

Memorandum

To: Dr. Ryan Glaze, Superintendent

From: Craig Leach, Principal, Tipton High School

Date: 6/22/2025

Subject: THS Student Handbook Revisions (2025-2026)

Attached is a summary of the proposed student handbook changes for the 2025-2026 school year.

THS Staff Handbook Changes for 2025-2026

1. Added 'Graduation Participation Statement'. (page 14-15)
 - a. Rationale: The THS administration is seeking to implement an additional graduation ceremony participation requirement to address ongoing concerns with senior attendance and behavior. At this time, participation in the graduation ceremony is the primary measure available to encourage accountability in both areas.
2. Added 'Dual Credit vs. Dual Enrollment' statement. (page 16)
 - a. Rationale: Statement provided for clarity to ensure there are no question what will go onto a high school transcript.
3. Added 'Indiana Diploma Redesign' Statement.
 - a. Rationale: Included to address the new diploma requirements with the incoming freshmen (Class of 2029)
4. Updated 'Student Assessment' to reflect current requirements. (page 21)
5. Added 'Progressive Absence Process: Attendance Conferences'. (page 29)
 - a. Rationale: Adjusts language to reflect percentage based attendance regulation rather than number of days. Allows for administration to use judgement on missed days as the school year moves on. i.e. 7 days of absences in May will be treated differently than 7 days of absence in November. The new language would also allow admin to deny seniors the right to walk in graduation for extreme attendance situations.
6. Restructured and removed redundancy in the "General Misconduct" section. (page 32)
 - a. Rationale: Previous list was repetitive and lacked organization.
7. Updated 'Vaping/ Electronic Cigarettes' Section (page 36)
 - a. Rationale: Replaces old vaping consequence language
8. Updated "Classroom Discipline" Section (page 38-39)
 - a. Rationale: Language updated to match language in Staff Handbook
9. Updated 'Dress and Appearance' section. (page 40-41)
 - a. Rationale: Updates Language
10. Added Tipton Virtual Academy/Tipton Achievement Academy statements under 'Academics' section.