

WARLICK ACADEMY

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Home of THE



2023-2024

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A School Of Intervention And Opportunity

Dear Students:

Welcome to Warlick Academy, home of the Patriots! I am excited to join the Warlick family this school year. 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 Warlick Academy Student Handbook as well as the Gaston County Schools Student Code of Conduct. These documents will set the course of achieving a successful school year together.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Smith".

Ryan Smith
Principal

Warlick Academy

Our Mission:	<i>Warlick Academy empowering students and cultivating opportunities for lifelong success.</i>
Our Vision:	<i>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.</i>
Our Direction:	<i>Warlick Academy is striving to prepare students behaviorally and socially to be successful citizens</i>
Our Beliefs:	<i>Warlick Academy believes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>All students have the potential to be successful and contributing members of society</i>• <i>As professionals, our staff is committed to addressing and meeting students' needs</i>• <i>We consistently provide a safe and orderly environment</i>

Warlick Academy Guidelines for Students

ENTRANCE SCREENING / METAL DETECTION – Each school day, students will take part in an entrance screening as part of our school safety and security measures. Students will be called to the check-in table one student at a time. They will remove their hoodie/ jacket, shoes, coat, belt, and jewelry and place items on the check-in table. Students will empty their pockets and place items in the screening bowl when instructed to do so. The removed clothing and items placed in the screening bowl will be searched. The student will stand with feet apart and arms out from their sides, as trained Warlick staff members complete a pat down screening. The student will walk through the metal detector as a second step in the entrance screening process. If an alarm/beep occurs, a second entrance through the detector will be required. If the alarm beeps a third time, appropriate officials may search students (see GCS search protocol).

Students will be refused entry into the building if they refuse to comply with staff directions or if they cannot pass through this entrance screening process of both a pat-down and metal detection. If a student is denied entry to the building, the parent will be responsible for picking up their student at Warlick to transport them home for the day.

SCHOOL'S RIGHT TO SEARCH

- Desks or storage places provided for student use remain property of the Gaston County Schools at all times. Therefore, according to school board policy, these areas and contents are subject to a random search at any time.

- Warlick Academy conducts an intensive daily Metal Detection for all students and frequently conducts random classroom searches. This is a proactive effort to maintain a safe learning environment for all members of the Warlick Academy.
- Administrators and designees are authorized to conduct a 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 have evidence that a law or a school rule has been violated. Contraband may be seized.

HALLWAY – Students will always walk quietly on the right side of the hallway when transitioning throughout the building. There will be no physical contact, including hugs, fist bumps, high-fives, handshakes, gang signs, etc.

CLASS CHANGE – Students will follow classroom procedures to put away materials and remain seated until the teacher gives directions to change classes. Students will quietly proceed directly to the next class on the right side of the hallway/breezeway.

THE CLASSROOM – Teachers will provide students with the procedures and guidelines to help them succeed in the classroom. The procedures and guidelines are created to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.

RE-ENTERING CLASS – When released by Administration or other staff members, students will return to class with an escort. Students should re-enter the class quietly and avoid causing a disruption.

BATHROOM – Students will always be escorted by Warlick staff to the bathroom. One student will be allowed in the bathroom at any time. Students will remain quiet, flush the toilet, and place any trash in the trash can. Students will wash their hands, return to the hallway, and wait quietly while Warlick Academy Staff inspects bathrooms.

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

Students can arrive and be dismissed from school by car/van or by bus transportation. Before bus transportation is provided, families must complete the Warlick Bus Rider Form for 2023 - 2024 online. The form can be found by [clicking the link here](#). Parents/Guardians must read and sign the bus guidelines. The Lead Bus Driver will contact you within two school days of completing the form to set up transportation and give you bus stop and time information. Students may not begin riding until this phone call is received and bus rider information has been confirmed.

ENTERING SCHOOL

All students arriving at Warlick will enter through the west entrance (middle school side) of Warlick. Students can be dropped off starting at 8:10am. No student can be dropped off before 8:10am. Students will walk through the breezeway to begin the check-in process.

LEAVING SCHOOL

If it is necessary for a student to leave school before 2:30 p.m the parent/guardian must have the student **picked up by 2:00 pm**. He/She must come to the front office to check the student out **and must present a Photo ID before student/s are released**. Students can not be checked out between 2:01 pm -2:30 pm unless authorized by Warlicks Administration.

Upon being called to the office for dismissal, the student will be escorted from the classroom to the office.

STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP

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

Students will be picked up from the West Entrance(Middle School building) of the school.

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

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 possibly in the loss of bus riding privileges.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Gaston County Schools Board of Education Policy #3480 outlines student attendance. Students and parents can find this policy in the Student Code of Conduct. For middle school students, only 12 absences, including excused or unexcused are permitted each school year. 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:

[2023-2024 GCS Student Code of Conduct](#) (click link)

Students also received a hard copy of the 2023 - 2024 Gaston County Schools Student Code of Conduct during the first week of school to bring home. If you are new to Warlick Academy, a hard copy is given to you at your Onboarding Appointment.

- **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

All electronics, including headphones(earbuds) and cell phones, are prohibited at Warlick Academy.

Students bringing electronic devices to school will have the item(s) confiscated and placed in the front office. Warlick Staff will contact the parent/guardian for the required pickup from the Warlick Academy front office. The Warlick Staff will not return the electronic devices to the student. They will only be given to the parent/guardian, who must present a Photo ID for pickup.

- **DRESS CODE**

Students must comply with dress code expectations each school day. 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.

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 school. 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 means these items are not more than 4 inches from the bottom of the knee. Wearing leggings or tights under the clothing does not negate this policy.

- The midriff (the region of the front of the body between the chest and the waist) must remain covered with clothing. Pants with rips, tears, and/or holes above the knee are permissible, however must be covered by an additional layer of clothing (i.e. biker shorts, gym shorts, leggings, etc.).
- Pajamas (tops and/or bottoms) and bedroom shoes are considered unacceptable for school, and will not be allowed to enter Warlick Academy.
- The wearing of hair combs and picks, hats, caps, bandanas, scarves, and any type of full head covering, or sunglasses is prohibited. These items brought to school will be confiscated and must be picked up by parents from the front office (Must Show Photo ID). The Warlick Staff will not return items to the students.
- Clothing that displays sexually explicit words or drawings, profanity, alcohol, weapons, drugs, or gang symbols is unacceptable and prohibited from being worn on the property of Warlick Academy.
- Jewelry is permitted except for 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.
- No clothing style (or how 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.
- Parents are responsible for picking up any prohibited items brought to campus by their students. The administration at Warlick will not return the prohibited items to the student. (Must show Photo ID before items can be released).

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 possible termination in internet/computer use and/or administrative consequence.

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 include school field trips or school-initiated and scheduled activities. These students will be held responsible for making up missed work. 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

PLEASE READ:

Warlick Academy Students are **NOT** allowed to attend any events at their home school or any Gaston County Schools locations except Warlick Academy.

Events may include but are not limited to sporting events, concerts, Parent Nights, Open House, or events of siblings.

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. Students and guardians 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 contact with 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 students. 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.

We're excited to inform you that our meal payments portal, TITAN Family Portal, has been upgraded to LINQ Connect. There's no need to change your username and password. All your information will be transferred to the new app. Here are some exciting upgrades to enjoy:

- A simple, fresh look allows for better accessibility
- An interactive dashboard to view all family members in one profile
- A resource center to access help guides
- Streamlined menus help you see more with fewer clicks.

Visit your app store and find "LINQ Connect" available in the Google Play Store now and the Apple store available soon to download the new app and enjoy these new features. Just log in with your existing username and password. If you use a browser, visit LINQConnect.com to log in. If you don't use our online meal payments portal, LINQ Connect allows you to set up one time or recurring payments for your student's meal. You can also view previous transactions, set spending limits, transfer funds between students, set low-balance notifications and more. It's an easy way to manage meal payments without the hassle of sending money.

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





Warlick Academy Student Signature Page

I have received the 2023 - 2024

- Warlick Academy Student Handbook,**
- Gaston County Schools Code of Student Conduct,**
- and the Gaston County Grading Procedures.**

**I have read and understand that I am expected to follow all
the guidelines set forth by
Warlick Academy and Gaston County Schools.**

I have received instruction in digital citizenship, including
online safety and cyberbullying as well as the Gaston County
Schools Responsible Use Policy.

Student Name (print)	
Date	_____ / _____ / 20 _____
Student Signature	
Grade / Homeroom Teacher	