shoulder area of at least four (4) of the student's fingers, and the arm opening should fit the body closely enough to cover the underarm and the side of the chest areas. One single garment must meet the 4 finger rule.
5. Mesh or see-through garments are permitted only if a legal garment is visible underneath.
6. Underwear should not be seen at any time.
7. Sleepwear is forbidden. Bedroom slippers, flannel or polar fleece lounging pants, or any garment that resembles sleepwear are violations of this rule.
8. Shoes or sandals must be worn. Flip flops (shower type shoes with soft bottoms) are forbidden.
9. Headwear (hats, sunglasses, do-rags, skullies, head bands, bandannas, etc.) is not permitted to be worn inside the building.
10. Hair rollers are not permitted.
11. Face painting is not permitted.
12. Any garment or accessory that displays inappropriate language or images (profanity, sexual suggestion/insinuation, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, ethnic slurs, slogans/symbols that may lead to disorder, etc.) is forbidden.
13. Visible piercings are limited to the ear or should be small and not pose any health or safety hazard..
14. Chains or other articles hanging from clothing are not permitted, as well as items that have potential to cause harm to one's self or to others.
15. Gang attire, colors, or symbols are not permitted in clothing or accessories.

A principal may make an exception to these rules for medical or religious situations or for school spirit or curriculum activities. A principal has the authority to judge a student dress situation not specifically listed in this regulation as a violation if the situation has potential to disrupt the education process or environment. Any student found not in compliance will be subject to the following consequences: **First Offense:** The student will have to correct the violation before being given permission to return to class. If the student does not have clothes to change into he/she will be required to go home to meet dress code. The student will be given a formal warning that will be documented in the student's discipline record. **Second and Subsequent Offenses:** The student will have to correct the violation before being given permission to return to class. If the student does not have clothes to change into he/she will be required to go home to meet dress code. The student will be considered disobedient and an

appropriate disciplinary consequence will be assigned based on the context of this situation in the student's discipline record for the year.

There will be no duct tape or other items provided by the school to aid in meeting this requirement.

FOOD AND DRINK

No food or drink is permitted in classrooms or hallways. The cafeteria and canteen are designated areas for these activities.

EARLY DISMISSAL

All students who leave school before the end of the school day must sign out with the attendance clerk. Students may not leave campus during the school day without permission. The following items apply to early dismissal:

1. Students who need to leave school early are to present a note, signed by a parent, to the attendance clerk at the beginning of the school day. The note must state the date, time the student is to leave school, a telephone number where the parent can be reached, and the reason for leaving early. **All notes will be verified before the student will be allowed to sign out.** Once the request is verified, the student will receive a note to be presented to the teacher at the time of dismissal. **The student will report to the attendance clerk to sign out before leaving campus.**
2. **No phone calls will be taken to arrange for early dismissal.**
3. Each early dismissal request will be classified as lawful or unlawful.
4. Students who become ill during the day should report to the nurse's office. The nurse will call a parent to arrange for pick-up if necessary.
5. **Any student returning to campus after signing out must report to the attendance clerk with a Medical Excuse or have a parent present to sign in.**
6. Students who are 18 years old may not sign themselves out unless emancipation papers are on file.
7. Violation of this policy will cause the loss of driving privileges.

HONOR GRADUATES

Honor graduates will be those students who have an unrounded GPR of 3.75 or higher according to the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy at the end of the fourth quarter of the senior year.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Electronic devices (including ipods, mp3 players, electronic games, phones, etc.) are disproportionately more likely to be the target of theft due to their high cost and small size. Therefore, any electronic devices that are brought to school are solely the responsibility of the owner and no special efforts will be made to recover lost or stolen items. If the item is that valuable – leave it at home. Make sure to use your locker and have it properly locked to keep your belongings safe when dressing out.

LOCKS AND LOCKERS

Lockers will be used by band, strings, ROTC, PE, and athletic teams. The following items apply: Only school-issued locks may be used on school lockers; locks are to be locked properly at all times; lost locks cost \$10.00.

MESSAGES

Telephone messages of an emergency nature for students will be accepted from parents only. An effort will be made to contact the student. Students and parents are advised to make arrangements before coming to school concerning early dismissals, after school pick-up, work and practice schedules, etc.

PARTICIPATION IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students must be present in school and met all eligibility requirements in order to participate in any extra-curricular activity.

PARTICIPATION IN FIELD TRIPS

Eligibility to participate in an elective field trip will be based on a satisfactory attendance profile, a satisfactory discipline profile, and a minimum over-all passing grade. The administration reserves the right to deny a student permission to participate in an elective field trip regardless of money paid or commitments made.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Inappropriate displays of affection will be subject to disciplinary action. The appropriate public display of affection will be limited to the holding of hands.

SCHOOL DAY

The school day officially begins at 8:00 AM. At that time students are permitted to go to classrooms and other authorized areas of the campus. Until that time students may wait in the cafeteria. Student supervision begins at 7:40 AM. Until that time, Pickens High School is not responsible for students. School dismisses at 3:15 PM.

SCHOOL DELIVERIES

Students are not allowed to receive flowers, balloons, etc. at school.

PARKING PRIVILEGES

Student parking is a privilege open to eligible students who are both licensed and responsible drivers. Students applying for a permit must present a valid driver's license and tag number of the vehicle. Parking permits are issued to seniors, juniors, and sophomores during summer registration. The cost of a parking permit is \$20.00. The following guidelines must be followed:

1. To be properly authorized for parking on campus, a vehicle must display an appropriate parking permit so the permit is visible and number showing.
2. A student cannot part on campus without a parking permit unless given permission by an administrator.
3. Student will park only in areas designated for student parking with no parking in faculty or visitor spots before 4 PM.
4. At no time during the school day are students allowed to go to their vehicles without a pass from an administrator. Students unlawfully leaving campus will lose parking privileges for one month (20 school days) and if transporting others for nine weeks (45 school days).
5. Any display of recklessness, irresponsibility or disregard for the safety of an individual at any time, may result in the revocation of a student's parking privilege for a time to be determined by the administration.

6. Violation of parking/driving guidelines will result in appropriate action being taken by the administration. Multiple or repeated violations will result in the revocation of a student's parking privilege and/or other appropriate disciplinary action.
7. There is no place for parking off campus as was the case with Hooper Field. Any cars left off campus will be towed by the police.

The School District does not assume responsibility for damage to vehicles, for the theft of vehicles, or for articles taken from vehicles.

LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

All students arriving late to school **must** sign in with the attendance clerk. At that time, any excuses should be turned in for consideration. Further explanation will be given at grade level assemblies. If a student is tardy unexcused to school he/she must do detention **that** day or the next day from 3:30 PM until 4:30 PM in Mrs. Sheppard's classroom.

TARDY POLICY

Students are tardy to class when the bell finishes ringing. At this time all classroom doors will be closed and students will not be admitted without a pass. A tardy to school will not be included in this policy – See **Late Arrival to School** Above.

Students who are tardy and do not have a note from a teacher or a Bus Pass at the beginning of the school day must obtain a printed pass from one of the four Tardy Sweep Stations. The Tardy Sweep pass must be shown to your teacher for verification of date/time. The Tardy Sweep pass will be returned to student so that they will have a record of the disciplinary action.

Tardy Sweep Stations

- Reception Desk in the Administrative Office
- Mrs. Mulkey in Attendance Office

Consequences for Tardiness

- Tardy 1-4 Warning
- Tardy 5 – 8 After School Detention – 1 Hour
- Tardy 9 – 10 Two Hours Saturday School
- Tardy 11 Administrative Decision Including Suspension

TELEPHONES

Students are not permitted to use office phones except in emergencies. Unauthorized use of school phones will result in disciplinary action.

CELL PHONES

Cell phones are not allowed to be used during the school day per School Board Policy. Phones must be out of sight and off from 7:30 AM until 3:15 PM. Disciplinary steps for this violation will be detailed at the beginning of the school year.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks and other instructional materials are loaned to students by the state and district. If materials are not returned, students will be required to pay for the lost or damaged materials/books. Individual teachers issuing the materials assess damages. Lost books or those damaged beyond use must be replaced at full replacement cost.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Class Day – One time honored tradition at PHS is Class Day. For a senior to participate in Class Day you must have cleared all your debts and completed all seat time requirements. Failure to complete Seat Time will require you to be in Seat Time during the ceremony. The dress code for Seniors is as follows: Ladies White Dress which is mid-thigh in length as a minimum, if it is strapless you need a white sweater or jacket, no undergarments visible; or Long White Pants; Appropriate footwear – preferably not slick bottom. Gentlemen – Dark Blue, Black, or Khaki Long Pants; No Boots, sneakers, or flip flops; White Button up collared shirt with tie.

Junior/Senior Prom – For students to be able to purchase tickets to the Prom you must be currently classified as a Junior or Senior by the school. To purchase a ticket you must have all debts clear in the Media Center, Cafeteria, and ID Debt. Any student that wishes to bring a date that is not a current student at PHS must complete a permission form prior to purchasing tickets.

MEDIA CENTER

The PHS Media Center has a vast number of resources available to assist students with research projects, class assignments, and pleasure reading. Over 12,000 volumes are housed in the media center along with a number of magazines and newspapers. Magazine and newspaper articles, encyclopedias, and other curriculum-related databases are also available through DISCUS.

The library media center is open before school begins and closes at 3:45 p.m. Extended hours are available on selected days of the week.

Students must have a teacher-signed pass when visiting the media center from a class. A daily sign-in log is maintained that requires the student to sign-in and sign-out during each visit. A quiet atmosphere is maintained while working in the media center. Food and drink are prohibited. A working ID badge is required for checking out books and paying overdue fines. Each student may check out 3 books for a period of 2 weeks. Books can be renewed. If a book is returned later than the stamped due date, a fine will be assessed. A regular circulating book is 10 cents per each school day that the book is late (weekends and holidays do not count). Charges vary for lost or damaged books. A fee schedule is posted at the circulation desk showing specific charges.

The media center sells a number of school supplies. Prices are posted at the circulation desk.

INTERNET

The Internet is to be used only for educational purposes throughout the school.

*The media center complies with the School District of Pickens County's Internet Acceptable Use Policy. (Code IFBGA and IFBGA-R)

DISCUS

South Carolina's virtual library provides access to an electronic library of essential information resources via the Internet. These same resources are also available from home. See a media specialist for current user name and password. DISCUS can be accessed from the Pickens County School District's homepage: www.pickens.k12.sc.us.

CODE IFBGA-R ISSUED 9/25/00

Purpose: To establish the board's vision and the basic structure for the use of technology resources in instruction.

Technology is a vital part of education and the curriculum of the school district. In an effort to promote learning and expand educational resources for students, the district has made arrangements to provide access to technology resources contingent upon adherence to this policy, administrative rule and related guidelines. The School District of Pickens County will provide students and employees with access to the school district's technology resources including, but not limited to, computer systems, media and peripheral devices.

Access to the district's technological resources is a privilege, not a right. With this privilege, there also is a responsibility to use the resources solely for educational purposes and not to access inappropriate materials unsuitable for students. The school district's technology resources have specific educational purposes that include use for classroom activities, professional or career development and administrative functions. The faculty will thoughtfully integrate use of technology throughout the curriculum and will provide guidance and instruction to students in its use. Use of the school district's technology resources is a privilege and is not intended to be a public forum.

Student Internet activities will be monitored by the district to ensure students are not accessing inappropriate sites that have visual depictions that include obscenity, child pornography or are harmful to minors. The school district will use technology protection measures to protect students from inappropriate access.

The district will communicate its Internet acceptable use policy, administrative regulations and Internet safety measures annually through the student/parent handbook.

District and school computer technicians who are working with a computer and come across sexually explicit images of children must report this to local law enforcement and to the superintendent. The report must include the name and address of the owner or person in possession of the computer. Employees and students who violate the terms of the administrative rule related to the Internet will be subject to disciplinary action. Inappropriate use by any person will not be tolerated.

The School District of Pickens County will develop and implement administrative rules and regulations and user guidelines related to technological resources that are consistent with the purposes and mission of the district.

APPROPRIATE USE OF HEALTH ROOM

Any student who becomes ill at school should not report to the school nurse without a pass from a teacher. If an extreme emergency exists, however, the student should report directly to the nurse. The nurse will contact a parent if the student needs to leave school. If parents are unavailable and the illness or injury is such that immediate care is required, the school will arrange for the student to be taken to the doctor or to a hospital for treatment. This action will not obligate the personnel of the school to assume financial responsibility for treatment. Student insurance is made available at the

beginning of each year. **Under NO circumstances may a student go to the restroom to stay if ill.** Accidents should be reported to the school nurse or administration within 24 hours.

Student Medications

In order for student medications to be given at school, self-administered at school, or self-administered after school hours on school grounds or at school activities, the policies below must be followed:

Medications to be given at school, during school hours:

- A completed School District of Pickens County Request for Medication Administration must be on file. Medication will be given for one day only with a written note from the parent.
- All over-the-counter medication must be in the original container. No medication will be accepted in baggies or envelopes to be kept in the health room and will be destroyed at the end of the day.
- All prescription medication must be in individual pharmacy labeled bottles and kept in the health room.
- Over the counter medications that are to be given daily for more than one week, must have a doctor's order.
- Only a 30-day supply should be sent to school at one time.
- Parents should bring any medication to school. Medications are not to be brought or sent home on the bus.

Medications to be self-administered by the student during school hours:

- This policy is for asthma inhalers, insulin, and epi-pens and must be accompanied by a note from the prescribing physician as to why it is necessary to keep these medications with the student.
- A completed School District of Pickens County Request for Medication Self-Administration must be on file in the health room and approved by the principal or his/her designee after a meeting with the student and parents.

Field Trips:

- Parents are responsible for sending medication for field trips.
- Only enough medication for the field trip, in the original and properly labeled container should be sent.
- A completed field trip permission form must accompany the medication.
- The teacher will be responsible for administering the medication.

No herbal medications are allowed to be given at school or be approved for self-administration. These drugs are not FDA approved.

No PRN (as needed) medications are given after 2:00 pm without a parent notification.

All medications left at the end of the school year are destroyed. They are not held for next school year.

No student may sell, distribute, or otherwise transfer any over-the-counter or prescription medication to another student. Violations of Policy JGCD, Student

Medications, will be handled in accordance with the provision of JCDAC and JCDAC-R (Drug Use and Substance Abuse).

FIRST AID

Students who need first aid treatment in physical education (PE) should report to the instructor. Students injured at a time other than PE should report to the school nurse.

TOBACCO

Pickens High School as well as the remainder of the schools in the district is tobacco free. Students are not allowed to be in possession of tobacco or any type. Any tobacco product found on campus including that which is in possession of a student will be confiscated. Use of tobacco will result in the administration of fines based upon the number of incidents by the student.

SCHOOL RELATED LAWS

The laws set forth in this handbook are printed because they are commonly enforced on school premises or at school-related activities and we feel that students should be especially aware of their contents. However, there are many other laws, both state and federal, as well as municipal and/or county ordinances which have full force and effect on students and/or school premises but which are not printed herein. Students are reminded that they are also subject to those laws and ordinances as well.

§ 16-17-420. Disturbing schools.

It shall be unlawful: (1) For any person willfully or necessarily (a) to interfere with or to disturb in any way or in any place the students or teachers of any school or college in this State, (b) to loiter about such school or college premises or (c) to act in an obnoxious manner thereon.

§16-3-1040. Threatening life, person or family of public official

It is unlawful for any person to knowingly and willfully deliver or convey to a public official or to a teacher or principal of an elementary or secondary school any letter or paper, writing, print, missive, document, or electronic communication or any verbal or electronic communication which contains any threat to take the life of or to inflict bodily harm upon the public official, teacher, or principal, or members of their immediate families.

§16-17-510. Enticing enrolled child from attendance in public school.

Whosoever encourages or entices or conspires to encourage or entice any child enrolled in the public elementary or secondary schools of this State from attendance in such public school or school program or transports or provides transportation in aid or furtherance of such encouragement or enticement shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both; and for any subsequent offense shall be imprisoned not more than five years.

§16-23-460. Carrying concealed weapons: forfeiture of weapons.

Any person carrying a dirk, slingshot, metal knuckles, razor, or other deadly weapon usually used for the infliction of personal injury concealed about his person is guilty of a misdemeanor, shall forfeit to the county, or, if convicted in a

municipal court, to the municipality the weapon so carried concealed and be fined in the sum of not more than \$500 and not less than \$200 or imprisoned not more than 90 days nor less than 30 days. Nothing herein contained may be construed to apply to persons carrying concealed weapons upon their own premises or to peace officers in the actual discharge of their duties. The provisions of this section do not apply to rifles or shotguns unless they are used with the intent to commit a crime or in furtherance of a crime.

§59-63-1110 Consent to search person or his effects.

Any person entering the premises of any school in this State shall be deemed to have consented to a reasonable search of his person and effects.

§16-23-460. Searches by school administrators or officials with or without probable cause.

School administrators and officials may conduct reasonable searches on school property of lockers, desks, vehicles, and personal belongings such as purses, bookbags, wallets, and satchels with or without probable cause.

BACK 2 SCHOOL INFO:

Refer to the **Back 2 Schools 2013: A Handbook for Students & Parents** in depth information for the following:

Enrollment Guidelines

Proof of Residence, Enrollment Ages, Requirements, Student Assignment

Attendance

Absences from School, Make Up of Missed Work

Curriculum and Instruction

Common Core State Standards, Homework, Grading Scales, Uniform Grading Policy for High Schools, Online Grades

Secondary Schools

Advance Placement Program, Dual Credit Courses, Auditing Courses, Class Rank, Honor Graduates, Graduation Participation, Life Scholarship

Special Services

Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities

Athletics

General Information, Eligibility Requirements

Student Behavior

Academic Dishonesty, Dress Code, Drug Use and Distribution, Expulsion, Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying, School-Related Laws, Student ID Cards

Pickens High School Alma Mater

Hail to thee our Alma Mater,
Pickens High of well-known fame.
Whose history's rich in proud achievement,
Whose past has won a great name.

Hail to thee, our loving Mother,
Who lives in past and future, too.
Thy name shall shine in glorious splendor,
Shaped by faith and ideals true.

Now thy grateful sons and daughters,
Loyal still as years go by,
Pledge to thee our firm devotion,
Alma Mater, Pickens High.

