

PATRICIAN ACADEMY

Butler, Alabama



STUDENT / PARENT
2017-2018 Academic Year

Established 1970

47 years of Excellence through Education

ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE

We, the board, administration, faculty and staff, hope you have had an enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to a very exciting and productive school year. Patrician Academy is committed to providing a quality academic program and related school experiences which will enable each student to successfully meet the challenges of a complex society.

Please read and discuss this handbook carefully. It contains basic information about school policies including attendance policies, the student code of conduct, the dress code and many general policies. The school standards will be consistently enforced in order that each student may have an equal opportunity for full personal achievement in a safe, orderly and productive environment.

There exists a confidence in the programs at our school, especially in the academic program. For this confidence to continue and even be enhanced, a positive environment built on high attendance expectations and the codes of conduct related to dress, appearance and behavior must be adhered to by each student in a self-directed manner.

A major portion of success at school is at home. Too often in today's society, some students are basically rearing themselves and exhibiting anti-social behavior and/or an anti-learning attitude. Thankfully, our school only experiences a small number of students in this state of dysfunction, and, yes, we usually get what our expectations are.

Please embrace the standards of our school with compliance.

This document will be maintained on the school's website. Printed copies will be available upon request. Limit one per family.

**Thank you,
Patrician Academy Board of Directors**

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FORWARD

In an attempt to ensure the best educational environment for all its students, Patrician Academy operates under general guidelines and rules which enable its faculty, staff, and students to function at optimum efficiency. So that the observation and compliance of these rules and guidelines will be consistently and duly followed, it is the responsibility of every student and parent to read the entire handbook.

Patrician's objective is to provide a positive environment which promotes the development of the total child. Recognizing that intellectual excellence, not mediocrity, sets the pace presently and in the future; Patrician strives to stimulate its students to achieve the highest standards in thought and deed. Inherent in this philosophy is the belief that school life should not be limited to academic pursuits but should include opportunities for physical, social, emotional, aesthetic and spiritual development through extra-curricular activities, including athletics, band, clubs and fine arts.

With a goal of college preparation for all students, Patrician's primary objective is individual academic excellence. A number of resources must interact to achieve this program: a positive environment, a dedicated and well-qualified faculty, motivated students and supportive parents.

PATRICIAN ACADEMY OBJECTIVES

School Philosophy

Patrician Academy is an independent, co-educational, college-preparatory school with grades K/4-12. Its curriculum reflects a balanced program of appropriate school experiences which facilitate the maximum mental, social, physical, aesthetic and emotional development of each pupil.

Patrician Academy has knowledge and understanding of the particular pupils it serves and a sensitivity to their needs and to the community they represent. Furthermore, the school supports a strong school-community interaction.

Because change is inevitable, Patrician Academy faculty maintains a continuous and cooperative training utilizing reliable research findings in order to provide students with learning experiences which will enable them successfully to meet the challenge of change in a complex society.

Patrician Academy affirms high moral and ethical standards. Profanity, immorality and the illegal use of drugs and alcohol are unacceptable modes of behavior.

Patrician Academy respects the rights of all individuals and admits students of any race or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to all students.

As students respond to the educational experience at Patrician Academy, it is the expectation of the school that they will recognize that education is a challenge, a privilege, a responsibility and an ongoing process.

Mission

The mission of Patrician Academy's faculty, staff, and Board of Directors is to provide all students with an education that allows them opportunities to grow in knowledge, responsibility, independence and positive self concept.

Beliefs

- Students will be able to acquire creative and academic excellence in a safe environment with a college-preparatory curriculum.
- Students will be provided a variety of instructional techniques necessary for success.
- Students, faculty, staff, administrators, Board of Directors, parents and the community will work together to advance Patrician Academy's mission.
- Students, faculty, staff, administrators and Board of Directors are committed to continuous improvement to enable students to become confident, self-directed, life-long learners.

CALENDARS AND SCHEDULES

2017-18 School Calendar of Events

Faculty Institute.	August 07, 08
First Day of School.	August 09
Labor Day (School Out).	September 04
Fall Break (School Out).	October 06
Thanksgiving Holidays.	November 20-24
Exams.	December 14, 15
Christmas Holidays.	December 18-January 02
Students Return to School.	January 03
Grandparents' Day.	February 16
Presidents' Day (School Out).	February 19
Spring Break.	March 26-30
Exams.	May 14, 15, 16
Last Day of School.	May 16
Graduation.	May 14
Faculty Workday.	May 17, 18

Nine Weeks/Semester Schedule

First Nine Weeks.	August 09-October 05
Second Nine Weeks.	October 09-December 15
Exams.	December 13, 14, 15
End First Semester.	December 15
Third Nine Weeks.	January 03-March 06
Fourth Nine Weeks.	March 07-May 16
Exams.	May 11, 14, 15
End Second Semester.	May 16

High School Bell Schedule

8:00-8:55	First Period
8:55-9:15	Break
9:18-10:08	Second Period
10:11-11:01	Third Period
11:04-11:54	Fourth Period
11:57-12:20	Lunch
12:23-1:13	Fifth Period
1:16-2:06	Sixth Period
2:09-3:00	Seventh Period

Middle School Bell Schedule

8:00- 8:55	First Period
8:58- 9:48	Second Period
9:48-10:08	Break
10:11-11:01	Third Period
11:04-11:54	Fourth Period
11:57-12:20	Fifth Period
12:20-12:45	Lunch
12:48-1:15	Fifth Period
1:18-2:06	Sixth Period
2:09-3:00	Seventh Period

Assembly Schedules

Chapel

Seventh Grade.	September 19
Eighth Grade.	October 17
Ninth Grade.	November 14
Tenth Grade.	December 12
Eleventh Grade.	January 16
Twelfth Grade.	February 27
Honor Society/Beta Club.	March 20

Chapel-8:10 a.m. FCA will arrange for speakers. Class/club president will introduce the speaker.

Honors Assemblies

High School

1 st Nine Weeks	October 12
2 nd Nine Weeks	January 04
3 rd Nine Weeks	March 15
4 th Nine Weeks	May 10

(All high school honors assemblies begin at 11:30 a.m.)

Elementary

1 st Nine Weeks	October 12
2 nd Nine Weeks	January 04
3 rd Nine Weeks	March 15
4 th Nine Weeks	May 10

(All elementary honors assemblies begin at 11:00 a.m.)

Pep Rally Schedule

- Varsity football pep rallies will be the last 30 minutes of seventh period on the day of the game.
- Junior varsity football pep rallies will be held the last 15 minutes of seventh period on the day of the game.

Club Schedules

The student activity director will schedule clubs as needed with the approval of the headmaster.

ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is the responsibility of the student and his/her parents as well as the school. Students are expected to be in school except in cases of emergencies.

Attendance should include a full day of instruction; however, there will be some absences throughout the year. Therefore, parents and students must adhere to the following regulations:

- It is required that all absences must be explained in a written note from parents. A written excuse from parents must be on file in the office no later than the **second day** a student returns to school or the absence will be unexcused. Telephone calls are not accepted as excuses.
- Absences will be recorded on the school RenWeb site for parents to review at any time.
- Any student in K/4-4 who accumulates more than twenty (20) absences per year may be denied promotion. After ten (10) absences, the teacher will report this to the office and the office must contact the parent.
- Any student in grades 5-12 who accumulates more than five (05) unexcused absences per semester in any course will have his/her nine-week average in the course reduced by one letter grade (10 points.).
- Any absence in excess of ten (10) from any one class in K/4-4 and any absences in excess of five (5) per semester from any course in grades 5-12 must be accompanied by a doctor's excuse.
- Any student who has an unexplained or unexcused absence from school will be given a zero on assignments missed.
- Extenuating circumstances involving the above attendance/absence regulations must be presented by the parent(s) to the headmaster for review and consideration.

Students too ill to attend classes during the day are deemed too ill to practice in the afternoons or to participate in or to attend any in-school activities or sports events at night. This rule applies to all athletes, cheerleaders, band members, etc. Students must be at school by 8:00 a.m. to participate in any school functions on that particular day. Extenuating circumstances will be decided upon on an individual basis. Extenuating circumstances may include but are not limited to previously scheduled doctor or dentist appointments, funerals and drivers' tests.

Excused Absences

- Absence because of personal illness or serious illness or death in the family is considered an excused absence.
- Absence with special permission of the headmaster (arranged at least one week in advance by parent or guardian and teacher) shall be considered excused contingent upon the following:
 - No student will be given special permission to miss class until all requirements and/or make-up work has been completed to the satisfaction of his/her teacher.
 - Members of school teams may not be excused from team performances or competition without the approval of the headmaster. Arrangements for missing performances must be made at least one week prior to the performance which will be missed.
 - Students must be passing all subjects, maintain an "E" in conduct in all subjects and be regular in attendance.
 - Excessive absences with office permission will not be permitted.
- A senior will be granted one college visitation day. The student must apply for this day through the counselors office at least five days prior to the day of visitation. Documentation of an appointment may be requested by the office.
- Students who participate in official student activities, such as student council meetings, school competitions or Presidential Classroom are considered to be present and excused.
- Absences prior to a holiday are discouraged.

Unexcused Absences

Absences for any other reason will be unexcused. If an absence is unexcused, the work must be made up but no credit is given for it.

Return-to-School Procedure

To be admitted to school after an absence, the student must comply with the following procedures:

- Students should have a parent or guardian send a signed excuse giving the students name, date or dates of the absence and reason for the absence within two days.
- K/5-4 students will present notes from parents to their homeroom teacher.
- Students should ask all teachers for make-up assignments. Arrangements for assignments must be made with the teacher within two days of an absence. Students who do not make the arrangements within two days will receive a zero. Each student is responsible for seeing that make-up work is completed.
- Students missing an announced test or assignment are expected to take the test or turn in the assignment the day they return to class. The two-day rule does not apply to this situation. This also applies to students missing class because they are participating in extra-curricular activities.
- Students missing class the day before a previously announced test will be expected to take the test on the assigned day.

Check In/Out Procedure

Elementary: Students who check out of school before 10:10 a.m. or checks in school after 10:10 a.m. will be considered absent for the entire day.

High School: The student will be considered absent from classes which were missed. Those absences will be unexcused unless cleared by a written excuse from a parent or doctor.

In order to be excused, students checking in after 8:00 a.m. must:

- Present written verification (doctors excuse/parent explanation) to the office upon arrival at school.
- Obtain a blue slip from the office.
- Have the blue slip signed by teachers of the classes the student missed and return it to the office by the end of the day.

Students leaving school for any reason must have written permission from parents, or the parents must give oral permission to the secretary. Students checking out at any time of the school day must follow one of the following procedures to be excused.

Students leaving campus without prior knowledge must:

- Obtain a blue slip from the office.
- Have the blue slip signed by teachers of the classes the student will miss and return it to the office before leaving campus.
- Present written verification to the office the following day in order to be excused

Students leaving campus with prior knowledge must:

- Present written verification to the office between 7:30-7:55 a.m.
- Obtain a blue slip from the office.
- Have the blue slip signed by teachers of the classes the student will miss and return it to the office before leaving campus.

If either procedure is not followed, the check-out will be unexcused. Phone calls from parents will not be accepted as excuses for check-in/out. Parents must send written confirmation in order for a check-in/out to be excused.

Excused check in/out include, but are not limited to, scheduled or emergency doctor or dentist appointments, funerals, driver's test or absences arranged one week in advance. Parents should make every effort to conform to the class schedule when checking a student out. It is recommended that parents check out students between classes or at break.

Be aware that student check in/out are treated the same as absences. After the fourth unexcused check-out during a semester, a student may not leave campus except for an extreme emergency. Excessive check-in or check-outs will result in a student not being excused to leave campus during the school day. A list of students who have unexcused in/out will be circulated to teachers each grading period.

Tardiness

Promptness to homeroom and to class is very important. Being on time so that classes may begin or continue uninterrupted is essential to the well-being of each student in class.

Students, who are tardy for school, must check in through the office and be issued a pass before entering class. This pass is to be signed by the teacher and retained for the record.

Excessive Tardy Action:

5 th tardy	One day of 7:15-7:45 a.m. detention
6 th – 10 th	Two days of 7:15-7:45 am morning detention
11 th and above	Out-of-school suspension

Students that receive five (5) or more unexcused tardies are not eligible for exemption in that class.

Homeroom

Students who are not in the homeroom before the tardy bell rings will be counted as tardy. Excessive tardiness during the year will result in detention. After excessive tardiness to homeroom during the year, the student will serve in-school detention or out-of-school suspension.

Classroom

Classroom teachers will register tardiness for each class. Tardiness to class will be the same as for homeroom.

GENERAL POLICIES

Admissions Policy

No child shall be enrolled in the first grade unless the student has reached the sixth birthday on or before September 1 of that school year. Consequently, no child shall be enrolled in the four-year-old kindergarten unless the student has reached the fourth birthday on or before September 1 of that school year; nor shall a child be enrolled in five-year-old kindergarten unless the student has reached the fifth birthday on or before September 1 of that school year. The school requires a copy of the student's birth certificate (certified) and social security card.

All students are required to submit a certificate of compliance (blue slip) from the Alabama Health Department. No child will be required such vaccinations when a certificate by a reputable physician is filed with the school stating such immunizations would be dangerous to the health of the child. Religious exemptions must be issued by the county health department. K/4 and K/5 students are required to submit a Child's Medical Report (available in the office) from a physician.

No student will be admitted to the school during any school year if he/she has attained the age of twenty (20) years before September 1 of that school year.

No student with a diagnosed communicable disease shall be granted admittance until the student is found to be in compliance with the communicable disease policy of the school on file in the school office.

No student will be admitted to the school if he/she is married; nor shall any student be permitted to remain in school after he/she is married or pregnant without special consideration by the Board and the school administrator.

No student will be admitted to this school that has been expelled from another school without special consideration by the Board and the school administrator. Any student who has been expelled or asked to withdraw from Patrician Academy is ineligible for readmission without special consideration by the Board and the school administrator.

Patrician Academy will accept new students contingent upon satisfactory test results and an interview with the school administrator and/or the admissions committee. The school reserves the right to conduct a background check on any student who applies for admission.

In compliance with the revised (2004) Alabama Independent School Association Accreditation Manual, elementary students transferring from a non-traditional school or home schooling are placed temporarily at the grade level to which they are promoted (if at the beginning of the year) or the level of current placement (if during the year) for one grading period. At the end of the grading period, the school will determine if the student can function at this level or if he/she should be moved to a lower level.

Secondary students transferring from a non-traditional school or home schooling are placed temporarily in the subjects/classes/levels to which they are promoted (beginning of the year) or currently placed (if during the year) for one grading period. At the end of one grading period, the school will determine if the student can function in courses to which he/she has been assigned. Necessary changes will be made at this time.

Patrician Academy will follow the Alabama Independent School Association policy regarding the Alabama High School Exit Exam.

Admission Under Accepted Circumstances

It is the desire of the Board of Directors of Patrician Academy to make available the best possible services for the identification, evaluation and educational placement for students having learning difficulties. To ascertain whether or not these students can be successful in Patrician's program, the procedure outlined below should be followed:

- The student must be identified by professionals with standardized test scores and psychological evaluations to have learning disabilities, furthermore, the professional testing agency must advise Patrician Academy as to whether the child can be successful in the curriculum.
- Parents must assume the cost of identification with a professional testing center.
- Students with mild learning disabilities will be expected to complete regular classroom assignments with resource assistance and will be accorded all the rights and privileges of any Patrician student.
- If the student's behavior is not disruptive to the regular school program, the child will be entitled to participate in extracurricular activities and will be eligible to participate in the athletic competition with a physical from a medical doctor stating that he/she is physically able to do so.

Students who meet the criteria stated above may be granted a standard diploma. It is in the student's best interest to be identified before he starts earning Carnegie units.

Patrician Academy admits students of any race or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students.

New students will have conditional status until requirements for admission are met.

Infectious Disease Policy and Alabama Notifiable Disease/Condition Policy

Patrician Academy's Infectious Disease Policy and Alabama Notifiable Disease/Condition Policy follow the AISA Policy and State of Alabama Policy located in the AISA Accreditation Standards Manual Appendix I and II respectively. <http://www.aisaonline.org/handbooks-manuals.html>

Internet Policy

Internet access and use through the resources of Patrician Academy is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges and/or disciplinary action. Internet access is regulated by a user agreement, which is signed by the student and parents. Social Media sites are not permitted for use on the schools internet access.

**User is defined as any teacher, student, or administrator accessing Internet resources from Patrician Academy.*

Sexual Harassment Policy

Patrician Academy's Sexual Harassment Policy is on file in the school office and available upon request.

Student Driver Policy

Driving to school is a privilege. Only those students who have properly registered their cars with the office and conform to the following rules will be allowed to park on school property:

- Students will be required to show their driver license before being issued a parking permit.
- Students will not be allowed to drive without driver licenses.
- Students will not be allowed to return to their cars during school hours without teacher permission.
- Students not receiving permission will be given one warning, and then their driving privileges will be revoked for one week.
- All drivers are to remain in the car line when leaving campus.
- The speed limit behind the school building (football side) is 5 mph. Violations will result in a double traffic violation.
- Student drivers who violate traffic regulations will receive one warning. The second offense will result in having their driving privileges revoked for one week. The third offense will result in having their driving privileges revoked for six weeks. Any additional offenses will result in permanent loss of driving privileges.
- Sitting in the car during school hours will result in one traffic violation. If someone is in the car with the student driver, it will result in a double traffic violation. It is considered a discipline issue.

Please drive carefully. Driving on campus cautiously is a MUST.

Visitor Policy

All persons who visit the school for either personal or business reasons must sign in and make their presence known in the school office. Students may not bring visitors to school unless approved by the headmaster.

Weapons and Dangerous Instruments Policy

Patrician Academy promotes a weapon-free, non-violent environment. Therefore, a student shall not possess, handle, or transmit any object that can be considered a weapon. For the purposes of this policy, the term dangerous weapon shall mean pistol, revolver, any instrument or knife with a blade more than two inches long, sharpened metal file more than two and one-half inches long, metal comb of any length with handle pointed and sharpened, billy club, loaded cane or club, metal knuckles, razor, hand chain, or other offensive weapon. Each incident involving a weapon or facsimile weapon will be subject to the appropriate state statutes.

Students who possess or use any firearms or dangerous weapons during school time, on school premises, on school buses, or during school-sponsored activities will be subject to possible expulsion.

Field Trip Policy

Transportation to and from field trip destinations will vary. Some will require the school bus, some a chartered bus and some will require personal vehicles and parental assistance. Homeroom or classroom teachers will decide which transportation is necessary and will notify parents of the cost or assistance needed. Younger siblings are not allowed to participate in field trips.

Fire and Tornado Policy

Fire and tornado drills are held at irregular intervals throughout the school year. Basic rules are:

- Check the instructions posted in each classroom indicating how to leave the building in case of fire.
- Walk. Do not talk. Move quickly and quietly to the designated area.
- A series of three (3) short bells will be sounded to signal "Fire". "All Clear" will be signaled by one (1) long ring of the bell.
- One (1) long ring of 30 seconds will signal a tornado. The signal for "All Clear" is one (1) long bell.

Daily Bulletin Policy

A daily bulletin will be read at the beginning of homeroom and a copy will be placed in the faculty boxes. Announcements for the day must be written and given to the secretary no later than 7:45 a.m. each day.

Lost and Found Policy

Articles found on school property should be turned in to the office where the owner may claim his/her property by identifying it. Students are encouraged not to bring large sums of money to school. The school will not be responsible for money that is lost or stolen. If articles of clothing are not claimed by the end of the school year, they will be disposed of.

Medication Policy

If it becomes necessary for a student in grades 5-12 to take medication at school, the parent must bring the medicine to the office in the container in which it was dispensed from the pharmacy and sign a permission form for the office to dispense the medicine. No medicine can be dispensed unless these directions are followed. Elementary teachers will dispense medication for grades K/4-4 according to the same directions.

Textbook Policy

A fee will be charged for slightly damaged textbooks; full price will be charged for textbooks which have to be replaced.

Books must be cared for by the students of Patrician Academy. If for any reason a book is lost, abused, or misused, the student will be assessed the following fines:

Book Lost - Full Price	Bent Cover - 1/3 Price
Water Damage - Full Price	Damaged Cover – 1/2 Price
Broken Spine - Full Price	Written In - Assessed Accordingly

(These charges can be amended to full price if the damage is determined beyond repair by the teacher.)

Supply Policy

A supply list will be provided for students in K/4-4. Students in grades 5-12 are required to have basic school supplies.

Telephone/Cell Phone Policy/Electronic Device Policy

Office Telephone

Students may use the office telephone for emergencies and school-related schedule changes. Students will be called out of class only in cases of emergencies. Delivery of a message received by the office during the last 30 minutes of the school day is not guaranteed.

Student Cell Phones

The Patrician Academy policy on cellular telephones is designed to ensure that the use of cell phones does not interfere with teaching and learning during the school day. Possession of a cell phone by a student is a privilege which may be forfeited by any student not abiding by the terms of this policy. Students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of their cell phones. Patrician Academy shall not assume any responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of a cell phone, or for any unauthorized calls made on a cell phone.

- 1) Students are permitted to use cell phones before the tardy bell, during break, at lunch and after the final bell of the day.
- 2) The use of cell phones for any purpose, including calls, text messaging, games and other functions is not permitted at any other time on school grounds.
- 3) Cell phones must not be visible during class room instruction. They should be stored in a secure location (i.e. in vehicle, locker, backpack, purse, etc.). Each teacher may have his/her own method for ensuring compliance with this policy during their class periods.
- 4) Cell phones must be turned completely off (not simply on silent or vibrate mode) during class instruction.
- 5) Students participating in field trips, extracurricular activities, and athletic events must contact their coach or sponsor for his/her rules involving cell phone use after school hours or on after-school bus trips. Coaches and sponsors will set their rules and establish consequences involving the use and/or misuse of these devices.
- 6) **The use of camera phones is strictly forbidden in private areas, such as, locker rooms, bathrooms, dressing rooms, classrooms, and office at any time. Camera phone violations may be treated as a Category III Offense when necessary. Such use may also be in violation of the Criminal Code of the State of Alabama.**

- 7) Any phone communication during the instructional day will take place on school telephones with permission from office personnel with the exception of emergency situations as deemed by the principal. Parents should continue to call the school for any emergency situation.
- 8) Cell phones are not allowed in a classroom where standardized testing is taking place. Teacher will collect any student cell phones in classrooms where standardized testing is occurring. Phones will be collected before testing begins and returned at the conclusion of testing for that day.

Other Electronic Devices

Possession of electronic devices by a student is a privilege which may be forfeited by any student not abiding by the terms of this policy. Students shall be personally and solely responsible for the security of their electronic device. Patrician Academy shall not assume any responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of electronic devices.

Other electronic devices such as, but not limited to, i-pads, i-pods, digital cameras, camcorders, MP3 players, and headphones, may be used as part of the instructional process, with prior administrative and/or teacher authorization. Otherwise, these devices may not be visible during the instructional day.

The use of photograph or video recording features on an electronic device is strictly forbidden in private areas, such as locker rooms, bathrooms, dressing areas, classrooms, and offices at any time. Violations of this policy may be treated as a Category I or Category II Offenses when necessary. Such use may also be a violation of the Criminal Code of the State of Alabama.

Students participating in field trips, extracurricular activities, and athletic events must contact their coach or sponsor for his/her rules involving electronic device use after school hours or on field trips. Coaches and sponsors will set their rules and establish consequences involving the use and/or misuse of these devices.

Violations of Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policies

Any violations of the policies with respect to cell phones and other electronic devices will result in the following:

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| First Violation: | \$10.00 or 10 days of confiscation
The device will be housed in the office until payment is received or confiscation days are completed. |
| Second Violation: | \$25.00 or 20 days of confiscation
The device will be housed in the office until payment is received or confiscation days are completed. A parent/administrator conference is required before phone is returned to the student. |
| Third Violation: | \$50.00 or 30 days of confiscation
The student will lose their cell phone/electronic device privileges for the remainder of the year. The device will be housed in the office until payment is received or confiscation days are completed. A parent/administrator conference is required before the device is returned to the student. |
| Subsequent Violations: | Any and all subsequent violations will be considered a Category III discipline offense. |

Devices will be returned to the student while school is out for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring break. The student will turn in the device upon return to school to finish the confiscation. Cell phones/electric devices will not be given to students for weekend use if it falls during the confiscated period.

Students found to be using a cell phone or electronic device for cheating purposes will be punished as a Category III Offense with the immediate loss of cell phone/ electronic device privileges for the remainder of the school year.

Social Media Policy

Patrician Academy supports the use of online social media to facilitate Patrician Academy programs, departments, athletics and school related organizations in building a more successful parent, community, student and employee network. However certain types of communications on social media by virtue of their subject-matter connection to campus can have ramifications for the author or person subject of the communication.

Inappropriate posts containing obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar or threatening language, illegal activities, obscene photographs or sexual innuendos or posts created with malice are prohibited at school or school related activities and functions. Furthermore, off campus posts that may relate enough to school that it causes interference or problems for students, teachers or faculty during the normal day are included.

Any such social media posts which fall in the above categories shall be considered under the appropriate discipline offense category and subject to the following disciplinary measures based upon severity: warning, detention, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

In order for Patrician Academy to maintain both a safe and orderly environment in which students can attend school and extracurricular activities without fear of harassment or bullying, cyber bullying will not be tolerated.

Cyber bullying can take many forms. However, there are six forms that are most common.

- Harassment: Repeatedly sending offensive, rude and insulting messages
- Denigration: Distributing information about another that is derogatory and untrue through posting it on a Web page, sending it to others through email or instant messaging or posting or sending digitally altered photos of someone.
- Flaming: Online "fighting" using electronic messages with angry, vulgar language
- Impersonation: Breaking into an email or social networking account and using that person's online identity to send or post vicious or embarrassing material to/about others.
- Outing and Trickery: Sharing someone's secrets or embarrassing information or tricking someone in to revealing secrets or embarrassing information and forwarding it to others.
- Cyber Stalking: Repeatedly sending messages that include threats of harm or are highly intimidating or engaging in other online activities that make a person afraid for his or her safety. (Such behavior may be illegal depending on the content of the message.)

Students who engage in any of the activities listed above through any type of social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) towards a fellow student, teacher or staff member of Patrician Academy will be subject to the following disciplinary measures based on severity: warning, detention, in-school - suspension, out-of-school suspension or expulsion.

Parents or guardians of students at Patrician Academy will refrain from posting threatening, derogatory or inflammatory comments through any type of social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) towards a student, teacher or staff member of Patrician Academy or about the institution of Patrician Academy itself. Parents who disregard this policy may be asked to leave the school.

Any issue not listed above will be managed at the discretion of the Headmaster and/or the Board of Directors. Our desire at Patrician Academy is to maintain the most positive environment possible for our students during their time at school. We hope you and your student(s) will cooperate with us in making that desire a reality for the upcoming school year. Thank you in advance for your help and support in this matter.

Fund Raising Policy

1. All families at Patrician Academy pay a maintenance/general support fee of \$550.00 for general maintenance and in lieu of fund raisers designated to support the general fund.
2. The auxiliary organizations of Patrician Academy (PTA, student activities, Sports Club, Band Boosters, and grandparents) do raise money to further support the school. All monies generated by these organizations are used to further the education mission of the school, as well as help maintain the physical plant. The Sports Club raises money to support the entire athletic program, both boys and girls.
3. All fund raisers must be approved by each organization's ways and means committee and then be presented to the Executive Board for approval. This is done by August of each year, and the approval is duly noted in board minutes and in the minutes of the individual organization.
4. Any fund-raising project at Patrician Academy is strictly monitored. The families are involved in many of the fund raisers, but no child is asked to go door-to-door selling items. Participation among the families is voluntary.

Grievance Policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide students and parents a process through which they might appeal a decision by a faculty member or the headmaster. The following steps should be followed:

- The first step in any grievance is to talk the matter over with the teacher who is involved.
- If the matter remains unresolved, the parent/guardian should schedule a meeting with the teacher and the headmaster.
- If the parent/guardian remains unsatisfied after talking with the headmaster, he/she may appeal to the Patrician Academy Executive Board by writing a letter which contains the issue or complaint. The letter should be sent to the Executive Board through the school office. The Executive Board will determine whether or not to hear the matter and oversee its resolution. All grievances that do not follow these procedures will not be considered a forum for Board action.

CODES OF CONDUCT

Student Dress and Appearance

Students are to understand that their behavior and dress reflect upon themselves, their parents, and Patrician Academy. All students will use good taste in the selection of their wearing apparel both on and off campus.

Uniforms will be either casual or dress depending on the type field trip or event. Teachers will notify students whether to wear dress or casual uniforms. No boots are allowed. Skirts or shorts for students in grades 5-12 will be no more than two inches above the knees.

All students must have the dress uniform to wear when it is required.

Grades 5-12

Mandatory Daily Uniform (Monday - Thursday)

Boys

- Khaki or navy pants/shorts
- Navy or white button-front shirt with collar
- Navy or white polo style shirt with collar. (dry fit fabric allowed)
- Brown, black or navy belt required for pants and shorts with belt loops
- SGA shirts from 2016/17 school year are allowed (navy polo with crest)

Girls

- Khaki or navy pants/shorts/skirts/skorts/capris/Patrician plaid skirt (**Skirt must be purchased from Zoghby's Uniforms.**)
- Navy or white button-front shirt with collar
- Navy or white polo style shirt with collar (dry fit fabric allowed)
- Brown, black or navy belt required for pants and shorts with belt loops
- SGA shirts from 2016/17 school year are allowed (navy polo with crest)

Mandatory Dress Uniform

Boys

- Navy blazer with Patrician Academy **crest (Crest must be purchased from Zoghby's Uniforms.)** A clip is available to attach crest to blazer. If you desire to purchase a blazer from Zoghby's Uniforms, the crest can be heat pressed onto the blazer.
- Patrician plaid tie (**Tie must be purchased from Zoghby's Uniforms.**)
- Khaki pants (**Pants must be purchased from Zoghby's Uniforms.**)
- White oxford cloth dress shirt with button down collar
- Khaki socks
- Brown belt
- Brown dress shoes, no boots

Girls

- Patrician plaid skirt (**Skirt must be purchased from Zoghby's Uniforms.**)
- White oxford cloth shirt with button down collar
- Navy tights
- Navy or black dress shoes (heels must be one inch or less)
- Navy letterman style cardigan with Patrician Academy **crest (Crest must be purchased from Zoghby's Uniforms.)**

Grades K/4-4

Mandatory Daily Uniform (Monday - Thursday)

Boys

- Khaki or navy pants/shorts
- Navy or white polo style shirt with collar. (dry fit fabric allowed)

- Brown, black or navy belt required for pants and shorts with belt loops
- SGA shirts from 2016/17 school year are allowed (navy polo with crest)

Girls

- Khaki or navy pants/shorts/skirts/skorts/capris/Patrician plaid skirt (**Skirt must be purchased from Zoghby's Uniforms.**)
- Navy or white polo style shirt with collar (dry fit fabric allowed)
- Brown, black or navy belt required for pants and shorts with belt loops
- SGA shirts from 2016/17 school year are allowed (navy polo with crest)
- Boys and girls may wear matched navy jogging suits as part of the daily uniform during cold weather.

Mandatory Dress Uniform

Boys

- Khaki pants (**Pants must be purchased from Zoghby's Uniforms.**)
- Navy polo shirt with Patrician Academy crest (**Crest must be purchased from Zoghby's Uniforms.**)
- Khaki socks
- Brown belt
- Brown dress shoes, no boots

Girls

- Patrician plaid skirt (**Skirt must be purchased from Zoghby's Uniforms.**)
- White oxford cloth shirt with button down collar
- Navy tights
- Navy or black dress shoes (heels must be one inch or less)
(The required items from Zoghby's Uniforms are needed to acquire uniformity in the plaid pattern and the dress uniform. Unless specified, all other uniform items may be purchased at the location of choice. Zoghby's Uniforms is located in Mobile, Alabama (251-342-0039).

(Fridays)

- Headmaster approved Patrician Academy organization t-shirts
- Monday through Thursday attire
- Regular clothes are allowed if the student has completed all classwork and homework, has no tardies and has no disciplinary referrals or conduct point reductions for the week.

Other regulations include:

- No uniform attire including skirts, slits in skirts, jumpers, shorts or skorts for students grades 5-12 will be more than two inches above the knee.
- No jean-style or parachute material pants will be allowed. Acceptable materials include twill, poplin, chino and corduroy.
- A belt should be worn if pants have belt loops. Pants without belt loops are acceptable for grades K/4-4. No draw-string pants, shorts, or skirts will be permitted.
- Logos on shirts may be no larger than one-inch square except for the Patrician Academy logo.
- Footwear should be safe and appropriate for indoor and outdoor activity. No stilettos. Tennis shoes may be required for some events.
- Outerwear must be solid navy with no logo larger than one inch other than the Patrician Academy logo. This includes coats, anoraks, jackets, sweaters, vests, sweatshirts and any similar garments. *No trench-style or long coats are allowed.*
- All clothes must be appropriately fitted, not too tight or too baggy.
- No boots tucked in pants.

Alternate Dress Code and General Appearance (at the Headmaster's discretion)

- Halters, crop tops, mini skirts, backless dresses, t-strap dresses, tank tops, spandex or lycra of any percentage, sleeveless tops/dresses and mesh/see-through fabrics will not be worn.
- Shirts worn over leggings may be no more than two inches above the knee.
- Skirts, dresses, slacks or jeans are to be modestly fitted. No un-hemmed, frayed, torn, dirty or unkempt jeans are to be worn.
- Clothing with objectionable slogans, advertising and pictures will not be worn.
- Camouflaged clothing is not permitted.
- Athletic team and school club apparel is permitted when required by the coach or sponsor.
- Dress shirts and other shirts designed to be tucked in must be tucked in at all times. Abdomen, back and shoulders must be covered at all times. No shirts may be worn for outerwear.
- Hair must be cut so that it does not extend below the eye or ear lobe. Hair must be cut so that it does not extend more than one inch (1") below the collar. Sideburns must be trimmed so that they do not extend more than two inches (2") below eye level. **No facial hair is allowed that falls outside of the sideburn guidelines.** Unnatural and/or non-traditional coloration of the hair will not be permitted.
- For grades 5-12, dressy shorts, skorts, and dresses no more than two inches above the knee may be worn. No biking or boxer shorts, umbro style or un-hemmed, cut-off jeans or jeggins will be permitted.
- No hats, caps, visors, bandannas and/or hair wraps are allowed on campus except for softball/baseball practice or games.
- Pants with belt loops must be worn with a belt.
- Boys will not wear earrings while on campus or while attending any Patrician Academy event on or off campus.
- Body piercing and/or tattoos are not appropriate and should not be visible at any time.

Disciplinary Measures for Dress Code Violations for 5-12

Each violation will be reported to the office. The following will apply to all reported dress code violations:

- **1 violation = Conduct points reduced**
- **2 violations = Conduct points reduced**
- **3 violations = Discipline referral**
- **4 violations = Discipline referral**

Violations of the dress code will carry forward each grading period. Students will not be allowed to attend class out of dress code.

Disciplinary - Student Behavior

Most disciplinary situations are handled in the classroom although parents may be consulted for help in developing positive student behavior. All teachers at Patrician are charged with the responsibility to enforce compliance with rules and procedures during the school day and at any time students are engaged in a school-sponsored event, whether on or off campus.

Unacceptable conduct in an assembly would include whistling, uncalled-for clapping, boisterousness and talking during a program. Students are to remain in their places until they have been dismissed by the person in charge. At pep-rally assemblies, all students are encouraged to help with school spirit by participation in school cheers, etc.

Student behavior in the cafeteria should be based on courtesy and cleanliness. Students should plan to eat in the cafeteria or bring their lunch when they come to the school. Food will not be ordered from town. No food is allowed outside the cafeteria. Attendance for cafeteria cleanup is required. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary actions.

The gym, locker rooms and coaches offices are off limits during the school day unless the student is with a coach.

Corrective/Administrative Measures

K/4- Grade 4

Acceptable and corrective measures may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Teacher/student conference
- Deprivation of privileges or preferred activities/time-out
- Communication with parent via note or conference
- Grade penalties (as in cheating)
- Assessment for damages
- Corporal punishment with a witness
- Referral to the headmaster

Teachers will attempt to follow the order of corrective measures unless they deem it necessary to skip steps and proceed to a higher level of discipline.

Behavior and effort grades will be given for students in grades 1-4. Parents will be given a copy of this contract at the beginning of each year. It will be signed by the teacher and student and kept in the student's binder for referral. Students who break a rule will be required to write the rule that was broken, have the sentences signed by his/her parents and return them to the homeroom teacher. Failure to follow this procedure will result in additional sentences.

Grades 5-12

The actions a teacher may take to enforce desired behaviors may range from counseling to grade penalties to other sanctions such as classroom clean-up, detention and referral of students to the headmaster. Teachers may administer corporal punishment with a witness.

Students can be referred to the headmaster for disciplinary problems at any time. Depending on the severity of the incident, disciplinary action on the first offense will range from conferences with parents, carrying a daily behavioral report, corrective measures listed in the grades 5-12 section (p 17), in-school suspension or expulsion. Second or additional referrals will result in the administering of more progressive measures as outlined in the grades 5-12 measures table.

Any further disciplinary problems can result in being placed on out-of-school suspension and/or on a behavior contract which will state specifically what is required of the student to avoid being referred to the Board of Directors for possible expulsion. Students on suspension may not participate in or attend extracurricular activities on the day/days in which they are in in-school or out-of-school suspension. Violations of this rule will result in additional penalties.

Students are to be advised of the following:

- **PA Honor Code: "I will not Lie, Cheat, Steal or Tolerate those who do." Any student aware of any of these acts has a responsibility to report the incident to a teacher or the headmaster.**
- Fighting on school property or at a school-sponsored activity will not be tolerated.
- Stealing is prohibited.
- In order for Patrician Academy to maintain both a safe and orderly environment in which students can attend school and extracurricular activities without fear of harassment or bullying, cyber bullying will not be tolerated.
- Cheating will not be tolerated. Students caught cheating during a test will be given a zero on the test. Their parents, the headmaster and other teachers will be notified by the teacher involved.
- School buildings and equipment are expensive to construct, purchase and maintain. Students who destroy or vandalize school property will be required to pay for losses or damages. If students intentionally destroy school property, suspension and subsequent expulsion may be necessary. Students who happen to damage something accidentally should report it to a teacher or the office immediately and expect to pay for the damages. Students who destroy or vandalize school property or property belonging to school campuses on which they are visitors will be required to pay for losses or damages.
- Truancy (leaving campus without office permission, skipping school or class) is prohibited.

More severe offenses/punishment is outlined below:

- Patrician promotes an alcohol-free environment. The possession and/or use or sale of alcoholic beverages poses a serious threat to the health, safety and well-being of students and staff. Therefore, alcoholic beverages are prohibited on school property and at school-related activities. Any student who consumes alcoholic beverages and attends a school-related activity or appears on school property is in violation of this policy. First violations of this policy will result in three days of out-of-school suspension. Second offenses will be referred to the Board for possible expulsion.
- Patrician promotes a drug-free environment. The possession, use or sale of illegal drugs or paraphernalia poses a serious threat to the health, safety and well-being of students and staff. Therefore, illegal drugs are prohibited on school property and at school-related activities. First violations of this policy will result in referral to the Board of Directors and can result in expulsion. Possession, abuse or sale of prescription drugs will be considered a violation.
- **Patrician promotes a smoke-free environment. **Smoking and the use of tobacco products shall be prohibited on school property and at all school-sponsored activities. Possession of tobacco products by students is prohibited. Possession or use of electronic cigarettes is prohibited and will be considered as a tobacco product.****
- Patrician promotes a weapon-free, non-violent environment. Therefore, students are prohibited from bringing weapons on school property and to school-sponsored activities. No student shall possess, handle or transmit any object that can be considered a weapon. First violations of this policy will result in referral to the Board and can result in expulsion.
- Should a situation constitute harm or grave threat among Patrician students, teachers have the right of search and seizure when there is probable cause or reasonableness. This right of the faculty to search and seize extends to students themselves, their purses, backpacks, lockers, vehicles and/or other personal belongings on campus.

Conduct Check System

The checks a student may receive vary by the offense as indicated by the three (3) categories of misbehavior. The headmaster may determine other violations that may fall within any of the three categories of offenses. The headmaster has the final authority in determining the consequences and may require a parent conference at any time. Teachers will report all Category II and III offenses to the headmaster.

Category I Offenses

(Grades 5-12 - Three Conduct Points)

- Chewing gum on campus during a school day or eating in class
- Unexcused tardiness to class
- Not bringing proper materials to class
- Poor housekeeping (throwing trash on the floor or failure to clean up the cafeteria)
- Students sleeping in class, putting head down or doing work for another class
- Excessive talking in class
- Writing and passing personal notes during class
- Out of seat without permission
- Other

Category II Offenses

(Grades 5-12 - Five Conduct Points)

- Inappropriate public display of affection (petting, hand-holding, kissing, etc.)
- Behavior disruptive to the instructional process
- Argumentative or disrespectful behavior to a member of the faculty or staff
- Skipping part or all of a class or not being in the designated area during school hours
- Forging notes and signatures, deception or misrepresentation regarding any school matters
- Using profanity or obscene gestures
- Inappropriate physical contact, i.e., horseplay, pushing, shoving, etc.
- Abusing lockers, desks (including sitting on desks tops) or otherwise damaging school property

- Copying someone else's homework
- Harassing or bullying others
- Continued violations of Category I offenses
- Other

Category III Offenses

(Grades 5-12 - Automatically result in a U in conduct)

- Plagiarism (failure to identify or credit sources, even for paraphrased material)
- Cheating on tests, major assignments or projects (Communication between students during a test will be construed as cheating. In addition to the conduct checks assigned for cheating, these students will also receive a zero on the work in progress.)
- Conflicts which lead to physical or verbal confrontations
- Misbehavior before school will be reflected in first period conduct grade.
- Misbehavior during break will be reflected in second period conduct grade.
- Misbehavior during lunch will be reflected in fifth period conduct grade.
- Misbehavior on campus after school will be reflected in the student's last academic class conduct grade.
- Insubordinate to a member of the faculty, staff or substitute.
- Continued violations of Category II offenses.

Any student who receives a Category III referral or suspension will automatically lose a minimum of 15 conduct points in the appropriate class.

Conduct points will be accumulated on a grading period basis. Each teacher must report conduct point violations in writing to the headmaster. The headmaster will decide matters pertaining to any misbehavior not covered by this policy and punishments will be administered fairly and equitably.

Detention (Grades 5-12)

Detention may be carried out during the school day or will be assigned at 7:15 a.m. Monday through Friday. Students will be assigned to serve their detention at the first available time. Special consideration will be given for school functions only. Parents will receive notification of their child's detention. Failure to meet at the assigned time will result in a doubling of the number of required detention hours. Failure to show up for doubled detention hours will result in one day of in-school suspension.

Corrective/Administrative Measures

Acceptable and corrective measures may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Warning(s)
- Deprivation of privileges or preferred activities
- Teacher/student conference
- Communication with parent via note or conference
- Grade penalties (as in cheating)
- Program attendance denied
- Assessment for damages
- Detention
- In-school suspension
- Corporal punishment with a witness
- Out-of-school suspension

Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment may be employed by the administrator or his/her representative. Corporal punishment may be used for violations of Category III and Category IV offenses and for repeated/habitual misbehavior when other corrective measures have failed.

The following guidelines are to be used with the use of corporal punishment for students:

1. Written notices on file from parent(s)/guardian restricting use of corporal punishment will be honored with other corrective measures being applied.

2. This punishment will only be administered by the administrator or his/her representative.
3. A faculty member or office staff member will witness the punishment.
4. Elementary faculty in grades kindergarten through fourth grade are permitted to apply corporal punishment with the use of a ruler applied to the palm of the hand.

Drug Testing

Random drug testing is in effect at Patrician Academy for all students in grades 6-12. The drug policy is on file in the office and available upon request. Parents and students are given copies of the policy at the beginning of the year. Each student will be charged a drug testing fee of \$30.00 per year.

GUIDANCE

The purpose of the guidance program is to help each individual student achieve his/her highest growth mentally, emotionally and socially. Patrician strives to accomplish this development in several ways such as helping the new student feel at home in school with new teachers and friends in a different setting, conferencing whenever a student, a teacher or the counselor deems it necessary, testing designed to help the student learn as much as possible about his capabilities and talking with any student, parent or teacher concerning career and college preparation and academic progress.

EVALUATION POLICIES

Oral and written tests are administered at all grade levels. Tests will be announced and ample preparation time will be given to students.

Grades K/4-4

Each Monday, students will receive a signed-paper folder. In this folder are all papers and grades completed the previous week and a weekly note outlining all tests and events for the week. All completed work should be signed and returned to the homeroom teacher by Tuesday morning. Failure to return signed papers by Tuesday morning will result in a two-point deduction in the effort grade. All other notes included in the folder are to be kept at home for reference. **No semester exams given.**

Grades 5-12

Oral and written tests may be given when teachers determine that tests will assist in the evaluation and learning process. Tests at the end of the grading periods will be administered by the individual teachers. Semester tests will be administered in all academic subjects.

Exemption Policy

First semester: No exemptions. All students take first semester exams.

Second semester exam: Students that have an **A average** for the year and no conduct grade below an E- on any nine weeks grading period are eligible for exemption. No exemptions with five or more tardies or five or more unexcused absences.

Students that have a **B average** for the year, no conduct grade below an E- on any nine weeks grading period and perfect attendance for the year are eligible for exemption. Perfect attendance means no tardies, no absences unless school official and no check in/out during the school day.

Grading Scale

K/4-K/5

K/4 and K/5 students will receive report cards every nine weeks reflecting academic progress based on the following scale:

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| E.....Excellent | U.....Unsatisfactory |
| S.....Satisfactory | +.....Commendable Attitude |
| P.....Poor | ✓.....Need for Improvement |

Grades 1-4

First through sixth grade students will receive reports every nine weeks reflecting academic progress based on the following scale:

- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| A.....90-100 | D.....60-69 |
|--------------|-------------|

B.....80-89
C.....70-79

Unsatisfactory.....Below 70
Failure.....Below 60

This will be provided at the beginning of the school year. Behavior and effort grades will be given for students in grades 2-4.

Students in grades 1-4 are expected to maintain an average of 80 or above. Those students ranging from 60%-80% mastery shall be evaluated on an individual basis by the teacher. The criteria for evaluation will be as follows:

- Aptitude
- Achievement test scores
- Maturity
- Work habits
- Motivation
- Attendance
- Other factors based on the teachers professional judgment with regard to each individual case. Those students below 60% mastery will be retained.

Grades 5-12

All recorded grades in grades 5-12, including honors/advanced courses in grades 9-12, will be by number not by letter. The grading scale at Patrician is as follows:

A.....90-100
B.....80-89
C.....70-79
D.....60-69
F.....Below 60

To qualify for the A honor roll, a student in grades 5-12 must have a 90-100 and all E's in conduct in every subject. To qualify for the B honor roll, a student must have an 80 or above and an E's or above in conduct in every subject.

GPA CALCULATION

Regular classes are calculated as follows:

A = 4.0 B = 3.0 C = 2.0 D = 1.0

Advanced classes are weighted and calculated as follows:

A = 4.5 B = 3.5 C = 2.5 D = 1.5

DUAL ENROLLMENT GPA CALCULATION

Our current advanced classes (required for honors diploma) are Senior Physics, Calculus, Advanced English and Junior Trigonometry/Pre Calculus.

If one of our advanced classes is taken via dual enrollment, it will be weighted as follows:

A = 4.5 B = 3.5 C = 2.5 D = 1.5

Dual enrollment courses taken that are not considered advanced by our school will be calculated on our regular GPA scale of A= 4.0 B = 3.0 C = 2.0 D = 1.0.

To qualify for the twelfth grade Advanced Honors courses, a student must have a minimum of an 85 numeric GPA and/or a teacher recommendation.

The grading scale for conduct is as follows:

E+ = 100	G+ = 89.....	N+ = 79
E = 95	G = 85.....	N = 75
E- = 90	G- = 80.....	N- = 70

attendance at Patrician Academy for the entirety of their ninth through eleventh grade years. Candidates must not have received a substantiated or documented case of cheating on their records from ninth through eleventh grade. The cut off for the highest academic average will be the completion of the fourth week and the fourth nine weeks. The candidates for graduation marshals will be taken from each year's junior class and must have taken the most advanced level classes offered. The rank will be computed using the GPA. In case of a tie, numerical averages will be used to determine graduation marshals.

Schedule of High School Classes

The master schedule for the students is set up according to student need and demand as indicated by spring registration. The students will be given a schedule when they return to school in the fall. Changes in schedules for legitimate reasons, with parental permission, must be made by the drop/add deadline stated on the school calendar.

Students in grades 9-11 must take six academic classes and either physical education or band unless psychometric testing indicates otherwise. Seniors must take one of each of the four core, English, mathematics, history and science. Only seniors can be a teacher's aide and only one period per day.

Progress Reports

A progress report will be given to students the fourth week of the nine-week grading period. Additional progress reports will be issued at the request of the parent or guardian. A deficiency report will be mailed to parents of students in grades 5-12 with a D or F average. Faculty will keep a file of each student's work.

Report Cards

All students will receive report cards on the Thursday following the end of each nine-week grading period. Report cards should be given to parents or guardians for examination. Parents should sign the cards and return them to the school by the following Monday.

The headmaster and SGA officers will provide incentives/rewards for students making the A honor roll and the A/B honor roll.

Report cards will not be issued until all fees and fines have been paid. Final report cards will be mailed. Replacement of lost report cards will cost \$10.00.

Athletic Eligibility Requirements

Academic Requirements

A student's athletic eligibility is based on the following semester, rather than yearly, requirements.

- Seventh graders must have passed the sixth grade.
- Eighth graders must have passed the seventh grade.
- Ninth graders must have passed the eighth grade.
- Upon entering the ninth grade, a student athlete has eight consecutive semesters of eligibility.
- Tenth through twelfth graders must pass six new Carnegie units during the previous academic year to be eligible for the first semester.
NOTE: A minimum of four core curriculum credits must be included in this requirement. Core curricular subjects include English, history, math and science.

Ninth through twelfth grade students may earn and/or retain second semester eligibility by passing 2.5 new Carnegie units during the first semester of the year.

NOTE: A new unit or subject is one that has not been previously passed and is approved as a graduation unit by the school. A minimum of one core curricular credit must be included in this requirement.

A student-athlete repeating any grade will be ineligible regardless of the reason for repeating the grade.

Girls must be enrolled in Patrician Academy before competing for cheerleader.

Age Restrictions

Junior high participants who reach the age of 16 prior to September 1 are ineligible for junior high sports the entire year. Senior high participants who reach the age of 19 prior to September are ineligible for senior high sports the entire year.

CLUBS

National Honor Society

Membership in the National Honor Society is a national honor bestowed upon students based on academic achievement, leadership, service and character. Selection in NHS is a privilege, not a right. Students do not apply for membership nor is membership automatically conveyed when a student achieves a 90 academic average. A student must be selected by the faculty council and then be inducted in a special ceremony. All criteria are carefully considered in the selection process. The bylaws of Patrician Academy conform to the national guidelines. Dues must be paid by assigned date in order to retain membership.

Service

Service is generally considered to be those actions undertaken by the student which are done with or on behalf of others without any direct financial or material compensation to the individual performing the service. Contributions made to the school, classmates or community, as well as the student's attitude toward service, can be reviewed. The student who serves:

- Volunteers and provides dependable assistance, is gladly available and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance.
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities.
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school.
- Willingly represents the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition.
- Does committee and staff work without complaint.
- Participates in some activities outside of school, in church or volunteer service.
- Mentors persons in the community or students at other schools.
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers and students.

Character

A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring and citizenship.

The student of character:

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously.
- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, and stability).
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics.
- Upholds the PA Honor Code: Does not lie, cheat or steal, nor tolerate any who do.
- Is cooperative by complying with school regulations.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability.
- Regularly shows courtesy, concern and respect for others.
- Observes instructions and rules, is punctual and faithful both inside and outside the classroom.
- Has power of concentration, self-discipline, and sustained attention as evidenced by perseverance and application to studies.
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others.
- Actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment.

The Faculty Council

The faculty council shall consist of five voting faculty members appointed by the headmaster. The chapter adviser shall be an ex-officio, non-voting sixth member of the faculty council.

Selection of Members

After the scholarship criteria has been determined, eligible candidates will be asked to fill out *Student Activity Forms* to determine the degree to which a student candidate meets the selection. *Student Activity Forms* will be used to supplement information used by the faculty council in the selection process. The selection of each member shall be by a majority vote of the council.

National Junior Honor Society

Students in grades 7-9 are eligible for membership in the National Junior Honor Society. A GPA of 90 is required for scholarship beginning with the first semester of the seventh grade. All other criteria for membership are consistent with those of the National Honor Society as listed above.

National Beta Club (Junior and Senior)

The Beta Club is a national non-secret, achievement/service organization for grades 7-12 honor students. The objectives of the Beta Club are to encourage effort, promote character, stimulate achievement and encourage and assist students to continue their education after high school. A student must maintain a cumulative 85 academic average. A student must be selected by the faculty council and then be inducted in a special ceremony to be an active member of the chapter. Dues must be paid by assigned date in order to retain membership. Bylaws are available upon request.

Discipline and Dismissal of Members of the Honor Society and Beta Club

It is the responsibility of the chapter advisor to periodically review the standing of members for compliance with Honor Society standards. When a member falls below the standards, the advisor should inform the errant member in writing of the nature of the violation, the time period given for improvement and the warning of the possible consequences of non-improvement. A member does not have to be warned for flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws.

If a student is caught cheating, he/she can request to appear before the Advisory Council and will be dismissed if the accusation is affirmed. Students who participate in other conduct which will result in any conduct grade below an E- will result in probation for a nine week period, and if the conduct grade is not raised back to E- or above the student will be dismissed. A conduct grade of U will result in automatic dismissal. Other questionable conduct problems will be referred to the Advisory Council for further review.

A chapter member shall have the right to be notified in writing of the offenses and to a hearing before the Advisory Council. A majority vote of the Advisory Council is required for dismissal. *(The NHS bylaws are available upon request. All regulations regarding students in the handbook are applicable.)*

Student Government Association

The Student Government Association serves as an advisory agent in identifying student needs and problems. All plans and projects are subject to the approval of the headmaster, faculty and school board.

The members of the Student Government Association shall consist of Student Body President (senior class); Student Body Vice-President (junior class); Student Body 2nd Vice-President (grades 9-10); Class Presidents (grades 7-12); Representatives (grades 7-12); and Student Body Officers, Secretary (grades 9-10), Treasurer (grades 9-10), Reporter (grades 9-12), Chaplain (grades 9-12), and Parliamentarian (grades 9-12).

Officers and members must attend workdays and regularly scheduled and called meetings. Absences must be excused by the sponsor. An unexcused absence from an assigned workday or three unexcused absences from regularly-scheduled and called meetings could result in removal.

Bylaws are filed in the office and are available upon request.

SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS

School productions are designed to be an extension of the classroom. They also give students experience in music and the arts. Students are given a grade for participation and for knowledge gained from the productions. Students must request special permission to be excused from performances and will be required to complete a report pertaining to material covered in the performance. Requests must be made one month prior to production date so that students are not given a leading role. The productions are also performed for PTA programs. Dates for performances will be announced well in advance. (Grades 1-4 required Christmas musical and grades 5-8 voluntary Grandparents Day program.)

FINANCIAL POLICIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF AUGUST 1, 2017-JULY 31, 2018

The Executive Board of Directors only is empowered to approve registration applications and enter into a financial agreement with a parent/guardian/family. Registration forms serve as a contractual agreement between the enrolling parent/guardian/family and Patrician Academy; therefore, all school policies, financial or otherwise, are binding. Circumstances such as financial hardship or withdrawal from enrollment due to an employment transfer or other extraordinary situation should be addressed to the Headmaster and then added to the agenda of the next Executive Board meeting in order for the subject parent/guardian/family to present any such circumstance to the Executive Board for their determination.

The term parent or guardian or family is referring to the natural parent(s), legal guardian(s) or other such person(s), whether the singular or plural, who is legally responsible and financially obligated for the child(ren) being enrolled.

Registration

Registration begins in March of each year for the upcoming school year. The following fee is due and payable upon submission of registration forms: \$150.00 Non-refundable registration fee per family

NOTE: A \$100.00 late registration fee will be assessed to a family who is currently enrolled at Patrician and submits registration after APRIL 15.

No registration will be accepted unless properly executed by a parent or legal guardian as being financially responsible for the entire school year tuition and fees. No registration will be considered accepted and authorized until approved by the Executive Board.

Families currently enrolled at Patrician Academy will be given first consideration for enrollment acceptance for the upcoming school year. Enrollment applications will be accepted for so long as student vacancies are available. Early enrollment is encouraged to aid in planning the best possible program for the upcoming school year. No student in grades K/4-12 will be allowed to try out for any auxiliary group, practice for any sport or participate in the band unless he/she has been registered for school.

Tuition

Tuition is based on a twelve (12) month school year commencing August 1 and ending July 31 of each year. Grades K/4-12 are included in the regular school tuition schedule. Tuition payment is due and payable in advance with the following payment options being offered:

Annual Payment - The total annual tuition rate must be paid in full on or before August 1 of the upcoming school year.

Monthly Payment - The monthly tuition rate will be charged to applicable family accounts on

the 25th of each month in advance and will be due and payable on or before the first day of each month and considered delinquent on the third day of each month. (Example - July 25 billing for August 1 tuition - payment due August 1 and delinquent August 3). Post-dated checks (dated June 1 and July 1) must be provided to the bookkeeper on or before the last school day of each year for the summer months of June and July for tuition and any other monthly billing fee such as \$50.00 maintenance fee.

A **late fee of \$30.00** will be assessed and strictly enforced for any tuition that becomes delinquent.

The maintenance, technology, student insurance, yearbook, and book fees will be included in your twelve monthly tuition payments.

Fees not included in the monthly tuition payments and due and payable with the first tuition (August 1) payment are as follows:

\$ 30.00	Drug testing fee for grades 7-12
\$ 30.00	Science lab fee per child grades 6-12
\$150.00	Band fee/uniform fee per child
\$ 15.00	Explorer/Plan/PSAT grades 8/10/11
	Sports activity fee (per sport) Pee wee \$25 - JV/V\$50
	Maximum \$100 per family

Other fees that may be assessed: \$30.00 Returned item fee per item

Returned Item Policy

A Returned Item Fee of \$30.00 will be charged for each item that is submitted for payment and returned by a bank or other like institution (with the exception of a bank/institution error.) Returned items that are re-deposited into the school account will incur a returned item fee being charged to the family account. Returned items that are not available for redeposit and are not satisfied by the parent/guardian/family within ten days from the date received by the school will be charged to the family account including the returned item fee, and the family account will be considered delinquent. An account that has had three (3) returned items within a school calendar year will be cause for the account to be handled on a cash-equivalent basis for the remainder of the school calendar year and will be subject to the Executive Board's review.

Graduation Requirements

No student in grades K/4, K/5 and sixth grade will be allowed to take part in any graduation exercises (including receipt of a diploma and/or transcript release) until all tuition and fees are current.

Senior students (12th grade) are required to pay all tuition and all applicable fees in full for the complete school year (including June and July) on or before May 1 of the current school year. When a family account is paid monthly and has two or more students, the senior tuition for the months of June and July will be assessed at the one child family rate. In this event, the family has the option to pay the remaining annual obligation by May 1 or pay the adjusted monthly tuition difference between the monthly family tuition rate and the one child monthly tuition (senior's tuition) for June and July accordingly. The monthly maintenance/general support fees are not required to be paid in advance for families with more than one student. No senior student will be allowed to take part in any graduation exercises (including receipt of a diploma and/or transcript release) until all tuition and fees have been paid in full.

Delinquent Account Restrictions

In the event that a family account is determined to be delinquent, the student(s) for that account will not be issued a report card, be allowed to begin a new school year or, in the case of transfer, have a transcript released until such time that the account is satisfied in full. Tuition that is not paid within **30 days** after the delinquent date will result in the student being ineligible from participating in any sports or other extra-curricular activities.

All accounts must be paid in full before your child/children can return at the start of the new school year (August 1) and/or the second semester (January 1). When a family becomes two months behind in tuition payments, a termination notice will be issued at the end of the second month and your child/children will not be allowed to attend Patrician until tuition is paid. You have the right to appeal to the board for extraordinary circumstances. (When you enroll your child, you are obligated to pay the full school year tuition.) After going through this process three times, your child/children will not be allowed to return to Patrician Academy and any unpaid balance will be taken to court for collection.

Accounts and Extra-Curricular Activities

All accounts must be paid in full before students can participate or try out for an upcoming extra-curricular activity.

**VERIFICATION OF PARENTAL UNDERSTANDING OF
PATRICIAN ACADEMY STUDENT HANDBOOK
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

I verify that I have read the 2017-18 Patrician Academy Student Handbook. I understand and agree to abide by each of the rules and regulations which govern my child at school and school-related activities.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____

Parent / Guardian Signature _____

**VERIFICATION OF STUDENT UNDERSTANDING OF
PATRICIAN ACADEMY STUDENT HANDBOOK
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

I verify that I have read the 2017-18 Patrician Academy Student Handbook. I understand and agree to abide by each of the rules and regulations which govern me at school and school-related activities.

Student #1 Signature _____

Student #2 Signature _____

Student #3 Signature _____

Student #4 Signature _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER THAN THE THIRD WEEK OF THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.