

THIS BOOK BELONGS TO:

NAME

GRADE

MESSAGE FOR ALL STUDENTS

Welcome to Pershing County High School! The staff and faculty at Pershing County High School look forward to working with you to fulfill your educational goals.

Pershing County High School provides a variety of academic courses and extra curricular activities to build your educational foundation. You are encouraged to participate in these activities to the fullest extent. You will reap the benefits of participation equivalent to the energy you put into your studies and activities. This will hold true throughout your life.

So, take advantage of these opportunities and make the most of your high school experience. Begin working as a freshman and continue through your senior year. Strive for excellence in your academic performance and personal life. Nurture attitudes of integrity, dependability, and compassion. You will go far in life and make your family, school, and community proud.

STUDENT BODY OFFICERS

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MISSION STATEMENT

Perseverance, Respect, Intelligence, Determination, Excellence.
Promoting PRIDE in our school through educational and extra-curricular activities to prepare students for a successful future.

BELIFS

Student learning and needs are the primary focus of all decisions impacting the school environment.

A safe and physically comfortable learning environment is enhanced through mutual respect.

The curricular and instructional practices incorporate a variety of learning activities to accommodate differences in learning styles.

Students should demonstrate their understanding of essential knowledge and skills; they need to be actively involved in solving problems and produce quality work.

Students, teachers, administrators, parents and the community share the responsibility for advancing the schools mission.

SCHOOL MASCOT AND COLORS

The school mascot is the Mustang and the official school colors are scarlet and black.

GRADING SYSTEM/CLASS RANK/ GRADE POINTS

A.....90-100% D.....60-69%
B.....80-89% F.....0-59%
C.....70-79% Incomplete (No Credit)

A weighted system is used to provide an incentive to students to pursue a rigorous academic course of study and provide appropriate recognition to those students who demonstrate excellence in the completion of this academic course of study.

Academic classes with weighted computation are:

Algebra II Physics
Spanish II Chemistry
College Prep Math Sociology 101 & 102
English 101 & 102 French 101 & 102
Computer Science II & III
Tech Prep Credit Classes*

Dual credits must be approved by the principal prior to enrollment.

*Student must register with WNC and receive a B to obtain Tech-Prep credit.

Weighted computation: Unweighted computation:
A= 5 D= 2 A= 4 D=1
B= 4 F= 0 B= 3 F=0
C= 3 P=not computed C= 2 P=not computed

Students who meet the Advanced Diploma requirements, which includes passing all High School Proficiency Exams will wear a stole at graduation.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

2010 Graduates

To receive a Standard High School Diploma, each student must complete 23 credits of approved courses and successfully complete the Nevada Proficiency Examinations. Those students who have not passed all of the Proficiency Examinations but have completed the 23 credits of approved courses will receive a **Certificate of Attendance**.

Required Courses:

English.....4 credits	PE.....2 credits
Mathematics3 credits	U.S. History 1 credit
Science2 ½ credits	Health½ credit
Arts/Humanities..1 credit	Computers ... ½ credit**
American Government.... 1 credit	Electives ...7 ½ credits**

** 8 credits if Computer Literacy was not taken in grades 7 & 8

2011 Graduates and Beyond

To receive a Standard High School Diploma, each student must complete 24 credits of approved courses and successfully complete the Nevada Proficiency Examinations. Those students who have not passed all of the Proficiency Examinations but have completed the 24 credits of approved courses will receive a **Certificate of Attendance**.

Required Courses:

English.....4 credits	PE.....2 credits
Mathematics4 credits	U.S. History 1 credit
Science3 credits	Health½ credit
Arts/Humanities..1 credit	Computers ... ½ credit**
American Government.... 1 credit	Electives ... ***
World History.....1 credit	

*** Additional courses or additional core courses to make up the balance of credits required for a total of **24**

CLASS CHANGE POLICY

Requests for class changes are considered during the first week of each semester.

ADVANCED DIPLOMA

Students have the option of working towards an Advanced Diploma. The Advanced Diploma will require the following in addition to the regular graduation requirements, which include passing all the proficiency exams:

A total of 24 credits, with at least a 3.25 GPA, are required for the Advanced Diploma. Specific classes may be required. Check with the high school counselor for specific diploma requirements.

GRADE PLACEMENT

Grade placement is determined by the number of academic credits earned by students. Student will be placed as follows:

Grade 10- a minimum of five academic credits

Grade 11- a minimum of eleven academic credits

Grade 12- a minimum of seventeen academic credits

All High School grade promotions will be made at the end of the academic year.

REPORT CARDS & TRANSCRIPTS

Report cards are issued following each nine-week period. Semester grades are recorded on permanent transcripts, available upon request.

HONOR ROLL

At the end of each nine-week grading period students who have earned a weighted 3.00 GPA or better will be placed on the Honor Roll. Students who have a grade of a D or F will not be eligible for the honor roll for that grading period. Incomplete grades at the time of publication will prevent Honor Roll consideration.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Membership in the National Honor Society is based on outstanding achievement in four areas. Character, Academics, Leadership, and Service. The NHS Committee considers membership from eligible 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. The selection process information is available in the office.

DEFICIENCY REPORT/PROGRESS REPORTS

The Deficiency Report is an evaluation by a teacher to help both the student and the parent understand the reasons for the unsatisfactory scholastic status.

Parents may request a Progress Report at any time by contacting the school office.

EXCUSED ABSENCE

The school attendance officer must be notified by the parent or guardian by phone or in writing within 3 days after the student returns to school. Once 10 or more absences a semester have been accumulated a doctor's or health nurse's verification of illness is required. Also, a student may be denied credit. Unexpected or unusual absences may also be pre-arranged with the principal. Regular school attendance is required. It is the principal's discretion to excuse any absence from school.

TRUANCY: NRS 392.130

A truancy is an unapproved absence for at least one class period.

HABITUAL TRUANT: NRS 392.140

Any student who has been notified as truant three or more times in a school year must be declared a habitual truant and will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE/TARDIES

Any student absent or tardy must obtain a class admittance slip: blue excuses and pink designates unexcused. Even students who are detained by another staff member must go to the office to

obtain an admittance slip. Excessive tardies may result in disciplinary action.

MINIMUM ATTENDANCE

Any student who has accumulated ten (10) absences in any class may receive a failing semester grade for that class.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

The Board of School Trustees, administrators, and teachers are legally responsible for maintaining order and discipline among students (NRS 392.463). The law provides that students who do not comply with reasonable rules may be disciplined which may include suspension or expulsion (NRS 392.467).

In most instances a progressive disciplinary approach will be employed. However, should a violation of rules be of a serious nature, the principal maintains the option to invoke serious consequences.

The violation of the following regulations shall govern all the students of the Pershing County School District with regard to any regular school time, extracurricular activity, inter-curricular, co-curricular school sponsored activity, athletic event, school sponsored club, or other activity wherein school personnel are used in their official capacity as school employees to register, coordinate, chaperone or otherwise supervise such activities described herein within the school, in the classroom, and any other place whether on or off school property.

1. Committing an act designated a crime under the laws of the State of Nevada, or a county or municipal ordinance or any rule or regulations having the force of law, within the jurisdiction where such act occurs.
2. Possessing of firearms or dangerous weapons (NRS 392.466).
3. Malicious or willful damage to school property not limited to but including books, lockers, bulletin boards, etc.
4. Repeated unexcused or unnecessary absence or tardiness from regular school attendance.

5. Willful disobedience to lawful or reasonable request or reasonable demands of the teaching staff an/or any authorized school district employee or personnel.
6. Possession or consumption of any intoxicating liquors or controlled substances, as defined by the laws of the State of Nevada at any applicable function.
7. Appearance at any applicable school function with noticeable or articulable signs of being under the influence of intoxicating liquors or controlled substances.
8. Use of profanity, obscene or abusive language at any applicable school function including but not limited to passing periods, classrooms, sporting events, meetings, etc.
9. Creation and/or possession of any obscene object or material at any school setting or function.
10. Use of any word, sign or gesture, which willfully provokes or attempts to provoke another person to commit a breach of the peace at any applicable school function.
11. Doing any act which would or does impair the health, welfare or safety of any person or persons including said student at any applicable school function.
12. Disruption or any attempt to get others to disrupt any applicable school function, by loud or unusual noises, by tumultuous or offensive conduct, threatening, quarreling or challenging to fight or fighting.
13. Possession or use of tobacco in any form at any applicable school function.
14. Skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, may not be used on campus. Student use of laser pointers is not permitted on campus.
15. All electronic tools and/or toys i.e. PODS, discplayers, Palm pilots, etc. are prohibited in classrooms without specific permission from the supervisor/teacher. Any disruption involving these items can result in immediate confiscation.

BUS BEHAVIOR

Misconduct of students who ride on the bus to and from school and any school event may result in the loss of bus privileges and/or other disciplinary action by the principal.

APPEAL PROCEDURE

If any student desires to appeal any disciplinary decision as determined by the principal, such student shall request a hearing, delivered in writing to said principal within 5 days from the delivery of the principal's written decision. A copy of the appeal procedures can be obtained in the office.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

A student must meet the following criteria to be considered academically eligible to participate in any athletic, (NIAA Regulation 2070), extracurricular or other applicable school function. If an ineligible student is enrolled in a graded class which involves an extracurricular or other school function which is part of the course of instruction for that class, the student may participate. Pershing County High School follows the NIAA "F" Rule.

1. A student must maintain a passing grade in all courses. Progress is checked once every three weeks.
2. If a student receives a failing grade at the three-week check, letters will be sent home and the student will be put on probation for one week. Generally on the Friday of that probationary week or the last day of a school week, if there is still a failing grade, that student will be declared ineligible the following Monday through Saturday.
3. Eligibility check sheets are to be picked up in the office by an ineligible student, to be taken to the teacher of the failing class. If the student is passing, the teacher signs the sheet and the student returns it to the office to be removed from the ineligible list. If the student remains ineligible after the first week of probation, the student may follow the same procedure the second week.
4. A student who remains ineligible during an entire three-week grade check is not entitled to another probationary period.

Such student will remain ineligible until the next three-week grade check.

A student must be in attendance at school for the full school day, as enrolled, in order to practice or participate in any athletic event, extracurricular activity or other applicable school function, except for instances involving extenuating circumstances as approved by the principal. Students who have been suspended from school on a practice or game day will not participate in practice or play.

NIAA ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

The Pershing County High School District has adopted the NIAA's Alcohol Drug policy. The policy contains stringent extra-curricular participation guidelines and consequences vary from a 2-week suspension from participation to a permanent ban on participation while the student is at Pershing County High School. A copy of the policy may be picked up from the Athletic Director or from the office.

INCOMPLETES

A student who has an incomplete grade at the three-week grade check will be placed on the Ineligible List. As soon as the Incomplete is made up, the student is removed from the Ineligible List.

If a student is absent from class, he/she has a minimum of one full school day to make up any tests or assignments missed. Extensions of this practice may be authorized by the teacher.

CHARACTER/CITIZENSHIP ELIGIBILITY

A student is not eligible to represent the school in any interscholastic program if his/her character, citizenship, or conduct reflects discredit on the school. "Conduct which reflects discredit on the school" includes any violation of accepted training rules, use of vulgarity, acts of insubordination,

inappropriate dress, the use and/or possession of tobacco, alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, stealing, vandalism, and other acts contrary to the laws of the state and rules of the school (NIAA Regulation 2070).

Student Dress Code

The requirements are in no way an attempt to silence free expression but to create a productive, uninterrupted, and safe learning environment. Above all, we hope that this code will help our students in preparing for the real world of work. It will also help guide parents when they go out to buy the new school-year wardrobes.

Specific prohibitions and limitations include (but are not limited to) the following:

Condition and Wear of Clothing

- Nothing that distracts or poses a safety hazard
- No holes, rips, or tears that reveal the body

Safety

- No clothing that can pose a potential health or safety problem
- No gloves inside the building; no single glove at any time
- No jewelry or chains that can cause injury
- No hanging chains
- No spiked or studded accessories

Tops/Skirts/Dresses

- Tops must cover the upper and middle torso at all times
- Skirts must cover the lower torso with no skin showing between top and skirt
- Skirts and dresses must be at least mid-thigh in length; no mini-skirts
- No exposed undergarments
- No halter, tank or tube tops; no transparent, half, or muscle shirts
- No exposed shoulders
- No low cut necklines, exposed cleavage, or spaghetti straps
- No pajamas, lounge wear, or bath robes
- Inappropriate tops may not be covered with sheer shirts

Pants/Shorts

- Must cover lower torso with no skin showing between top and pants/shorts
- No exposed undergarments
- No sagging pants or shorts
- No single rolled up pant leg
- No exposed buttocks
- Belt buckle monograms must be appropriate
- No hanging or extended belt lengths
- No unfastened overalls
- No cut-offs
- Shorts must be hemmed and at least mid-thigh in length
- No mini-shorts; no spandex shorts

Head Coverings

- No head coverings or sunglasses worn in the building during school hours (exceptions are made for religious or medical reasons)
- No bandanas (all colors), do-rags (all colors), hairnets, surgical/shower caps, or hair picks at any time on campus or at any school-sponsored event

Footwear

- Proper footwear at all times
- No house slippers

Language/Illustrations on Clothing

- No obscene, vulgar, profane, or derogatory language or illustrations on clothing
- No sexual overtones, or anything that promotes alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gang membership, or violence
- Nothing that may be deemed a safety issue

Gang Attire

All items that have been identified as gang-related by local law enforcement agencies and PCSD school police are prohibited.

These may include but are not limited to:

- No dangling belts
- No chains
- No unfastened overalls
- No sagging pants/shorts
- No single rolled up pant leg

- No hairnets, bandanas, or do-rags (all colors)
- No blue and/or red shoelaces on footwear at any time; other colors may be deemed inappropriate as necessary to protect student safety on campus
- No altered insignias or graffiti
- No jewelry or belt buckles symbolizing any gangs
- No graffiti in or on personal belongings symbolizing any identified gang

Consequences

First Offense

- Parent notified
- Student must change clothing violation
- Student assigned detention
- Student warned of consequences for second violation
- Consequence/conference entered in student discipline documentation

Second Offense

- Parent notified
- Student must change clothing violation
- In-School or Out-of-school Suspension, Saturday school, work crew, or multiple detentions assigned, depending on the consequence available at school site
- Student warned of consequence for third offense
- Consequence/conference entered in student discipline documentation

Third Offense

- Parent notified
- Student must change clothing violation
- Out-of-school suspension assigned
- Warned that any further violations will result in multiple days of suspension
- Consequence/conference entered in student discipline documentation

HARASSMENT

The Pershing County School District will maintain an educational and working environment that is free from harassment and will not tolerate any sexual, verbal, or physical harassment or intimidation of its employees, students, or visitors. It will be a violation of this policy for any employee or student of this school district to engage in any form of harassment of other employees, students, or visitors. A copy of the policy and complaint form may be obtained in the office. Students who disregard the harassment regulation can expect serious consequences up to and including expulsion.

FERPA

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act protects the privacy of student educational records and gives parents access to educational records. A copy of the Act may be obtained in the office.

NOTICE TO NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING PERSONS

You have the right to an English Interpreter at no cost to you to ensure meaningful access to programs and activities. If you would like more information about interpretation and/or translation services or would like to request an interpreter, please call the school
273-2625.

AVISO A LAD PERSONAS QUE NO HABLAN INGLES

Tiene el derecho a un interprete a no costo para usted para asegurar un acceso a nuestros programas y actividades. Si desea mas informacion acerca de nuestros servicios de interpretacion y traduccion o desea un interprete, por favor llame a la escuela
273-2625.

NETWORK/INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The use of the District Network/Internet is a privilege, not a right. Students must sign the Network/Internet Agreement at the beginning of the school year in order to use the school's

Network/Internet System. A copy of the agreement may be obtained in the high school office. Students must follow the Network/Internet Code of Conduct, as summarized below;

1. Access, modify or destroy any hardware or software on their or someone else's account or folders;
2. Access, download, install or play games on the network without staff approval;
3. Send, receive, use, or distribute offensive messages language, pictures, or illegal, or damaging information, or activities;
4. Participate in chat groups.
5. Students may not access email from school courses.

SCHOOL'S WEBPAGE & STUDIO BROADCASTS

The school's webpage is designed and updated by students of Pershing County High School. The purpose of the webpage is to inform students, parents, and the community about general information and activities taking place at Pershing County High School. Current grades, attendance, and teacher comments may be accessed with your Personal Identification Number, which are given out at the beginning of the school year. The personal Identification Number will not be given out over the phone. Students will have the opportunity to publish documents and projects on the World Wide Web. Projects or photos may also be included in any television broadcasting productions. Students' names and other information will not be aired without written parental consent.

VISITORS POLICY

Although visitors are welcomed, for security reasons, all persons must be processed through the main office before entering the corridors or classrooms.

Non-students are not permitted to "hang out" on campus. Visitors must first check in through the office. Students desiring to bring a guest to school must secure a day's Visitor's Pass through the office and accept full responsibility for their guests. The duration of a guest's visit will be determined by the principal. Unauthorized visitors may be cited for trespassing.

IMMUNIZATION

All students' health records are reviewed to insure compliance with NRS 382.435 through 392.448. Students not in compliance must be excluded from school unless a valid medical or religious exclusion is on record.

PHYSICALS AND INSURANCE

All students competing in any athletic program while attending PCHS must comply with NIAA athletic physical screening requirements PRIOR to participating in any practice or competition. Evidence of insurance coverage is MANDATORY prior to any participation in extracurricular activities.

BOOK DEPOSIT

There is a \$10.00 book deposit, which is refundable at the end of the student's senior year once charges for lost or damaged books, school provided supplies, and equipment have been deducted. The basic textbook in each course is provided to each student without charge. However, students may be required to purchase writing utensils, notebooks, and lab materials for some courses. Should the initial \$10.00 deposit become exhausted before the senior year, students will be expected to reinstate the appropriate amount at the beginning of each school year.

STUDENT BODY CARDS

All students will purchase a Student Body Card. These funds help finance student activities throughout the year and becomes admission to all home extracurricular activities.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P.E.) EXCUSES

P.E. is a required course of study at PCHS. In absence of an Individual Education or Section 504 of ADA plan with alternative physical education accommodations, PCSD expects all students enrolled in P.E. to dress out appropriately and participate. Only a healthcare provider such as a doctor or the school health nurse can excuse a student from P.E. participation for a prescribed number of days. If a student secures an excuse,

he/she is still expected to complete an alternative assignment or exercise in partial participation as deemed appropriate by the teacher. Extended medical excuses may result in a change in the course assignments with a direct impact on credit acquisition.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Breakfast and Lunch is available at the Middle School Lunchroom for all students. Lunch forms if needed may be picked up in the office.

CONCESSION STAND

The concession stand at athletic events is run by the various extracurricular activities at Pershing County High School. Funds generated by the concession stand are used to support extracurricular activities. Students involved in these activities are expected to safely participate in the concession stand activities and exercise safety.

STUDENT PARKING

A student with a valid driver's license may park at school in designated student parking areas. Student parking is a privilege which may be suspended or revoked at any time. Vehicles parked illegally may be ticketed or towed at the owners expense. Student may also be subject to further disciplinary action. A complete copy of the parking regulations is available in the office.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The Pershing County School District follows the guidelines and procedures mandated by IDEIA. Parents and students involved in the special education program will work closely with the district's school psychologist, the resource room instructor, and all appropriate special services personnel. Only students found eligible by a multidisciplinary team may participate. English language Learners (ELL) students will be considered for additional services.

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Pershing County High School
Mustangs