



Burlington Township High School

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BTHS Student Good Standing and Community Service Policy

Dear Burlington Township High School Families,

At Burlington Township High School, we are committed to academic excellence while fostering responsibility, integrity, accountability and respect. We believe that students learn best in a safe, supportive and respectful environment where they are encouraged to make positive choices, accept responsibility for their actions and grow from their experiences.

To support these values, Burlington Township High School utilizes a **Normative Culture** approach to student discipline. Rather than focusing solely on punishment, this model encourages students to reflect on their choices, be accountable, and restore trust within our school community. Our goal is to teach students that their decisions have consequences while providing meaningful opportunities to learn, grow, and make positive contributions.

Student Meal Expectations

To help maintain a safe, orderly and uninterrupted learning environment, students are not permitted to order food for delivery during the school day. Any food deliveries made to the school will be refused and school staff will not accept or store deliveries for students.

In addition, we ask that parents and guardians refrain from bringing restaurant meals or other outside food to school during the instructional day. Calling students out of class or interrupting the work of our front office staff to coordinate food drop-offs take away from valuable instructional time. Students should either bring a packed lunch or purchase a meal from the school cafeteria. We encourage families to make lunch arrangements before the school day begins to help avoid disruptions and thank you for your partnership in supporting an efficient, safe and focused learning environment.

Student Good Standing

Students who violate the Code of Conduct, will meet with an administrator to discuss the incident before an appropriate consequence is assigned. Each disciplinary consequence carries a point value:

- Warning – **1 point**
- Detention – **3 points**
- In-School Suspension – **6 points**
- Out-of-School Suspension – **7 points**

Students who accumulate **20 or more discipline points** are considered **Not in Good Standing**.

Maintaining Good Standing is an expectation for students who wish to participate in Burlington Township High School's extracurricular programs. Participation in extracurricular programs is a privilege that reflects positively on both the student and our school community. Students are expected to demonstrate responsible decision-making, positive citizenship and adherence to school expectations.

Students who are **Not in Good Standing** are ineligible to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activities, including but not limited to:

- Athletics
- Clubs and student organizations
- Theater productions
- Band, Chorus, and other music programs
- Visual and performing arts activities
- School dances, including Prom
- Senior Trip
- Graduation ceremonies
- Any other school-sponsored after-school activity

Community Service Opportunities

We believe that students should have the opportunity to reduce their discipline points and earn back privileges through positive actions. Therefore, students may reduce their discipline point total through **approved community service**.

Students may remove one discipline point for every **hour of approved community service completed**. To receive credit, students must:

- Obtain approval from their Assistant Principal before performing any community service.
- **Complete service at a nonprofit organization.**
- Examples of approved organizations include:
 - Places of worship
 - Women's shelters
 - Public libraries
 - The Masonic Home
 - Food pantries and other nonprofit organizations approved in advance by the student's Assistant Principal

After completing the service, students must submit verification on the organization's official letterhead to their Assistant that includes:

- The dates of service
- The number of hours completed
- A brief description of the work performed
- Signature of the supervising adult, when applicable

Once the documentation has been received, discipline points will be adjusted after **48 hours**. During this verification period, the student will remain ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities until their updated discipline point total has been processed.

Annual Accountability Standard

While community service provides students with an opportunity to regain good standing, there is an important annual accountability standard. Any student who accumulates **72 discipline points during a single school year** will be designated **Not in Good Standing** for the remainder of that school year, regardless of any community service completed. Once this threshold has been reached, good standing cannot be restored until the following school year.

This policy reflects our belief that accountability and second chances can coexist. While students are expected to take responsibility for their actions, they are also given meaningful opportunities to rebuild

trust through service to others, reflection, and personal growth. By giving students an opportunity to positively contribute to their community, we hope they develop a deeper understanding of citizenship while representing Burlington Township High School.

We appreciate the continued support of our families and community as we work together to uphold high expectations and prepare our students to become respectful, responsible, and engaged members of society.

Sincerely,



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