



**Penncrest: a community of learners that shapes productive, mindful,  
and ethical world citizens, one student at a time.**

August, 2020

**Discipline Policy/Co-Curricular Agreement**

At the time of writing this, decisions about the start of the school year are still pending, and plans are subject to change. The areas of focus below apply to an in-school learning environment. Of course, we will communicate any and all updated expectations that pertain to our practices and policies in the fall as decisions are made. Patience and flexibility are critical during this time of uncertainty.

We developed this document in our continuing efforts to communicate expectations at Penncrest High School with students and families. This document contains information from the Parent/Student Handbook this school year as a result of changes or school focus. Please read the document, sign, and return to the school as described in the letter. The *Student/Parent/Guardian Handbook*, *Student Discipline Code*, and *RTMSD Parent/Guardian/Student Athletic Department Handbook* are accessible on the PHS website. Students participating in fall sports or activities, including band, may return this signed document to the athletic, guidance or main office at PHS any time prior to the start of practices which begin for all sports and band up to August 12. **DO NOT SUBMIT TO YOUR COACH OR BAND DIRECTOR.** \*\*PIAA requires JV and Varsity Football to begin August 10, for an acclimatization period. Please note the following areas of focus as we begin the 2020-2021 school year:

**Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices**

The Board declares it to be the policy of this district to provide an equal opportunity for all students to achieve their maximum potential through the programs offered in the schools without discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, marital status, pregnancy, handicap or disability. Please refer to the student handbook for a full description of our policy.

**Vaping**

We are still working to eliminate vaping in school. Vaping is the act of inhaling vapor produced by a vaporizer or electronic cigarette. The vapor is produced from a material such as an e-liquid, concentrate, or dry herb. Please reference the student handbook for a full description of the response to vaping violations.

**Dress Code**

Please reference the student handbook for a full description of our dress code policy and its implementation. Penncrest is a learning environment, and students should dress accordingly.

**Drug and Alcohol Policy**

Any student who violates the district drug and alcohol policy will be subject to an out of school suspension, referral to our Student Assistance Program (STAR), and a suspension from co-curricular activities. Please reference the student handbook for a full description of the policy.

## Co-Curricular Policy

The Rose Tree Media School District believes strongly that students representing the district through co-curricular activities must behave in a manner that is aligned with our educational mission and goals. It is required that all students involved with co-curricular activities throughout the district abide by all regulations and expectations outlined in the student handbook, especially in regard to academic standing, attendance, substance use and abuse, behavior and conduct issues. Since **co-curricular activities are a privilege**, failure to abide by the District's rules and regulations at all times, on or off campus, may result in penalties that may include suspension and/or removal from co-curricular activities.

A participant in a co-curricular activity must sign this agreement prior to participation in any co-curricular activity. By signing below, you are indicating that you have read the Penncrest High School Parent/Student Handbook. It is therefore understood that a coach or co-curricular advisor may take action should you violate any policy statements of this handbook.

A committee consisting of some or all of the following, building administrators, the athletic director, the co-curricular advisor or coach, an education center administrator, and a faculty member may review a violation of this agreement.

The collective goal of this team of teachers, staff, administrators and parents is student success. Let us all continue to work together to achieve this goal. The Penncrest High School administrative team thanks you for your support and help in maintaining the high standards that are expected within the Rose Tree Media School District and Penncrest High School.

*I am aware that the 2020-2021 Penncrest High School Student/Parent/Guardian Handbook, the RTMSD Student Discipline Code, and the RTMSD Student/Parent/Guardian Athletic Department Handbook are available on the PHS website. I am responsible for reading these documents, reviewing and discussing these publications with my family, and abiding by the expectations that are outlined in the publications. If I need clarification for any part of these publications, I will contact a school administrator for assistance.*

*In particular, I have read and agree to the:*

- *Student/Parent/Guardian Chromebook Loan Agreement*
- *School Board Policy 815, Acceptable Use of Network Resources*

Printed Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Room Teacher/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Students participating in fall activities or sports must return the signed form to the main, guidance or athletic office anytime prior to the start of preseason practices, up to August 12, 2020. All other students are to return this form to their homeroom teacher on the first day of school, or no later than Friday, September 18, 2020.**