

Warlick Academy

Student Handbook

“The Power of Choice”

“Unlock Your Potential”



Home of the

Patriots

2020-2021



A School Of Intervention And Opportunity

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Dear Students:

Welcome to Warlick Academy, home of the Patriots! As you prepare for your academic and personal growth, please know we are a dedicated staff ready to help you unlock your potential.

We encourage you to attend school everyday, show respect to yourself and others, and put your best foot forward inside and outside the classroom. Here at warlick, you will find opportunities to practice success every day. Remember, we are here to take part in your journey.

You and your family are being provided with the Gaston County Student Information Guide. Here you will find a wealth of information including the Student Code of Conduct. Reviewing the student code of conduct will be the first step to achieving your goals.

We are looking forward to building relationships with you and your family as you aspire to greatness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucretia R. Rice".

Lucretia Rice
Principal

Warlick Academy's Vision, Direction, and Beliefs

Our Mission:

Warlick Academy empowering students and cultivating opportunities for lifelong success

Our Vision:

Warlick Academy aspires to create a safe and nurturing learning environment that is tailored to meet the individual social, emotional and academic needs of each student.

Our Direction:

Warlick Academy is striving to prepare students behaviorally and socially to be successful citizens.

Our Beliefs:

Warlick Academy Believes:

- *All students have the potential to be successful and contributing members of society*
- *As professionals, our staff is committed to addressing and meeting students' needs*
- *We consistently provide a safe and orderly environment*

Warlick Academy Guidelines for Students

METAL DETECTION – Students will be called to the detector one student at a time. They will remove their mask, shoes, coat, belt, and jewelry and place items on the table. They will empty pockets when instructed to do so. They will walk through the detector and if an alarm/beep occurs, a second entrance through the detector will be required. If the alarm beeps a third time, students may be searched by appropriate officials (see GCS search protocol). Students will be refused entry into the building if they refuse to comply with staff directions.

MASK: Masks will be required to be worn at all times.

HALLWAY – Students will walk quietly on the right side of the hallway at all times. There will be no physical contact including hugs, fist bumps, high-fives, handshakes, or gang signs.

CLASS CHANGE – Students will follow scheduled times in order to put away materials and remain seated until the teacher gives direction to change classes. Go directly to the next class.

THE CLASSROOM – Each teacher will provide students with the guidelines that will make them successful in their room. The guidelines are created to make a safe and productive learning environment.

RE ENTERING CLASS – Students will return to their class with an escort when released by Administration or other staff members.

BATHROOM – Students will be escorted by Warlick staff to the bathroom at all times. No more than three students will be allowed in the high school bathroom at any given time. Middle school bathrooms are single use. Students will remain quiet, flush the toilet and place any trash in the trash can. Students will wash hands and return to the hallway while bathrooms are inspected.

CAFETERIA– Warlick Staff will call each class to the cafeteria at the appropriate time. After receiving their lunch students will line up against the wall and wait for teachers instructions to return to class.

WARLICK ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Before bus transportation is provided, students and parents must read and sign the bus guidelines.

ENTERING SCHOOL

School Supervision begins at 7:45 a.m.

All students arriving to school will enter through the west entrance of the school (middle school side). Students will walk through the breeze way to begin the check in process.

LEAVING SCHOOL

If it is necessary for a student to leave school before 3:00 p.m., the parent/guardian must come to the office to check the student out. Upon being called to the office for dismissal, the student will be escorted from the classroom to the office. Before leaving, the student must be signed out in the office.

STUDENT DROP OFF

Car riders- Students must be **dropped off** at the west entrance of the school.(middle school side). *Please follow instructions provided by the adult on duty. This individual is there to facilitate the safety of all students and adults.*

Bus riders- All buses will drop off students on the west entrance of the school (Middle School side). *Please follow instructions provided by the adult on duty. This individual is there to facilitate the safety of all students and adults.*

STUDENT PICK UP

Car riders - Prior to dismissal, all car riders will be escorted to room 20. Students picked from the west entrance of the school from classroom 20.

Bus riders - *All Buses will load on the High School Gym side. Front office will call each bus (one at a time). When the bus number is called, students will be dismissed from their 4th block class and follow hallway procedures.*

School bus transportation is provided to all students who comply with the Gaston County Rules for Bus Riders. Students are expected to follow the directions of the bus driver and bus monitors at all times. Failure to follow the directions of any adult involved in bus supervision or the bus driver will result in student discipline and quite possibly in the loss of bus riding privileges.

GCS Board of Education

Attendance Policy

Gaston County Schools Board of Education adopted a new attendance policy for the 2011-2012 school years. Students and parents will find this policy in the Student Code of Conduct on pages, 22-29. The school year is 180 days. Middle School students have only 12 absences, including excused and unexcused. High School students may have up to 10 absences per semester

WARLICK ACADEMY adheres to the GCS STUDENT CODE of CONDUCT along with the following restrictions:

- **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

All electronics, including headphones and cell phones, are prohibited at Warlick Academy!

Students bringing any electronic devices to school will be relieved of the item(s). If a student does not comply with this mandate, the device will be placed in the office and a parent/guardian will be required to pick the item up from the office.

- **DRESS CODE**

Students are to comply with dress code expectations each day of school. Students who choose not to meet the dress code will not be permitted into their class, and/or the cafeteria. Warlick Staff will call home for appropriate attire to be brought to the school. (See Dress Code Guide in folder)

Warlick Academy is an academic setting where respect and dignity are a priority. Each student is expected to maintain an appearance that is neither distracting to other students nor disruptive to the educational environment or the safe and healthy climate of schools. Teachers and administrators recognize that the responsibility for the dress and appearance of students rests with individual students and their parent(s)/guardian(s). The following restrictions on dress and appearance shall be enforced:

- Skirts, dresses and shorts of appropriate length are permitted. This translates to these items not being more than 4 inches above the top of the knee. Wearing leggings or tights under the clothing does not negate this policy.
- Midriff must be covered with clothing. Clothing with rips, tears, and/or holes above the knee is considered unacceptable for school.
- Pajamas and bedroom shoes are considered unacceptable for school.
- The wearing of hair combs and picks, hats, caps, bandanas, scarves, any type of headwear or sunglasses applies to males and females and is prohibited. These items brought to school will be confiscated and must be picked-up by parent.
- Jewelry is permitted with the exception of large, heavy chains, medallions or rosaries. No jewelry with spikes, gang signs or symbols, weapons, explicit language, and drug or alcohol symbols are allowed. ALL Jewelry must come off to go through metal detection. Limit the amount so as not to slow the metal detection process down.
- No style of clothing (or the manner in which it is worn) may expose undergarments or create a distraction or disturbance in school. Bra straps and bra backs are to be covered with clothing.
- Any clothing accessory considered to be a safety hazard is prohibited. Any clothing that displays sexually explicit words or drawings, alcohol, drugs, weapons, drug or gang symbols are not allowed to be worn at Warlick Academy. No Chicago Bulls attire.
- Students are responsible for picking up personal any prohibited items brought to campus.

SCHOOL'S RIGHT TO SEARCH

- Desks or storage places provided for student use are, and remain at all times, property of the Gaston County Schools. These areas and the contents, therefore, are subject to a random search at any time, pursuant to school board policy.
- Warlick Academy conducts daily Metal Detection and frequently will conduct random classroom searches. This is a proactive effort to maintain a safe learning environment for all members of the Warlick Academy.
- Administrators are authorized to conduct reasonable inspection of school property or of students and items brought upon school grounds, including vehicles, when there is reasonable cause to believe that a student may be in possession of evidence that a law or a school rule has been violated. Contraband may be seized by administration.

COMPUTER USE POLICY

Students are required to follow the computer use policy that is outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. Both students and parents have signed the GCS Responsible Use Policy for Internet use. Students who are found to be in violation of these policies, including visiting inappropriate websites, accessing blocked sites and visiting social networking websites such as (MySpace, Facebook, Instagram, FaceChat, and Twitter are subject to the following disciplinary actions:

- First violation-Verbal warning
- Second violation-Parent notification and conference with principal or principal designee
- Third violation-Suspension of internet use for 2 weeks
- Further violations will result in termination in internet and computer use and will also result in a 3 day suspension

CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM

Academic infractions involving any form of deception will result in academic and possible disciplinary consequences. Use of a cell phone during a testing is considered deceptive. Cheating is defined as giving or receiving information on any material in a manner contrary to the teacher's instructions. Plagiarism is defined as stealing or passing off the ideas or words of another as one's own. Consequences when a student is caught cheating or plagiarizing:

- The student will receive a "zero" on the assignment
- The teacher will notify the parent/legal guardian
- Upon a 2nd occurrence, the student will be referred to an administrator for disciplinary action.

SCHOOL RELATED FUNCTIONS

Students attending a school-related function will not be counted absent. School related functions are school field trips or school-initiated and scheduled activities. These students will be held responsible for making up work missed. The teacher will determine when work is to be made up. The student is responsible for finding out what assignments are due and completing them within the specified time period.

SPORTS

Students are not allowed to play sports for their home school while enrolled at Warlick Academy.

DRIVER EDUCATION

Driver Education will occur at the home school with permission from the home school principal. Warlick Academy is not responsible for driver education. Student and guardian must contact the home school.

AMBASSADORS

Warlick Ambassadors are students who are passing their classes, have no major referrals, good attendance and no suspensions. Ambassadors have more privileges while on campus. The principal will review the application for ambassador status and make a decision after gathering all student information.

COMMUNICATION

Students and parents are encouraged to make contacts with the teachers and other school staff as often as necessary. We need to develop a partnership with each other to benefit all people involved, especially the student. Students and parents/guardians are encouraged to speak to support staff (counselors, mental health clinicians, school social worker, educational support specialist, student intervention coordinator, nurse, or principal when they have questions or concerns. The Warlick Staff is committed to assisting students with setting their goals and achieving them.

CAFETERIA PRICING

Breakfast & Lunch are free to students while at Warlick Academy. Students may bring up to \$5 daily to purchase additional food items. Students may place money in an account for future purchases.

NEXCHECK

Your Check is Welcome. Gaston County Schools recognizes that occasionally a parent may inadvertently overdraw a checking account and a check may be returned by your bank. In order to recover these funds in a private and professional manner, the Gaston County School system has contracted with Nexcheck, LLC for collection of returned checks. Checks should be written on a commercially printed check with your name, address, and a contact telephone number. When a person writes a check to a school or the School System, he or she agrees that if the check is returned for any reason, it may be represented electronically on the same account, and that the Service Fee for returned checks established by law may be debited from the same account. If the check and fees are not collected electronically, Nexcheck will contact the check writer by mail and/or by telephone to make payment arrangements. All payments need to be made directly to Nexcheck, P.O. Box 19688, Birmingham, AL 35219. For a convenience fee, payments of both check and fee may be made electronically at www.nexcheck.com or over the phone (800-639-2435) using a credit card, debit card or electronic check.

**Warlick Empowering Students
And Cultivating Opportunities for Lifelong Success**

