

Canton High School

"Helping each student achieve success"

Welcome to Canton High School. Thank you for joining us for your educational experience. We at CHS are confident you will earn a world-class education while gaining valuable experiences that you will use throughout your life. At CHS we pride ourselves on providing a safe learning environment and challenging curriculum along with offering several extra-curricular and co-curricular opportunities.

The following guidelines set the expectations of our school. Organizations with high expectations achieve greatness. Students, along with their parents, are expected to abide by the policies. These policies are a concerted effort on the part of faculty, parents, students and the administration. With a team-oriented effort by all, CHS will be a place of learning and achievement.

The ultimate purpose of education is to help each student become an effective citizen in our society. Accepting the responsibilities and obligations of good citizenship will help you participate successfully in the world of tomorrow. We hope that you will participate in our varied activities and find those things within our school that will prepare you to live a better life and finally take your place in this complex society. Remember that your success in school will be directly related to your efforts.

Thank you for choosing Canton High School and we wish you the best on your academic endeavors.

Soar C-Hawks...Soar!

CANTON SCHOOL SONG

Go Canton High School, Go Canton High School
Fight for victory!
With your colors flying we will cheer you all the way,
Rah! Rah!
Go Canton High School, Go Canton High School,
Fight for victory!
Spread forth the fame of your fair name,
Go, Canton! Win that game!

CANTON HIGH SCHOOL MISSION:

Our mission for the students of Canton High School is to supply tools to succeed, become creative thinkers, life-long learners, and productive members of society, while maintaining a safe environment. This shall be accomplished by the mastery of the established curriculum for all students through proven instructional strategies, appropriate assessments, supportive interventions, and extended learning opportunities.

CANTON HIGH SCHOOL VISION

Theme: Students – Students leave CHS with positive attitude, respect for self and others, strong work ethic and a commitment to their life long learning. CHS students display the attributes of the C-HAWKS Advantage: Character, Honor, Achievement, Wisdom, Knowledge and Service. This is done through the combined efforts of our community, parents, teachers and students.

Theme: Staff – CHS is devoted to hiring the most qualified teachers who are strong leaders and passionate advocates for the subjects and students they teach. Our staff functions well as a team and has high expectations for our students as well as for ourselves. Because we believe that the role of faculty and staff is critical to our students' success, we will always strive to be compassionate, consistent, and committed to the public we serve.

Theme: Culture – Students come to a safe and clean learning environment where they share a sense of belonging and can connect with adult staff members. Students have opportunities to become what they dream while being guided by staff, parents and the community. These opportunities are enhanced by a desire to deliver innovative education that addresses all students' needs.

Theme: Resources – CHS provides well-maintained facilities, effective resources, appropriate equipment, and a rigorous curriculum to promote excellence in an interesting and varied learning environment. CHS strives to provide and use resources that prepare students for the 21st century and the 'new economy.'

Theme: Student Conduct – CHS implements a school-wide discipline plan that addresses student conduct in a safe and orderly environment. The plan is well defined, providing for flexibility that leads to all students and teachers being accountable while preserving dignity.

OFFICE HOURS: M-F 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The office secretaries are on duty from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each school day to receive your telephone calls. Call **764-2706** to leave information about your student.

DAILY SCHEDULE - REGULAR

1 st	8:10 – 8:57
2 nd	9:00 – 9:47
3 rd	9:50 – 10:37
4 th	10:40 – 11:27
5 th	11:30 – 12:17
Lunch	12:17 – 12:52
6 th	12:52 – 1:39
7 th	1:42 – 2:29
8 th	2:32 – 3:19

ACADEMICS

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

<u>Subject</u>	<u>CHS Requirements</u>	<u>S.D. Board of Regents</u>
English	4 credits	4 credits
Math	3 credits	3 credits
Science	3 credits	3 credits
Social Science	3 credits	3 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit	1 credit
Computer Literacy	½ credit	½ credit
Econ/Pers. Finance	½ credit	½ credit
Physical Education	½ credit	½ credit
Elective	7.5 credits	
Total	24 Credits	

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

- We will use the following scale when calculating a student's overall high school grade point average (GPA). Class Rank is determined by using the cumulative grade point average of all classes beginning with the ninth grade. Pass/Fail courses shall not be used in the calculation of Grade Point Averages. Courses retaken will be included in the Grade Point Average.

A+ = 4.0	B+ = 3.3	C+ = 2.3	D+ = 1.3
A = 4.0	B = 3.0	C = 2.0	D = 1.0
A- = 3.7	B- = 2.7	C- = 1.7	D- = 0.7
			F = 0.0

Grading Scale

95 – 100	A	77 – 79	C
92 – 94	A-	74 – 76	C-
89 – 91	B+	71 – 73	D+
86 – 88	B	68 – 70	D
83 – 85	B-	65-67	D-
80 – 82	C+	0 – 64	F

PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION CEREMONIES

- In order to be able to go through the graduation ceremony, a senior must be within one (1) credit of completing all graduation requirements, be currently enrolled in school and be enrolled in summer classes to finish the required work.
- Notification of a student's intent to participate in the graduation ceremony must be received in the high school principal's office by April 25th of the graduation year.
- All credits from Canton High School must be completed for a student to be included in the graduation ceremony program by 8:00 a.m. on the Thursday prior to the graduation ceremony.

- To participate in the graduation ceremony, the student must have paid all assessed fines and fees and served all detentions and suspensions.

GRADUATION SPEAKERS

- High School staff will select by vote three boys and three girls from the candidates meeting the stated requirements. Of these candidates, one male and one female will be selected by vote of the senior class to represent them at graduation. One will give the “Commencement Address” while the other gives the “Farewell Address”. This shall be done on a rotating basis.
- Criteria:
 - Minimum GPA of 3.5
 - Fulfill the Advanced Curriculum requirements: 4 credits English, 3 credits Science, 3 credits Math, etc.
 - Have participated in a minimum of two cumulative years of extra or co-curricular activities.

EARLY GRADUATES

- Students who wish to graduate at mid-term of their senior year must work with the counselor to make sure all requirements are met. All course work must be successfully completed at that time. There is no "finishing up" during the second semester. A meeting must be held and a form must be filled out by the end of September before the early graduation. The meeting must include the Principal, Counselor, student, and parent. The student and the parent must both sign the form. These individuals will be allowed to participate in prom and graduation ceremonies. Students will not be allowed to work ahead during the summer or in credit recovery classes to avoid the regular classroom experience unless they have been accepted into the CHS alternative program. It is our firm belief that there is no replacement for the learning experience within the classroom.

PROGRESS REPORTS

- At mid-term of each quarter, parents will be notified by mail of those students who have a below average or failing grade in any subject. Any student who receives a grade below a C- at any marking period (midterm or at the end of quarter/semester) will receive a progress report.

STUDENT CLASS SCHEDULES

- Students pre-register for classes in the Spring.
- All CHS students are required to enroll in at least seven academic classes and are limited to one study hall each semester.
- Schedules are handed out at the start of the new school year. This schedule will have your full-year complete schedule and your locker number. You and you alone are responsible for reporting to your regularly scheduled classes.

DROPPING/ADDING COURSES

Students may not drop, discontinue, or add subjects without the permission of the principal and are subject to the following conditions:

1. Students may make adjustments to their schedules during the first week of the semester. No class may be added after that date.
2. Students must have the approval of parents.
3. Changes may be made only after consultation with appropriate instructors.
4. Classes dropped after the first week will be recorded as a "W" on the student's transcript.
5. Classes dropped after the fifth week of a semester will result in an automatic failing grade for that semester.
6. Class changes will be based on academic rigor and class size balance.

REPORTING SYSTEM

- Report cards will be issued every nine weeks and given to the students and/or mailed to parents. Grades become a part of every student's permanent record and consequently become a recommendation for the student when that record is examined.
- Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled twice during the school year. Parents are encouraged to schedule a conference whenever the parents or teachers deem necessary.
- Mid-term progress reports will be given to all students at the mid-term of each quarter.

SEMESTER TEST POLICY

- All students will complete a comprehensive semester test in all of their classes that offer a semester test. These tests will count for 1/5 (20%) of the final semester grade. Failure to attend and complete a semester test during the scheduled time will result in a zero. If a student must miss for a legitimate reason it is their responsibility to communicate that to their teachers and principal.

SEMESTER TEST EXEMPTION POLICY

- All students in grades 9-12 will not have to take a semester test if they have no more than 3 absences and no more than 3 tardies in any class period during the semester. Students must also have a B (86%) or higher in classes, students must not have more than 5 ICU's per semester, if they wish to use this exemption.
- Students who are assigned SAS, ISS or OSS for behavioral issues will not be eligible for this exemption.
- Absences related to school sponsored activities will not count against a student's attendance record for this exemption.

WITHDRAWALS AND TRANSFERS

- If you plan to transfer to another school or to drop out of school, you must notify the principal at least one day in advance and complete a withdraw and transfer form which must be returned to the principal's office when completed.
- A student's school records will be transferred upon request by a school official or parent to the school or institution where the student is enrolling. New students registering for CHS are expected to notify their previous school to have their records and transcript sent.

ICU

- A list of late/missing assignments is maintained on the ICU database daily. Students have two weeks to remove items from this list. At the end of every two week window, all items on the list (regardless of when they were placed on the list) will be zeroed out in the grade book.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Regular school attendance is a significant and vital component of a student's education. Regular attendance is tied to successful academic achievement and remains a part of a student's permanent record that colleges and employers see. Since each class a student takes has academic value, students who miss this time miss an integral part of the class. Moreover, consistent school attendance is one means by which a student develops responsibility and self-discipline. State Law requires the local board of education to establish attendance standards. Students are to be in attendance a minimum number of days for instructional purposes in order to obtain credit. For these reasons, student absences from school should be limited to those instances in which absence is genuinely unavoidable or in the best educational interest of the student.

ABSENCE PROCEDURE

If a student will be absent from school, leaving early, or arriving late, the following procedures must be followed:

- If a student will be absent, a parent/guardian must contact a secretary at the school at 764-2706.
- Upon returning to school, if parents have not contacted the school, students must bring a written note explaining the absence.
- Absences must be verified within 24 hours of the occurrence. If not, they will be considered trancies.
- If a student will be leaving during the school day, a parent/guardian must call school before the student will be released. Students who leave school and then call later will be recorded as truant.
- **LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS:** All students are expected to notify the Principal's Office and be excused from school before leaving the building during the school day. **NEVER LEAVE THE BUILDING WITHOUT FIRST REPORTING TO THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE AND OBTAINING PERMISSION.** Failure to do so will result in the absence being considered truancy regardless of the reason presented upon the student's return.
- Notes for early dismissal are to be turned in at the office by 8:10 a.m.
- Students participating in school-sponsored activities will be marked present.

TARDIES

- As a responsible student, you are expected to be in your designated area as stated by your teacher when the late bell rings. You are tardy if you are up to five (5) minutes late, after that it will be considered an absence. Flagrant tardiness and absences may result in further disciplinary action such as detention, suspension and expulsion from school.

CHECK IN AND OUT PROCEDURES

- Students must check and sign out of the office prior to leaving. Students who are arriving late must check and sign in at the office.
- When an absent student returns during the school day, he/she must sign in and obtain an "Admit Slip" from the office before the student will be allowed to return to the classroom. An "Admit slip" is not necessary if the student missed the previous day.
- On their return to school, all students are expected to give the secretary or principal a parental note explaining the absence. The office personnel may request a doctor's certificate clarifying the status of the illness and the ability of the student to return to school.

PASSES

- All students must have a pass from their classroom teacher to be outside of their designated classroom after the first five minutes of each class period. Failure to produce a pass may result in that class time being made up after the school day.

EXCESSIVE ABSENCE POLICY

- Student absences will be marked as either excused or unexcused.
- Absences are accumulated by semester.
- A warning letter will be sent out to the parents of a student who has five (5) absences in a semester informing them of the attendance policy. When a student obtains eight (8) absences from any class in one semester, the student and his/her parent will be required to meet with an Attendance Committee. This committee will be comprised of the Principal, Dean of Students and classroom teacher(s). The committee will determine if the student will receive credit for the class(es) in which the excessive absences occurred. The committee may decide to deny credit, reinstate credit, or place the student on an Improvement Plan. Students and their parents have the right to grieve any decision made by the Attendance Committee and the Canton School Board.
- Federal mandates and state law hold schools and parents accountable for student attendance. The federal mandate No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requires schools to maintain a student attendance rate above 95%. In addition, the state of South Dakota requires children between the ages of 6-18 to “**annually and regularly attend school**” and holds parents/guardians accountable when a child fails to attend school on a “**regular basis**”. Because of this, the Canton Middle School feels that it is necessary to take action when a student has missed more than ten (10) days of school during the year. A zero may be recorded in the gradebook for **any** absence that occur beyond 15 days. Any unexcused absence will result in the student making up the time accordingly in Suspension After School (SAS). One missed day will equal three days of SAS.

TRUANCY

- **Truancy** is any absence without prior knowledge or permission from the school or parents. Truants will be referred to the proper authorities and will be subject to disciplinary action. A student is considered truant regardless of whether he/she misses a full day, partial day or all or part of any class. This applies to academic and nonacademic time (study hall and advisory). Truants will be docked no more than one percent (1%) by their individual teachers for each truancy incident and will receive zeros for all work missed while they were truant.
- A truant student will be assigned to Detention, Saturday School, In-School Suspension, Suspension After School or Out of School Suspension.

ABSENTEE MAKE-UP WORK

- It is the student’s responsibility to prearrange makeup work before an anticipated absence, whether personal or school sponsored. If work is not completed prior to the absence or prior arrangements have not been made, the teacher is not required to give makeup work.

- A student will have the same number of days to make up missed work as days absent. Example: three days missed = three school days to make up the work. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with individual teachers. If there are extenuating circumstances, see the principal.

INCOMPLETES

- An incomplete grade may only be granted by the discretion of the teacher and High School Principal with a designated completion date. This may only happen if there has been some sort of extraordinary circumstances that made the completion of the course in the allotted time impossible. The grade that goes on a student's report card is designed to be reflective of that student's mastery of the course content. Decisions will be made with this in mind.

SCHOOL POLICES FOR STUDENTS

STUDENT – PUBLIC INFORMATION

- Public information shall include names and pictures of students participating in or attending extra-curricular activities, school events, and high school league activities or events.

STUDENT ACADEMIC CLASSIFICATION

- Students who successfully complete 5 credits prior to the beginning of the school year (first day of the school year) will be considered a sophomore. Likewise, students who have completed 10 credits will be considered a junior and students who have completed 15 credits will be considered a senior. This includes placement in Advisory. This applies to all school events during that year and Open Lunch Privileges.
- Foreign exchange students are classified as juniors or younger. The students may take classes at appropriate skill levels.

DRESS CODE

- In some cases, dress and grooming can disrupt the learning process, pose a health or safety hazard, invade the rights of others, or take away from the overall decency and decorum of the school. Unacceptable items for students attending CHS include: wearing any articles of clothing or displaying a tattoo which conveys a message of profanity; material that has intent to intimidate others; promoting drugs, alcohol or tobacco; are sexually suggestive; gang related, displaying racial/ethnic slurs; or could be deemed potentially offensive to others. In addition, clothing which is so skimpy as to reveal undergarments is in poor taste and will not be tolerated. Wearing hats, caps, bandannas or other head coverings inside the building is prohibited. Students may be required to wear school issued clothing to cover inappropriate attire.

****The Principal has discretion in enforcing this policy.***

SENIOR PRIVILEGES

- Senior privileges begin at the start of the 4th quarter.

- To qualify, students need a GPA of 2.5 and an approved attendance record (tardies and absences).
- Students may also qualify for early privileges as set by the Principal if they score proficient or advanced on the DSTEP from their junior year.
- Privileges refer to students being allowed to have an open period during a study hall and the option to not take semester finals.
- Privileges can be revoked for reasons including but not limited to: tardies, unexcused absences, failing grades, etc.

OPEN LUNCH PRIVILEGES

- Students in grades 11 and 12 have the privilege to leave school grounds during their lunch period. These students may drive during the lunch period.
- Students in grades 9 and 10 have closed lunch and are not allowed to leave the building during the lunch period. This includes the area immediately outside of the school entrances and the parking lot area.
- All students that must or choose to remain on campus for lunch must report to the lunchroom. All students will remain in the lunchroom until released to class or the Gym.
- Students must realize that the open campus is a privilege and can be lost if abused. Any student, who engages in a disrespectful act toward students, other persons, or property in the neighborhood/community, will lose this privilege. The school day starts for students when classes begin in the morning and ends after the last period of the day. This day includes the lunch period and is considered part of the learning environment, which adds to the education of students and is therefore subject to school policy. Privileges that exist may be subject to change as the current situation may dictate. Violating open lunch will result in structured lunch.

CAFETERIA

- Canton High School is proud of its facilities for providing hot lunches. You are expected to behave appropriately while eating. **No food is to be taken out of the cafeteria.** You are also expected to pass to lunch in an orderly manner - no running, shoving, or cutting in line. Disciplinary action will be taken if you violate these common courtesies.

VEHICLE USE

- Students are not allowed to go to, be in, or use their vehicle during the school day unless permission is obtained from the office. Once the student arrives at school, the vehicle is considered off limits until the end of the school day. **Any student who may need access to his/her car during the school day will be required to obtain permission from the principal's office before entering the car.** Students who fail to comply with this expectation or operate a vehicle in an unsafe manner near school grounds will be subject to disciplinary action and a police referral.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

- Food and beverages are allowed in the Commons Area before and after school. Beverage machines are available during those times. However, these and other consumable food items are not to be consumed in the classroom, the library or study hall. Glass containers are strictly prohibited from the building.
- Waste paper containers are provided throughout the building. Students are expected to respect school property and their surroundings by disposing of waste. Student Council members are to police the area and encourage others not to litter.
- Only water is allowed in the classroom at the teacher's discretion.
- Teachers can permit food in their rooms on special occasions with office approval.
- C-Hawk Coffee Shop items are allowed in study halls at the discretion of the teacher.

TEXTBOOKS AND EQUIPMENT

- Textbooks are loaned to students each year. Students are responsible for the books/equipment checked out to them and will be held accountable for any damages done to their textbook/equipment while checked out. Whether the student or another party did the damage, the student who is responsible for the textbook/equipment will be required to pay for the damages when returned at the end of the semester.

LOST AND FOUND

- Lost and found items are located in the principal's office. Materials found in the building can be brought to the office.

DISTRIBUTION OF NONSCHOOL-SPONSORED MATERIALS

- Students and/or organizations may not distribute non-school-sponsored materials in school without pre-approval of the Principal.

LOCKERS

- The student lockers are a part of the school building, and as such are under the supervision and jurisdiction of school officials. Anytime there is reason to believe that a contraband item or something of an illegal nature is present, a school official may search a student's locker.

**** The school is not responsible for loss of property from lockers.***

LOCKER INSPECTIONS

- Locker inspections will be conducted at the end of each semester. The purpose will be to promote cleanliness and order to the locker by removing accumulated materials, to promote the return of overdue or lost library material, and to eliminate any inappropriate writings/drawings/posters.

INTERNET USE POLICY

The purpose of the Canton Public School District's networks and the Internet is to provide additional educational resources and communication for students and teachers. The use of the networks and Internet is a privilege. Inappropriate use of the network or the internet will result in a loss of network privileges. If you try to

damage equipment, software, or other user's data, you will lose your computer privileges and be subject to the school district's discipline policy or other laws and may be required to compensate the district for any damage.

When using the Canton School District's networks and its connection to the Internet, you must accept the responsibility to use it in a proper and legal way.

- Abusive, vulgar communication is not to be used.
- Downloading or transmitting inappropriate files or programs is prohibited..
- Your first and last name, your home address, password or home phone number is not to be given out.
- Interfering with others on the network is not allowed.
- All communications, pictures and graphics are the property of the author and can be used only with permission
- The networks are not to be used for private financial gain.
- The use of another person's account is not allowed.
- A teacher must authorize the use of a chat room.
- **A teacher must authorize the use of instant messaging such as MSN, blogging or Wikis. No students should be using these forms of communication during the school day for any other reason.**

**** The Canton Public School District will not be responsible for loss of information or the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its network services.***

LIBRARY

- Our library is available to all Canton students. Books may be loaned for a two-week period. Each student is financially responsible when books are not returned. Students should use the library for research and quiet recreational reading. Conversation will be kept to a minimum. Please be considerate of others when using this facility.
 1. Library books may be checked out for a period of 14 days (2 weeks). Failure to return material on time will result in the loss of library privileges.
 2. Each person must sign him or herself into/out of the library with the correct time.
 3. Please acquaint yourselves with the posted concerns about expected behavior and consequences.

**** The Librarian has the right to restrict library privileges of any kind should a student abuse those privileges.***

STUDY HALL GUIDELINES

Preparation for Class:

- Students need to bring something to study or work on during study hall. These items could be homework, a magazine, a book, art supplies, etc.
- If a student needs to go to another classroom during study hall, they will need to have a pass form that teacher before they come to the study hall.
- This is a study hall; students are expected to work during this time.

Restroom or Water:

- Only one boy and one girl will be allowed to leave the room at a time to go to the restroom.

- Food and outside beverages are not allowed in study hall. The only exception to this is water in a clear container.

Electronic Devices:

- Students with cell phones either visible or heard will have them confiscated and taken to the office.
- Headphones (iPods, MP3's, etc) are not allowed.

TELEPHONE CALLS

- Phone calls during class are discouraged. You will be called from class to answer a phone call only in case of an emergency. If it is not deemed an emergency, a message will be held at the Principal's Office. A telephone is located in the lobby and should be used when making local calls. The telephone in the Principal's Office is for official use only.
- When you need to call home because of illness, someone in the Principal's Office must speak to a parent to verify your dismissal. This applies even to eighteen year olds living at home. You are not to leave the school grounds for any reason without proper authorization between parent and office personnel.

CELL PHONES

- Cell phones serve good purposes. Yet their capabilities of taking pictures and text messaging bring disruptions to the classroom and school.
- The use/possession of Cell Phones is not permitted at Canton High School during the school day (8:10 – 3:19) excluding the noon hour (12:17 – 12:52). If a cell phone is discovered in the possession of a student or is seen or heard ringing during the school day it will be confiscated. Teachers have the right to collect cell phones during a class and in hallways. Likewise, administrators have the right to collect cell phones during the school day.
- Consequences involve holding of the phone in the office where the student will be able to claim at the end of the day. Repeat offenders will be assigned disciplinary consequences. *If there is a situation that presents itself in the lives of one of our students that would merit the use of a cellular phone during school, permission may be granted ahead of time by the high school administration.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL VISITORS

- Any student who is not an official member of the Canton School District is required to report to the office immediately upon entry into the building. Students are not allowed to bring “student visitors” to any classroom.

FIRE DRILLS/DISASTER DRILLS

- Fire and Disaster drills are required by law and will be held periodically to evaluate our plan of action. Instructions are posted in each room; acquaint yourself with these instructions. After the alarm sounds walk quickly out of the building without coats or books. No talking or visiting is allowed. You must remain together with your class/group so the teacher can account for all students and make necessary announcements.
- The unauthorized setting off of any fire alarm is extremely serious. If this does occur and a student is found to have done it, the student will be suspended from school and will have to pay the fire department for the call. The proper authorities will be contacted so further legal action may be taken.

WORK PERMITS

- No work permits are allowed and students are expected to be in school for the entire school day. This includes those students who have study hall the last period of the day. There may be situations that arise where exceptions to this rule are made. In such a case, the decision will be made at a staffing where the principal, student, parents, and counselor are present.

SKATEBOARDS

- No skateboards, skate boarding, or roller-blading will be allowed on school property, unless it is apart of a school activity.

LOST AND FOUND

- All lost and found items should be turned in and claimed at the Principal's Office. At the end of the school year, unclaimed items will be given to a charitable organization.

BAD WEATHER SCHEDULE

- The school board has ruled that the Superintendent of Schools must make the decision if school is to be changed from a normal school day due to bad weather. In case of severe weather, the official announcements for school closing may be heard on the following radio stations: KELO-AM & FM, KSOO-KPAT, WNAX, KXRB-KKLS, and KRRO-WSN.

COLLEGE VISITS

- Only juniors and seniors are allowed to visit a post-secondary institution of their choice during the school year. This visit must have written permission from a parent or guardian and all schoolwork is to be completed prior to the absence. Students may be required to have a form completed that verifies their visit.

STUDENT PRIVACY

- Student lists will not be given to any outside person, organization or group. This rule is to protect the privacy of our students. Also, recent legislation concerning the publication of students' pictures and names in a school annual or school paper affects the students at Canton High School. Therefore, the following school policy will be followed: "School pictures and identifying names will be printed in the school paper and annual and given to the local news media on those occasions that warrant it. However, any student or student's parent if the student is under eighteen, may request that his/her picture not be published in the media or in the school annual, such a request to be made in writing to the principal of the high school. This does not cover pictures taken by the news media during a school event.

HALL PASSES

- Students will be given a pass in order to be out of their designated class during class time. Failure to produce a pass may lead to disciplinary action or the student making up the time after school.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION (PDA)

- Displaying excessive signs of affection in public is totally inappropriate and is discouraged. Anything other than holding hands is considered excessive and will be addressed.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

- All students are required to abide by the basic principles of honesty in fulfilling both out-of-class and in-class expectations. Trying to pass someone else's work off as one's own contradicts what honesty is all about – integrity, truth, and genuineness. Work submitted under a student's name must be his/her own independent effort unless credit is given for specific assistance. With the growth of technology, also please remember the importance of giving credit when using your own computer and the internet. Students adhering to academic honesty do not engage in the following:
 - Cheating – deliberately giving or receiving improper assistance as defined by the teacher on assignments, projects, or tests during class or outside of class.
 - Plagiarism – using the words, work, or ideas of another without giving credit.
- Misrepresentation of academic assignments constitutes cheating/plagerism and will not be tolerated. Teachers have the right and responsibility to identify cheating and will be supported when they report it. Most cheaters deny it and teachers are very qualified to recognize it when it occurs.
 - Academic consequences to be determined by the teacher and/or Principal.
 - Possible removal from and recording of an "F" for the course.
 - Parental notification.
 - Principal notification.
 - Possible disqualification from National Honor Society and other academic awards/scholarship.
 - Detention, suspension, or other appropriate disciplinary action.

BILLS

- All bills and fines must be paid by the end of the year before you will receive your report card.

<h2>STUDENT ACTIVITIES</h2>

SCHOOL SPONSORED EVENTS

- All co-curricular activities, practices, sporting events, and school-sponsored events are an extension of the school. All rules, guidelines and policies of the Canton School District will be adhered to while participating in, or attending said events, whether on school property or at an alternate location.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Canton High School is a member of the South Dakota High School Activities Association and has agreed to adhere to its by-laws that pertain to age of certain participants (eligible only until reaching 20th birthday), duration of eligibility (eligible only for four first semesters and four second semesters), and scholastic standing (eligible only if enrolled in four full-time classes in courses approved towards graduation and has the previous semester and is in the current semester doing passing work in at least four full-time classes).
- In addition, the Canton School District and/or the activity director may prescribe additional rules and regulations that must be followed in order to be eligible for participation in any respective co-curricular or extra curricular

activity. These rules can be found in the School Activities Handbook. Violation of any of these standards may be cause to suspend the student from further participation. We strongly encourage all students to become involved in at least one activity. The more you are involved, the better your experience at Canton High School will be.

HOME COMING

- There is no school time dedicated to working on parade floats.
- Two ballots select the Master of Ceremonies and the Queen. All legitimate seniors will be on the first ballot. Only seniors will vote for five males and five females to select the royalty on the first ballot. A second ballot to select the Master of Ceremonies and Queen will be taken upon announcement of the Royalty Candidates. All students will vote on the second ballot. The High School Principal will be responsible for counting the ballots. *If there should be a tie in the final voting, the individual who received the most votes from the original (1st) ballots will be crowned.*

HOME COMING PARADE

- The Canton School District counts the Homecoming School Day and Parade as a day of school. For this reason, the Homecoming Parade and related activities that occur will be considered a part of the regular school day. Students are reminded that all school rules will be enforced during this time even though the various activities may not take place on school grounds.

ACTIVITY TICKETS

- You are not required to purchase activity tickets. If you choose to purchase the ticket, you may do so during new student registration or after the school term has begun. This ticket will admit you to all home sporting events, plays and music programs. However, it will not be accepted at any tournaments. If you do not purchase an activity ticket, you must purchase a student admission ticket each time you attend an event where admission is charged.
- ****You must have your activity ticket with you to be admitted without paying.***

JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

- Only those students who are a member of the junior/senior class at Canton High School will be allowed to attend the Canton High School Prom. However, these individuals will be allowed to invite one person to Prom as their guest. To qualify as a guest, a student must at least a sophomore in high school and no more than 20 years of age. All invited guest must be registered with and approved by the main office. In addition, students must sign up for the Grand March in order to participate. Those individuals who are not dressed formally will not be allowed to participate (jeans and t-shirts are not formal dress). Students will be expected to stay in formal dress until the end of the Prom. Once students attend the Prom they will not be allowed to leave until the Principal determines the dance to be over or that time is needed to change before After-Prom activities.

STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

C-HAWK CARD

- In conjunction with the Drug and Alcohol coalition, CHS offers students the opportunity to be a part of the CHAWK Card program. This program is open to seniors, juniors and sophomores. C-Hawk Card students model behavior that is chemical, alcohol, and tobacco free. Participants are ambassadors who share their life experiences and beliefs with their peers and younger students at places like Canton Elementary and MS. Members get a 'baseball-like' card made for them.

HONOR ROLL

- At the end of each quarter and semester, an honor roll list will be submitted to the local newspaper containing the names of those students who achieved a "B" average or better in their classes. Students who received all "A's" in their classes will be listed as high honors. A "D" grade disqualifies a student from the honor roll.

PERFECT/NEAR PERFECT ATTENDANCE

- Perfect attendance means that a student has no excused or unexcused absences during the school year other than those caused by going to school related activities. All students with perfect attendance and all Seniors with Near Perfect Attendance (missing 1% or less during grades 9-12) will be recognized at the end of the school year.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character.

STUDENT COUNCIL

- Your student council provides for student activities, serves as a training experience for both leaders and followers, promotes the common good, gives you a share in management of the school, develops high ideals of personal contact, acts as a clearing house for student activities, seeks to interest students in school affairs, and helps solve problems that may arise. Members of the council are your representatives and have direct access to the school administration.

ACADEMIC LETTER

- An academic letter is a unique distinction that a student earns for outstanding performance in the classroom. In the fall of each school year, the letters are distributed in conjunction with the National Honor Society induction ceremony and reception. This evening features a keynote speaker, remarks from the National Honor Society president and the

principal. Each student who meets the criteria for earning an academic letter is called to the stage to receive either a chenille letter (which can be used on the letterman jackets) or a gold bar (for students receiving a letter for the second or third time). The event is sponsored by the CHS Administration and the Canton High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

- The criteria for receiving a letter is as follows:
 - Students in grades 10-12 are eligible
 - Students must have earned the following weighted cumulative grade point average based on semester grades:
 - 10th grade: 3.7 (A- Average) GPA based on two semesters of 9th grade work
 - 11th grade: 3.5 (B+ Average) GPA based on four semesters of 9th and 10th grade work
 - 12th grade: 3.3 (B Average) GPA based on six semesters of 9th, 10th, and 11th grade work
 - Students must not have earned any "D" or "F" grades for semester or quarter grades in the previous two semesters.
 - Transfer students must have completed a minimum of two full semesters at Canton High School to be eligible for an academic letter.

HEALTH AND SERVICES

COUNSELING

The guidance department exists for the benefit of every student in Canton High School. The guidance services, including personal, educational, and vocational counseling are available to all students. The doors to the guidance office are always open to you. Parents are also welcome to confer with the guidance counselor at their convenience. The purposes of the guidance department are to:

- A. Help each student get the most from actual class work.
- B. Help each student find his or her place in the extra-curricular program.
- C. Help each student plan his or her life work.
- D. Help each student with personal problems.
- E. Give students information about available scholarships.
- F. Administer aptitude, interest, and achievement tests to help students realize their capabilities.
- G. Assist students in the selection of an appropriate vocation. If you wish to see the guidance counselor, make an appointment with her and get a pass from her for the scheduled time.

*** Canton High School also has a drug and alcohol counselor available to all students. There are many services that this person provides for our students. Please feel free to contact this person with any drug or alcohol concerns that may arise.**

INSURANCE

- The school district makes available a student protection plan open to all students on a voluntary basis. This application form along with a dental protection form will be sent home with the student during the first week of school. Students participating in Physical Education or Athletics are encouraged to carry insurance. The school is not obligated for any payments to claims.

DISCIPLINE AND CONSEQUENCES

FOREWORD

Effective schools are those that are able to create and maintain a climate in which learning is both possible and probable. Such a climate does not occur by accident. It is only created when students are taught the expectations and when those expectations are enforced in a consistent and predictable manner.

The purpose of this document is multifold. First, it provides staff, students and parents with a “common language” that will be used to describe and differentiate between various behaviors. It also distinguishes between the two types of inappropriate behavior: minor infractions and major infractions. And lastly, this document provides a general framework from which consequences will be administered.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Disciplinary procedures and consequences will be administered as determined by the situation. It is impossible to describe every possible situation that could occur throughout the course of the school year that would necessitate administrative action. If any situation not specifically covered in this handbook should arise, the administrator will make every effort to act fairly and quickly. The best interests of the student, school and community will be considered. A brief description of potential disciplinary consequences is explained in the following section.

POSSIBLE DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES

Structured Lunch- Students assigned structured lunch are required to report immediately to the designated classroom upon being dismissed from 5th period. Students in structured lunch are brought to the cafeteria as a group and required to remain in the lunchroom until the end of the lunch period at 12:49.

Time Out- Teachers may choose to remove a student from a classroom if their behavior has become a distraction to the learning environment. If the classroom teacher feels it was a minor enough infraction, it may be coded as a time out. The accumulation of five such time outs in a quarter will result in a day of Suspension After School.

Detention- Detention refers to extra time issued to a student by a school staff member, teacher or administrator. Students who fail to report to the teacher when asked will receive additional disciplinary consequences.

Saturday Detention - Students assigned to Saturday Detention will be required to be in attendance at school from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the assigned Saturday. Any student who fails to serve on the scheduled date will receive additional disciplinary consequences.

In-School Suspension (ISS) - Students assigned ISS are required to work quietly and diligently on their assignments in an isolated area. The goal is to instill in the student that the classroom is more desirable than ISS. Those students assigned ISS will receive full credit for all school-work completed while in ISS. However, students are not allowed to attend or participate in any school activities on the day in which ISS is being served. Students who are uncooperative may be given extended ISS time or be assigned OSS. ISS runs from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm each day.

Out-Of School Suspension (OSS) - Serious or repeated violation of school policy will result in an out of school suspension. During this time, the student will not be allowed to attend/participate in any school activities until the day in which the student returns to school. In addition, students will not receive credit for work missed during the duration of OSS .

Suspension After School (SAS)

Suspension after school may be assigned to a student as an alternative to missing class (ISS) or as an opportunity to make up class work or school time. Any student in SAS will not be able to participate in school activities on the day of the suspension.

Long-Term Suspension/Expulsion_ Long-Term Suspension/Expulsion is the action by the school board to terminate a pupil's membership in school. South Dakota law prevents students who have been suspended or expelled from one school in South Dakota to transfer into another district until the original suspension has been completely served with the expelling school district. Any student who accumulates >20 points during the course of the year will be required to appear before the school board for an expulsion hearing.

MINOR INFRACTIONS

A "Minor Infraction" is a term used to describe a number of undesirable student behaviors. These infractions are usually less severe in nature and are often handled by the classroom teacher. However, a minor infraction may become a major infraction if the behavior is continually repeated over time. This indicates that the student is not attempting to change his/her behavior.

CHEATING - Attempting to receive credit for work that is not your own.

1 st Offense	Zero given on that specific assignment. Teacher records offense on DDN.
Subsequent Offenses	No credit given for class in which the subsequent offenses occurs.

CONTRABAND- Any item or device that is considered disruptive and/or potentially dangerous. Examples include (but are not limited to) cell-phones, I-pods, MP3 players, lighters, laser lights, noise-makers, bouncy balls, hacky sacks, etc... The staff member will confiscate the contraband item and immediately submit it to the central office. Electronic devices may be picked up at the end of the school day.

1 st - 2 nd Offenses	Student surrenders the item to the staff member and can pick it up at the end of the school day. Parent contacted.
Subsequent Offenses	Staff member brings contraband to office, detention assigned. (1 pt)

DISRUPTION – Any behavior that causes an interruption in a class or activity.

1 st Offense	Teacher conference with student. Verbal warning given.
2 nd Offense	Parent contact made by teacher.
Subsequent Offenses	Office Referral made. (2 points)

DRESS CODE VIOLATION- Failing to meet the requirements established in the dress-code. Student will be expected to change into school-approved clothing before returning to class. Make-up time may be assigned and parent will be contacted.

FOOD/BEVERAGE VIOLATION- Having food or beverage in the academic areas (classroom or hallways) without permission. The student will be required to surrender the item to the staff member.

FORGERY - Signing a person's name without that person's knowledge and/or permission.

1 st Offense	Detention
Subsequent Offenses	In-School Suspension (2 points)

INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE/GESTURE - Any communication (verbal, written, gesture) that is considered profane or obscene including swearing, name calling or using words/gestures in an inappropriate way.

1 st Offense	Teacher conference with student. Verbal warning given.
2 nd Offense	Parent contact made by teacher.
Subsequent Offenses	Office Referral made. (2 points)

PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION - Displaying excessive signs of affection (kissing, intimate embrace, etc..) in public is inappropriate and will be discouraged.

1 st Offense	Conference with students. Verbal warning given.
2 nd Offense	Parents contacted.
Subsequent Offenses	Detention assigned.

ROUGH-HOUSING /HORSEPLAY - Any rowdy, rough, noisy, uproarious or disorderly behavior or play.

1 st Offense	Conference with students. Verbal warning given.
2 nd Offense	Parents contacted.
Subsequent Offenses	Office Referral made. (2 points)

TARDY - Student is not in the classroom when the bell rings.

1 st Offense	Teacher conference with student. Verbal warning given.
2 nd Offense	Parent contact made by teacher.
3 rd Offense	Teacher consequence. (1 pt)
Subsequent Offenses	Office Referral (2 pt)

MAJOR INFRACTIONS

A “Major Infraction” refers to those student behaviors that are more severe in nature and are potentially illegal. Because of this, major infractions need to be dealt with by central office personnel. Because major infractions create a substantial disruption to the learning environment, it is critical that the student takes responsibility to change his/her behavior.

ABUSIVE LANGUAGE/GESTURE – Swearing at or directing derogatory comments/gestures at another student. (2 points)

1 st Offense	Detention
2 nd Offense	In-School Suspension
Subsequent Offenses	OSS

ABUSIVE LANGUAGE/GESTURE – Swearing at or directing derogatory comments/gestures at a staff member. (5 points)

Every Offense	3-5 Days OSS
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ASSAULT- A violent physical attack that is intended to hurt or harm another person. (10 points)

Every Offense	3-10 Days OSS. School Resource Officer notified of the incident. Potential Expulsion Hearing before the Canton School Board.
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BULLYING/HARASSMENT - Repeatedly delivering a disrespectful, threatening, intimidating, unwanted or obscene message (verbal, written, gesture, electronic) to or about another person who has a difficult time defending him/herself. (2 points)

1 st Offense	Conference with student. Parent contacted.
2 nd Offense	Detention assigned.
3 rd Offense	In-School Suspension
Subsequent Offenses	OSS

DANGEROUS WEAPONS - South Dakota Codified Law 13-32-7 prohibits any person from carrying, having in possession, storing, keeping, leaving, placing, or putting into the possession of another person, any firearm or air gun on school premises, vehicle, or building or any premises, vehicle, or building used or leased by the school district, whether or not any person is endangered by such actions, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Students who violate this policy may be removed from school for not less than one (1) full calendar year as required by the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994.

DISTURBANCE OF SCHOOL

South Dakota Codified Law 13-32-6 states that a person, whether pupil or not, who intentionally disturbs school or who intentionally interferes with or interrupts the proper order or management of a school by acts of violence, boisterous conduct, or threatening language, so as to prevent the teacher or any pupil from performing his duty, is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. Law enforcement officials will be notified immediately as required by law or deemed necessary. It's important to note that the court system has ruled that a disruption can occur at any time, regardless if the individual is on or off of school grounds.

DRUGS/ALCOHOL - Possessing, using or under the influence of alcohol, drug or controlled substance. (10 points)

1 st Offense	10 Days OSS. Parent conference, Police referral. Suspension reduced to 5 days if parent/student both participate in drug/alcohol evaluation and counseling. Student activity rules will be followed.
Subsequent Offenses	OSS pending Expulsion Hearing before the school board.

* When students are involved in the aforementioned activities, they will be referred for a drug and alcohol screening or assessment and be required to successfully complete the suggested program. The screening and/or assessment will be required before the student returns to school. However, if a student fails to complete the recommended prevention/treatment program the entire suspension will be reinstated at that time. The screenings and assessments are available free of charge at Canton High School, but if parents or students choose to do them elsewhere they may at their own cost.

DISTRIBUTING DRUGS- Distributing a controlled substance on school grounds or possessing an amount that suggest distribution.

1 st Offense	OSS pending Expulsion Hearing before the school board.
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FAILURE TO REPORT- Failing to report directly to the office upon removal from class/activity or failing to appear when requested by a teacher. (2 points)

Every Offense	In-School Suspension
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INSUBORDINATION/DEFIANCE - Student conduct deemed as unwillingness to follow direct instructions given by an authority figure. The student refuses to respond to reasonable requests and is openly disobedient. (3 points)

1 st Offense	Detention
2 nd Offense	In-School Suspension
Subsequent Offenses	3-5 Days OSS

LYING - Delivering information that is untrue or misleading. Such behavior will result in the consequence being doubled for the initial offense. (2 points)

PHYSICAL AGGRESSION – A forceful and physical action directed at another person. (2 points)

1 st Offense	Detention
2 nd Offense	In-School Suspension
3 rd Offense	3-5 Days OSS

SEXUAL HARASSMENT - Sexual harassment is defined as “Any unwelcome sexual advances, solicitation of sexual activity by promise of rewards, coercion of sexual activity by threat of punishment.” It is the Canton School District’s policy that sexual harassment is illegal, unacceptable and shall not be tolerated; no employee or student of the school district may sexually harass another. Any employee or student will be subject to disciplinary action for violation of this policy. (5 points)

SKIP CLASS / TRUANCY - Student leaves class or school without permission or stays out of school without permission. This includes failing to return from lunch. A zero will be recorded in the grade book for those classes missed and make-up time assigned.

THEFT - Student is in possession of, having passed on, concealing, or being responsible for removing someone else’s property without that person’s knowledge or permission. (5 points)

1 st Offense	In-School Suspension assigned. School Resource Officer contacted.
Subsequent Offenses	OSS assigned. School Resource Officer contacted.

TOBACCO - Possessing, distributing or using tobacco products on school property. This includes school buildings, grounds, parking areas, sidewalks surrounding buildings, and school-owned or district-provided vehicles. (5 points)

1 st Offense	3 Days In-School Suspension. Referred to Drug/Alcohol Counselor.
Subsequent Offenses	3 Days OSS. Referred to Drug/Alcohol Counselor.

THREATS

Any action, whether it is verbal, written or physical in nature that is perceived to threaten lives, causes serious public inconvenience or the evacuation of a public building is guilty of communicating a threat. Individuals who violate this policy will face disciplinary action and have their names turned over to the Lincoln County State Attorney’s Office for

prosecution under South Dakota Codified Law 22-14A-24. Any student who makes a perceivable threat will be suspended from school and required to undergo a threat assessment by a certified counselor before being allowed to return to school. The Principal may allow a student to return prior to a threat assessment if there are not counselors readily available to complete the session.

VANDALISM/PROPERTY DAMAGE - The intentional destruction, damage, or defacement of public or private property without the consent of the owner or the person having control of it. (5 points)

1st Offense 3-5 Days ISS. Pay for the repair/replacement costs.
 Subsequent Offenses 3-5 Days OSS. Pay for the repair/replacement costs.

OFFENSES	CONSEQUENCES
Class One Offense (per semester) Tardy to Class	<input type="checkbox"/> Time in Office <input type="checkbox"/> Individualized Instruction <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Privilege <input type="checkbox"/> Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Conference with Student <input type="checkbox"/> Detention <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday School <input type="checkbox"/> Parent contact <input type="checkbox"/> SRO Referral
Class Two Offenses Classroom/library/lunchroom/hallway/ study hall disruption, inappropriate language, dress-code violation, homemade tattoos.	<input type="checkbox"/> Detention <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Privilege <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Contact <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor Referral <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday School <input type="checkbox"/> In School Suspension - # of Days ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Out of School Suspension - # of Days ____ <input type="checkbox"/> SRO Referral
Class Three Offenses Insubordination, walking out of a teacher, failing to report to the office after being removed from class, disrespectful/obscene/abusive language writing or actions, physical aggression, hate writing, pornographic materials, gang-related material, skipping/truancy.	<input type="checkbox"/> Detention <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Privilege <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Contact <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor Referral <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday School <input type="checkbox"/> In School Suspension - # of Days ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Out of School Suspension - # of Days ____ <input type="checkbox"/> SRO Referral

OFFENSES	1 st Office Referral	2 nd Office Referral	3 rd Office Referral
Illegal Offenses	Up to 5 days OSS.	Up to 10 days OSS.	Long term suspension or expulsion,

<p>Class Four</p> <p>Violence (fighting, physical assault, threat, intimidation). Harassment (teasing, bullying, taunting) and Sexual harassment. Tobacco use or possession. Property Damage/Vandalism, Theft, Forgery, Hazing and major School Disruptions.</p>	<p>Parent conference. Counselor referral. Restitution and police referral when appropriate.</p>	<p>Parent conference. Counselor referral. Restitution and police referral when appropriate.</p>	<p>police referral when appropriate. Assigned to an alternative placement.</p>
<p>Class Five (per high school career)</p> <p>Drugs, alcohol- Using or under the influence, or possessing drug paraphernalia</p> <p>Drugs, alcohol-possessing any amount that suggests distribution</p>	<p>10 days OSS. Parent conference. Police referral. Suspension reduced to 5 days if student and parent participate in drug/alcohol evaluation and counseling. Student activity rules will be followed.</p> <p>Long-term suspension or expulsion. Student and parent must attend drug/alcohol evaluation and counseling before returning to school.</p>	<p>Long term suspension or expulsion, police referral. Student and parent must attend drug/alcohol evaluation and counseling before student returns to school.</p>	
<p>Class Six (per high school career)</p> <p>Weapons, bomb threat, fires, endangering the life of others.</p>	<p>Long term suspension or expulsion, parental conference, referral to authorities. Mandatory 12 month suspension for fire arm possession.</p>		