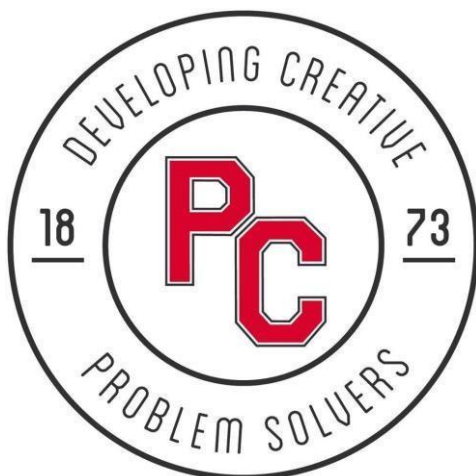


Zebulon High School



STUDENT HANDBOOK

2025-2026

EXPERIENCING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Our Vision:

Providing an educational experience of excellence that values the needs, interests, and talents of all students.

Our Mission:

Developing engaged citizens ready for higher education or the workforce through rigorous learning experiences balanced with creative problem-solving opportunities.

Our Values:

Seek excellence. Take ownership. Invest in others.

Theory of Action:

If we engage students in rigorous learning experiences through coherent and aligned instructional units and high-quality performance tasks, then students will be prepared for employment, enlistment, or enrollment.

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About Our School

Zebulon High School (ZHS) was established to provide additional educational options for the high school students of Pike County Schools. ZHS is a non-traditional high school environment that incorporates flexible daily schedules. The school day is not defined by a bell schedule with specific class periods. Students have the flexibility to master the courses in their individual learning plans at a pace and within a schedule that meets their individual needs. Instruction for Georgia Department of Education approved courses are provided through a blending of online instruction through Edgenuity® and face-to-face instruction provided by teachers employed by Pike County Schools.

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Academic Dishonesty

Any attempt to obtain credit for work done by another is totally unacceptable at Zebulon High School. This includes cheating on tests, copying work of others, copying word-for-word from books, magazines, encyclopedias, technology media, or other acts of plagiarism, (i.e. failing to cite proper documentation or authorship, using someone else's term paper, using electronic devices/internet/other people to translate foreign languages), or other similar activities. Such an infraction may result in discipline, and the student may be required to re-do the assignment. Those assisting in such activities, even if the credit is for another student, are also considered to be in violation of this and can be held responsible.

Furthermore, students at ZHS should not use search engines, web sites, or targeted apps to complete their coursework. Using AI to produce responses or generate responses is also prohibited and considered academically dishonest. All tests and exams must be taken at school, on a school computer, and without a cell phone or other additional electronic device. Repeated infractions (suspected or confirmed) could result in the student being required to return to PCHS.

Academic Progress

ZHS students are expected to earn a minimum of 3 credits per semester (6 courses), but more is generally attainable and expected. As a result, enrollment at ZHS can lead to an early graduation year. Once students complete their graduation requirements, they will graduate unless they are completing their dual enrollment courses.

Attendance

Full Day Attendance. Students are expected to be in attendance for the full school day. Students who check in late or check out early should submit a written note from their parent/guardian explaining their absence. Disciplinary action may be taken against students not in attendance for the full school day for reasons that cannot be excused. **A full school day is defined as the equivalent of three consecutive class periods and part of another period (3.5 hours).**

Board Policy JB: Student Attendance: The parent or guardian shall provide a signed and dated explanation of the student's absence within five school days of the student's return to school. The student's record shall reflect an unexcused absence if a note is not submitted within the five-school day allowance. Notes excusing student absences will be accepted from parents/guardians/healthcare professionals or other governmental agencies (DDS, DFCS, etc.). Absences will be excused with the parent/guardian note for up to five (5) days per year. Absences may only be considered excused if they align with the state approved school absences listed in Board Policy JB Section B. Parents/Guardians of students with seven (7) unexcused absences in a year will be required to attend an attendance conference with the school. Parents/Guardians of students with (10) unexcused absences in a year will have a complaint filed with the school social worker. Parents/Guardians of students with (10) ten unexcused absences in a year will be referred to the Child/Family in Need of Service committee.

Excused Absences. The State of Georgia has established guidelines for excused absences from classes. The following situations, when documented by a proper note, may be excused as reasons for absence, check-outs and check-ins:

- verified illness
- religious reasons - with prior approval
- funerals - death in family
- official Page in the Legislature
- court appearance-documented
- military leave time
- medical appointments - documented

After an absence, a student should give his/her excuse to the attendance office. The student has three days to bring the note, or the absence will be counted unexcused. The principal must approve any exceptions to this policy.

Parental Responsibility When a Student Is Absent From School . When a student is going to be absent from school, the parent/legal guardian should contact the school by telephone. The number for the NGA Main Office 770-567-2960. Please send in a written excuse and/or other documentation of the absence upon the student's return to school.

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Check-Out Procedures. A student who needs to leave campus during the school day should bring a note to the administrator upon arrival at school. The note must include the student's name, reason for dismissal, and time of dismissal. The note must be signed by a parent/guardian and must have a phone number where the parent can be reached for verification. The student will not be allowed to leave campus unless the note is verified. Students should plan to be picked up by parents in front of the main entrance to the school. An email is acceptable with parent ID attached; however, this may be verified as well for authenticity.

1. Once a student checks out, he/she must sign out and leave campus immediately.
2. Once a student has arrived on campus (parking lot or any other school property), he/she may not leave campus without following check out procedures (even if it is before the start of the school day).
3. Georgia law does not permit an open campus; therefore, checking out for lunch is not permitted.

Check-In Procedures. Students should arrive on time daily. Upon arrival to school, students should report immediately to class. Loitering in the bus lane or in a personal car is not permitted.

Computer Use Policy

Pike County Board of Education provides Network and Internet access for the purpose of promoting the use of telecommunication and networking technology as a tool to enhance classroom teaching and learning. All employees and students have access to all network resources, which includes the Internet. Parents may specifically request that their child(ren) not be provided Internet access by notifying the school and Pike County BOE in writing. All use of the network must be consistent with this purpose and be in accordance with this policy in an appropriate and responsible manner. Our goal in providing this service to teachers and students is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication. Pike County Board of Education encourages the use of these media and associated services as a tool to enhance classroom teaching and learning. However, all computer users in Pike County Schools should remember that electronic media and services provided by Pike County BOE are property of the BOE and their purpose is to facilitate and support teaching and learning. All computer users have the responsibility to use these resources in a professional, ethical, and lawful manner. To ensure that all computer users are responsible, the following guidelines have been established for using e-mail, the Internet, personal communication devices, and network resources. No policy can lay down rules to cover every possible situation. Instead, it is designed to express Pike County School's philosophy and set forth general principles when using electronic media and services. All students and employees are required to sign an acknowledgement and acceptance of the Pike County Schools Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) before being allowed access to computers and the network within Pike County Schools.

Software: To prevent computer viruses from being transmitted through the company's computer system, unauthorized downloading of any unauthorized software is strictly prohibited. Only software registered through Pike County Schools may be downloaded. Software Installation Packages from outside the school must be scanned for viruses by an authorized staff member prior to their use on a system computer or the network. **See computers and network Resources AUP policy in the Pike County School System Code of Conduct.*

Obligations: Students who fail to return books and other instructional materials for a class will be responsible for payment of materials not returned. Notices are also sent out for unpaid fees and financial obligations incurred during school (i.e. library fines, rental fees, etc.). Students are responsible for their books, money, valuables, etc., while they are at school. A student should not leave anything of value unattended during the school day. Teachers and staff will not assume responsibility for lost/stolen merchandise on our campus; lockers are made available for rent.

Discipline Guidelines/Student Conduct

The administration, faculty, and staff of ZHS wish to establish a safe, comfortable atmosphere which will ensure that each student can learn and grow as an individual. Each student is expected to control his/her behavior and conduct himself/herself in a mature manner. It is important for students to understand and learn to deal with the consequences of their behavior choices. No student may interfere with the educational process and impede the work of the teachers or other students. Disruptive behavior in any form will not be tolerated. Disciplinary consequences will be administered in a fair and equitable manner, yet progressive in nature as outlined by the Pike County Board of Education Code of Conduct. Please refer to the Code of Conduct for a more comprehensive description of the expectations and processes.

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Student Expectations:

1. Come to school and participate in online learning with active engagement.
2. Work with the teachers to create a goal for graduation and a plan for completion.
3. Advocate for yourself and ask for assistance when needed.
4. Behave in a professional manner with academic success being your purpose.
5. Attend school or be approved to work from home.
6. Remain on track with your plan for completion or be placed on probation.
7. Electronic devices are to be secured during instructional work sessions. Use during these times may result in loss of privileges and other discipline.
8. Do not allow your cell phone or other distractions to jeopardize your education.

Probation:

Student progress will be monitored by teachers to ensure that students are on track for graduation. Students who are not actively engaged and participating in their plan for completion of courses will be placed on probation. The probation period will be a time for the student to focus on their academic success and complete the work needed to be on track for graduation. Students who are not committed to online learning after a probationary period may be reassigned to PCHS in an effort to allow others to participate in this opportunity but were put on the waiting list.

Discipline:

Students are expected to follow the rules and regulations set forth in the PC Code of Conduct and also the ZHS Student Handbook. Because students applied, were accepted, and others put on a waiting list, students should behave in a manner that would allow them to continue the online learning experience. Misbehavior will result in progressive discipline, including OSS and a tribunal hearing.

Dress Code

Pike County School System students are expected to dress and be groomed to reflect neatness, cleanliness, and good taste in preparation for post-secondary life. Student dress should not distract or cause disruption in the educational program or orderly operation of the school. The principal reserves the right to amend any provision deemed to be in the best interest of the student or the educational process. School administrators have final authority in all judgements related to dress.

The following outlines inappropriate dress:

1. Tops: Shirts that show cleavage, midriff, or undergarments, including strapless, halter, racer back, or spaghetti straps (while sitting, standing, or bending)
2. Bottoms: Shorts, dresses, or skirts shorter than mid-thigh. Holes or rips that show skin higher than mid-thigh also aren't allowed.
3. Jeggings and leggings/tights without a top that covers the private areas, front and back
4. Any clothing that defines a student's genital area
5. Exposed undergarments
6. Clothing containing inappropriate theming or language: depiction or references of drugs, tobacco, or sex; suggestive lettering or pictures, violence, signs, symbols, or language which have the effect of disrupting the school's atmosphere.
7. Transparent or mesh clothing without an allowable top or bottom
8. Head coverings that obscure the face or ears (hoods cannot be pulled up on the head)
9. Pajamas and / or house shoes (except on school dress up days); blankets; Every student must wear appropriate undergarments and shoes.
10. Heelys or comparable footwear

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

In an effort to provide our students with 21st Century Skills, we must incorporate new technologies to provide and enhance classroom instruction and a student's educational experience. Therefore, students may Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) at ZHS.

Definition of "Devices". For purposes of BYOD, "Devices" are privately owned wireless and/or portable electronic hand held equipment that includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, portable Internet devices, hand held entertainment systems or portable information technology systems that can be used for word processing, wireless Internet access, image capture/recording, sound recording and information transmitting/receiving/storing, etc.

Internet . Only the Internet gateway provided by the school may be accessed while on campus. Personal Internet connective devices, such as, but not limited to, cell phone hot spots are not permitted to be used to access outside Internet sources at any time.

Security and Damages. Responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. Ninth Grade Academy, its staff, or employees, are not liable for any device lost, stolen or damaged on campus. If a device is lost, stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. It is recommended that skins (decals) and other custom touches are used to physically identify your device from others. Additionally, protective cases for technology are encouraged.

BYOD Student Agreement. The use of technology devices to access educational material is not a necessity or a right, but a privilege. A student does not have the right to use his or her tablet, cellphone or other electronic device while at school without the approval of school personnel. When abused, privileges will be taken away. When respected, they will benefit the learning environment as a whole. Students and parents/guardians participating in BYOD must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct, as well as all Board policies, particularly Internet Acceptable Use (Policy IFBG, IFBG –R1). Furthermore, the student must agree to the following conditions:

- The student takes full responsibility for his or her technology device. The school is not responsible for the security of student-owned technology. Additionally, students are responsible for management, troubleshooting, and technical support of their personal devices. The school/district is not responsible for technical support of or repairs to personal devices.
- The technology must be in silent mode while on school campuses and while riding school buses.
- The technology may not be used to cheat on assignments or tests, or for non-instructional purposes.
- The student understands the technology may not be used to record, transmit, or post photographic images or video of a person, or persons on campus during school activities and/or hours unless authorized by the teacher or administration.
- The student complies with a teacher's request to shut down the computer or close the screen.
- The student acknowledges that the school's network filters will be applied to one's connection to the Internet and will not attempt to bypass them.
- The student understands that bringing on the school premises or infecting the network with a Virus, Trojan, or program designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information is in violation of the AUP policy and will result in disciplinary actions.
- The student realizes that processing or accessing information on school property related to hacking, altering, or bypassing network security policies is in violation of the AUP policy and will result in disciplinary actions.
- The school district has the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.
- The student realizes that printing from personal technology devices will not be possible at school.
- Students may not use school-owned computers/monitors or other equipment to charge their own devices. Damages caused by students ignoring this statement will be responsible for the replacement/repair costs of the equipment.
- Gaming is prohibited on school computers.

Emergency/Demographic Information Forms

It is extremely important that parents regularly update emergency information for the school. In the event of an emergency, quick action to contact a parent is essential. Parental contact on the school's automatic calling system requires up to date contact information. Demographic Information sheets are given to students at the beginning of the semester and must be completed, signed by a parent/guardian, and returned within a week of the start of the semester. Please be sure to notify the school of any changes to your contact information.

Extracurricular Activities

ZHS students are ineligible to participate in GHSA clubs and activities, although they are free to attend any related public performances or contests.

Grades/Graduation Requirements

Students, parents, and guardians should become familiar with the progress monitoring tools and grading procedures within Edgenuity®. Final grades for each course will be entered in Power School and permanently recorded on students' high school transcripts. Progress monitoring will be ongoing, as well as progress reviews with students. Progress reports from Edgenuity® can be sent daily or weekly upon request.

Grade Progressions

| <u>To pass from:</u> | <u>Requires:</u> | <u>To pass from:</u> | <u>Requires:</u> | <u>To pass from:</u> | <u>Requires:</u> |
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| 9 th to 10 th | 5 units | 10 th to 11 th | 11 units | 11 th to 12 th | 17 units |

Grading Scale

A = 90 – 100 B = 80 – 89 C = 70 – 79 F = Below 70

Graduation Requirements

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| English/Language Arts | 4 |
| Mathematics | 4 |
| Science | 4 |
| Social Studies | 3 |
| CTAE, Fine Arts &/or Foreign Language | 3 |
| Health and PE | 1 |
| Electives | 4 |

A minimum of twenty – three (23) units is required for graduation.

Graduation

Graduation ceremonies for Zebulon High School are held jointly with Pike County High School on the athletic field on the designated day. In the event of inclement weather, graduation ceremonies will be delayed in one hour increments. If inclement weather persists, the ceremony will be delayed until the following day at 10:00 a.m. To participate in graduation ceremonies, seniors must have paid all outstanding obligations and completed all state and local requirements published in Pike County Board of Education policies.

Health Care Clinic

ZHS students will have access to a school nurse as needed. When possible, medications should be given at home before or after school hours. The Pike County Schools System's medication policy and procedures will be used to handle all [Type here]

student medications. Medications are kept in a locked cabinet at all times. Students should not attend school with diarrhea, vomiting, and /or elevated temperatures of 100 degrees or higher. Students should not return to school following an illness until they have been without a fever, without fever medication, and have not vomited for 24 hours.

Medications. Medications should be given at home before or after school hours. However, in the event that medications including prescription and over-the-counter medications must be given during school hours an AUTHORIZATION TO GIVE MEDICATION AT SCHOOL FORM must be completed by a parent/guardian and kept by the school nurse in the medication cabinet with the medication. All medications must be in the original labeled container (no baggies, foil, etc.). Your pharmacist will provide duplicate containers upon request. Parents/Guardians must take the medication to the nurse as well as specific instructions before medications can be dispensed at school. Non-prescription drugs, including Tylenol, aspirin, cold remedies, eye drops, and any other over-the-counter medications must also be in the original container and furnished by the parent. Before any student is allowed to carry these items on to school property such as inhalers for asthma, EpiPens for allergic reactions, or glucagons for diabetes an AUTHORIZATION TO GIVE MEDICATION AT SCHOOL FORM must be completed by a parent/guardian. All students not in compliance with the guidelines set by BOE for the distribution of medicines shall be subject to discipline. For more details, see the Pike County Schools Code of Conduct.. Parents should pick up any unused medications on the last day of school. Medications not picked up by the last day of school will be properly disposed.

Head Lice

Students found to be infected with head lice or nits at school will be sent home by the school nurse or by an administrator. Parents are expected to treat the child's hair with an appropriate solution and to remove the dead lice and/or nits. A parent or guardian must accompany the child to school and allow the school nurse to re-examine the student to verify an absence of nits. Two weeks after a child's return to school, the nurse will do a routine reexamination to ensure that the student continues to be free of lice and/or nits.

Parking

Students who drive vehicles to school will park at their own risk and must understand that the school nor the Board of Education cannot be held responsible for the vehicle nor its contents. Students should adhere to the following guidelines and procedures:

1. Students will be allowed to park in the spaces provided in front of the Ninth Grade Academy building.
2. Students will display a parking permit to park.
3. Students will register car/permit with the office. A valid Georgia Driver's license, tag number, and description of the vehicle are required to register for parking.
4. Students will not be allowed to park or drive on the lawn.
5. All vehicles are subject to search if, in the opinion of the administration, reasonable suspicion of a violation of a school rule exists.
6. Neither the school nor any staff member will be responsible for any damage to car locks or batteries if a student or parent makes a request for help.
7. Students will not be allowed to loiter in the parking lot.
8. Drivers will be expected to always yield to pedestrians.
9. Students will be expected not to use tobacco or vapes in any form while on campus. This includes the parking lot and entrance/exit area.

OPEN GATE WEAPONS DETECTION SYSTEM

Pike County Schools have implemented the use of the OpenGate Weapon Detection Systems (WDS) in the Middle School, Ninth Grade Academy, and High School. All students and guests must pass through the WDS as they enter these buildings. Students and guests that trigger the alarm will be required to present whatever article is in their possession that causes the alert. Any item that is inappropriate for school buildings will not be allowed in the building. If possession of the item is a violation of the law, then the school administrator will advise the School Resource Officer who will take appropriate action. Students who attempt to bring a prohibited item onto campus will be subject to school disciplinary action consistent with the Code of Conduct as well as any legal consequences if the item is a violation of the law.

Photos/Videos

Students may be required to have a picture made by a school photographer for identification purposes or school publications. Candid photos and/or video recordings may be made for distribution to local or national media; educational videos or commercials; or published on the Pike County School System's websites or social media outlets. Students may not photograph or record. Students may not take pictures or record videos without permission from the classroom facilitator.

PHOTO OPT OUT. During the year there are many opportunities for students to have pictures and / or information about themselves published (through platforms such as newspapers, newsletters, yearbook, social media, school web site, television, etc.) for the purpose of recognition they may have received, events they have been a part of, and so on. Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), parents have a right to deny the publication of such information about their children. If you wish to opt your student out of inclusion in any of these platforms, please notify the school by returning the Photo Disclaimer sign-off form received in the start of school packet. Failure to submit such a request will be taken as your approval for the publication of your child's picture and other information as described above.

Prom

A Junior/Senior Prom for Zebulon High School and Pike County High School will be held jointly. Students planning to attend the prom should be aware of the following:

1. Prom fees are nonrefundable and not transferable from person to person.
2. All school rules regarding conduct and discipline will be in effect. Be sure that "dates" who are not Zebulon High School students understand they will be subject to all school rules and policies.
3. Students serving ISS or OSS assignments carrying over from Friday to Monday will not be allowed to attend the Prom. A refund for a missed prom due to school discipline will not be provided.
4. Prom is intended for seniors, juniors, and their dates only. Students are allowed to bring only one date/guest. Any student participating in any buying, selling, or exchanging prom admission after the initial purchase, or any type of deception to enable an ineligible student to enter the Prom, will be subject to disciplinary action. This may include exclusion from the Prom.
5. Students who anticipate inviting a guest that is not a student at Zebulon High School or Pike County High School should pick up an application from the administrator. ZHS and PCHS Administration reserves the right to deny admission to prom for non-students at its discretion.

School Detection and Deterrence Program

This program reduces the presence of drugs, alcoholic beverages, abused medications, and weapons on school grounds. Random and unannounced visits, using highly trained detection canines, are escorted/observed by school personnel. Normal inspections include: lockers, gym areas, common areas.

School Resource Officer

The School Resource Officer helps with traffic logistics planning and operation, works with students and faculty in promoting and implementing safe driving programs. They may also serve as guest speakers for classes where their expertise is beneficial, are available for students to discuss problems and questions concerning the law, and help in many other ways. The SRO has the authority to interview students that may be witnesses to an incident without first contacting a [Type here]

parent/guardian. Students that are suspects in illegal activities may be interviewed by the SRO or any other member of law enforcement with a school administrator present. Parent/Guardian will be contacted prior to or during the interview at the student's request. Otherwise, a courtesy call will be made following the interview by the SRO or administrator.

Standardized Testing

Standard tests administered are:

End Of Course Tests (EOC), required: 10th ELA, Algebra, Biology, U.S. History.

PSAT (required in 10th grade), SAT (optional), ACT (optional), Accuplacer (optional) and ASVAB (optional, usually in February)

Advanced Placement (AP) tests - (optional) taken at the end of the course. Passing scores may earn credit at post-secondary schools.

Required tests are given free of charge; optional tests are taken at the student's expense. CTAE/Pathways Completion may be administered during the school year.

Student Safety

Students are expected to treat all people – other students, staff, and visitors, as well as themselves – with respect at all times. Any person who means to harm or humiliate one of our own will be dealt with swiftly. Students should report acts of aggression, hatefulness, or bullying to an adult immediately. There are several avenues for these reports to be made: 1. Verbally tell the first staff member or administrator that you see about the incident you have witnessed or heard about. 2. Visit counseling office and do a written report. 3. Utilize the P3 Campus app/website to make an anonymous report. P3 Campus is an anonymous tip-reporting solution designed specifically for the educational community. P3 Campus is a vital tool in keeping our school and students safe. School community members can report a wide range of concerns, from mental health issues to threats of violence through our P3 Campus mobile app or through any web browser at P3Campus.com. This technology gives administrators and SROs an intuitive interface to manage and share tips in real time. [P3 Link](#)

4. Students should also report to a staff member any person that they see who looks suspicious. As a community, we don't want to live in fear, but we do encourage all members to trust their gut feelings and instincts and report when something is concerning. All doors are closed and locked during the school day (except the Main Entrance), and students should NEVER open a locked door for anyone. Our staff reviews our crisis plan regularly, and we conduct drills, sometimes involving students, with regularity.



Transcripts

When applying to colleges (or for employment), a copy of your transcript is usually required. Your application and transcript may be mailed by the Guidance Office. The first transcript you request is free. Transcripts are provided at no charge for current students.

Upon graduation, students will be given an opportunity to have transcripts sent to various colleges. After graduation, students should visit the Pike County Schools' Website at pike.k12.ga.us and click on the "Transcripts and Verification" button to electronically request transcripts.

Transportation

Buses. Students who need transportation to and from school must ride the school buses that they are assigned to. If a parent would like to request that a student ride home on another bus, that request should be submitted in writing to the administrator at the start of the school day for transportation approval. Upon verification of the request, the student should

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pick up the signed, verified note at the end of the day and present it to the driver of the bus upon entry. **If prior approval process is not followed, students must ride their normal bus or report to the administrator for parent pick up.** In case of extreme emergency, contact the transportation department at 770-567-8992. Glass items and balloons are not allowed on buses at any time.

Cars. Students who drive vehicles to school will park at their own risk and must understand that the school or the Board of Education cannot be held responsible for the vehicle or its contents. A limited number of student parking spaces are available in front of the school. Students must park in the marked spaces. Parking on the lawn or in any other spaces may result in the loss of parking privileges. Information for all vehicles must be on file with the administrator. (See Parking section)

Valedictorian / Salutatorian

Zebulon High School does not designate a Valedictorian or Salutatorian in its graduating classes.

Vending Machines

Use of vending machines is at your own risk. Zebulon High School and Ninth Grade Academy do not issue refunds of product or money. Any form of abuse to these machines will result in disciplinary action as well as repayment of damages incurred to the machine by the student. It is not the responsibility of the school to provide change.

Withdrawing from School

Any student wishing to withdraw from school must have a conference with the administrator who will explain the withdrawal procedure and obtain parental approval and secure parent signature.

Work Permits

Employment certificates for minors between the ages of 15 and 18 may be obtained from the administrator. **Students should expect to wait 48 hours for completion.** ZHS staff cannot honor "on demand" requests. This information must be entered on State Department websites.

Please note that the principal reserves the right to amend any provision in these guidelines deemed to be in the best interest of the educational process.

Any updates or changes to this handbook can be viewed on our website at www.pike.k12.ga.us

STUDENT AND PARENT SIGN OFF SHEET

We (student and guardian) have **received access to (see QR code or school web site) and read** the Zebulon High School Student Handbook; access to the *Code of Conduct* and *Zebulon High School Student Handbook* are available on the website. We understand the Board Policies and School Rules stated in the *Zebulon High School Student Handbook* and *Code of Conduct*. We agree to abide by these policies and rules stated therein.

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have **read** the terms and conditions of the Pike County Schools Computer and Network Resources Student Acceptable Use Policy located in the Code of Conduct. I understand that this is designed for educational purposes and that the Pike County School System has taken precautions to eliminate controversial material. However, I also recognize it is impossible for the Pike County School System to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired on the internet. I hereby give permission for my student to use the School computer and network resources, including Internet services, and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

I agree to abide by the expectations set forth in the BYOD policy of NGA. I understand that any use of personal electronic devices during instructional time on non-BYOD days will result in placement in In-School Suspension (ISS) or Out-of-School Suspension (OSS)

Parent or Guardian (Print Name): _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student (Print Name): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

PHOTO DISCLAIMER / OPT-OUT

During the course of every school year there are many opportunities for students to have pictures and/or information about themselves published (in newspapers, newsletters, social media, yearbook, chorus, or PTO programs, for example) for the purpose of recognition for awards, honors, and/or achievements (honor roll, merit roll, student of the month, contest winners, etc.) they may have received, as well as participation in events. On rare occasions, a television news crew may be on campus and may photograph and/or interview students to show on television. Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), parents have a right to deny the publication of such information about their children. Please sign below indicating your preference about the publication of your child's picture or information.

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____
 Parent / Guardian's Name Student's Name

Do give _____

Do not give _____

My approval for the publication of my child's picture and other information as described above.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Failure to return this form will be taken as an affirmative answer.

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