



Bell Schedule - 2023-2024

Block Schedule 7th-9th

1st Block	8:00-9:48
Break	9:00-9:18
2nd Block	9:52-11:18
3rd Block	11:21-1:21
Lunch	12:06-12:30
4th Block	1:24 - 2:15(Girls)
4th Block	1:24-2:45(Boys)

Block Schedule 10th-11th

1st Block	8:00-9:30
Break	9:30-9:48
2nd Block	9:52-11:18
3rd Block	11:21-12:55
Lunch	12:55 - 1:21
4th Block	1:24 - 2:15

*Seniors Dismissed at 12:40

Pep-Rally / Chapel / Assembly Schedule 7th-9th

1st Block	8:00-9:48
Break	9:00 - 9:18
Assembly / Pep-Rally / Chapel	9:50-10:20
2nd Block	10:23-11:35

3rd Block	11:37-1:21
Lunch	12:06-12:30
4th Block	1:24-2:45 (Boys) 1:24-2:15(Girls)

Pep-Rally / Chapel / Assembly Schedule 10th-11th

1st Block	8:00-9:30
Break	9:30-9:48
Assembly / Pep-Rally / Chapel	9:50-10:20
2nd Block	10:23-11:35
3rd Block	11:37 - 12:55
Lunch	12:58-1:21
4th Block	1:24-2:15

*Seniors Dismissed at 12:40

Marshall Academy Faculty and Staff
2022-3023

Administration and Office Staff

Jason Taylor	Head of School
Linda McKinney	Guidance Counselor
Wesley Harris	High School Principal
Lacy Tollison	Administrative Assistant
Patty Lusby	Bookkeeper
Ben Durham	Athletic Director; Head Football
Dustin Skelton	Grounds / Baseball

Elementary Faculty

Brandy Gray	3K
Alma McDoniel	3K Aide
Susan Minor	4K
Harriet Caldwell	4K Aide
Bronwyn Clanton	Kindergarten
Rachel Taylor	Kindergarten
Meghan Buechner	First Grade
Donna Allred	Second Grade
Caitlyn Bray	Third Grade
Cassie Taylor	Fourth Grade
Jennifer Knox	Fifth Grade
Karen Churchill	Sixth Grade
Amanda McCord	Art / Computer
Carleigh Cook	Music / Library
Kim Johnston	Aide
Brady Burse	Lower Elementary PE/ Football/ Baseball

Upper School Faculty

Melanie Cheesman	Fine Arts / JH English / Yearbook
Jeff Dalton	Business / Boys Basketball
Pooja Desai	Science
Holly Erwin	JH Science
Anissa Loya	Spanish / JH History / JH Study Skills
Mike Hearn	JH Girls Basketball / Golf
Kevin Massengill	Math
Dwana McAlexander	JH Math
Bradley Palmer	Social Studies / Health
Ethan Paquin	English
Kim Shelton	Computer
Ali Todd	English / Health / Student Council

Courses Offered in Grades 7-8

English Language Arts
Earth Science
Life Science

Civics
American History
Mathematics

Creative Writing
Athletics / PE
Computer 1

Mississippi History*
Study Skills / Life Skills

Pre-Algebra*

Computer 2*

*Courses that earn a High School Credit and figure into a student's GPA

Courses Offered in Grades 9-12

(All Courses earn an academic credit except ACT Prep)

English 9, 10, 11, 12	Biology	Psychology
Honors English 10, 11, 12	Anatomy & Physiology 1	Sociology
Advanced Composition	Anatomy & Physiology 2	Street Law
Speech	Chemistry	Personal Finance
Algebra 1, 2, 3	Physics	Computer Applications
Advanced Math	Health	Accounting
Geometry	Spanish 1, 2	Business / Consumer Math
World Geography	Fine Arts	ACT Prep
American History	Economics	American Government
Life Skills	Study Skills	Yearbook
Creative Writing		

Marshall Academy Graduation Requirements

English	4 units
Mathematics	4 units (must inc. Algebra 1, Geometry, & Algebra 2)
Science	4 units (must inc. Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, and Chemistry; transfer students may include Zoology and Genetics)
Social Studies	4 units (must inc. World History, Am. History, Am.Gov / Econ)
Computer	1 unit
Electives	5 units (must inc. Spanish & World Geography)
Arts	1 unit
	*23 Academic Units

Marshall Academy also offers dual enrollment credits, partnering with Northwest Mississippi Community College where students can receive college credit while in high school. The courses offered but not limited to College Algebra, Trigonometry, Statistics, English Composition 1, English Composition 2, and Oral Communications. Only students meeting the requirements for admission by NWMCC will be eligible.

Extended School Year

If a student earns between a 60-69 in a subject as the final average they may attend an extended school year at Marshall Academy.

Promotion

In grades 7 and 8, a student must pass five of the six subjects to be promoted to the next grade. For any student who fails one subject, summer school or extended school year is highly recommended. For a student who fails two or more subjects, summer school or extended school year is required for promotion.

Secondary Classification of Students

A student must have an average of 70 or above to receive credit for any secondary course. Students will be placed in grades according to the number of major units of credit earned:

10th Grade: 6 credits

11th Grade: 12 credits

12th Grade: 17 credits

The classification of “senior” does not automatically qualify a student as a candidate for graduation, nor does an academic classification ensure athletic eligibility.

Summer School Credits

Summer School credits from any other school or program must be pre approved by the administration of Marshall Academy.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian Selection and Honor Graduates

The following criteria will be used in determining valedictorian, salutatorian and honor graduates:

To be considered for valedictorian, salutatorian or an honor graduate, a student must be enrolled in the highest honors program. The student must complete the first and second semesters of their junior and senior years at Marshall Academy to be considered for valedictorian or salutatorian.

Students who have maintained a 90+ OVERALL GPA on their final transcript will be recognized as an Honor Graduate and receive a gold cord. Students who have maintained a 94+ Overall GPA on their final transcript will be recognized as a High Honor Graduate and receive a gold cord and gold tassel.

The class rank will be based on final numerical grades in all high school credit subjects which award academic credit. The final rank is based on 8 semesters, beginning with the student's 9th grade year.

** All high school credit courses taken in 7th-8th grades will be factored into this final average.

All Honor courses will be weighed at 1.025. The weighted grade is shown in the cumulative GPA and rank in the class.

Grading System

Nine-weeks: The marks for daily recitations, homework, projects, and tests are combined to determine each nine-weeks grade.

Semester: Each nine-week's grade counts 2/5 and the semester exam 1/5 of the semester grade. Each semester average counts ½ of the final grade.

Grading Scale - Marshall Academy is in the 10 point grading scale, but no Ds are given. Anything under a 70 is considered an F.

A 100 – 90

B 89 – 80

- C 79 – 70
- F Below 70

Examinations and Exemptions

Students in 7-12 who have a 90(or above) average for the final grade in a course will be exempt from the final exam in that subject. No student will be exempt from exams if he/she has served an in-school or out-of school suspension.

Weekly Progress Reports

Marshall Academy currently utilizes FACTS a web-based student data and information system, which allows parents to be informed of attendance, grading, and student progress. Families need to set up a parent portal at www.factsmgt.com (school code MAH-MS) to allow instant access to student schedules, grades, assignments, and daily / weekly student progress. Weekly progress reports are emailed to parent's email every Sunday @5:00 pm.

Headmaster's List

The Headmaster's List consists of students in grades 7-12 who have an overall average of 94 or above at the end of each grading period. This list is featured on the school Facebook page and in the local newspaper.

Principal's List

The Principal's List will consist of those students in grades 7-12 who have an overall average of 90 or above at the end of each grading period. This list is featured on the school Facebook page and in the local newspaper.

Students of the Month

Each month, a lower elementary, upper elementary, junior high, and high school student will be selected as a student of the month by the teachers and administrators. These students will be recognized by the guidance office.

Report Cards and Progress Reports

Report cards are issued at the end of each nine-weeks grading period in grades 7th-12th. The following grading scale is used:

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

A link for student's weekly progress is emailed each Sunday at 5:00pm. Please make sure you have created a parent portal for our SIS FACTS system at www.factsmgt.com (school code MAH-MS). Parents may schedule a parent / teacher conference at any time through the school office to discuss academic progress of their child.

Student Council Elections

Student Council Elections for the high school/junior high school will be held yearly during early May.

To be eligible to run for Student Council, students must:

- 1) Sign-up in the office and pick-up a petition.
 - 2) Complete a petition, signed by students and teachers, & submit it to Mrs. Ali Todd by Friday, May 3.
 - 3) Have an overall “86” average.
 - 4) Be registered for the upcoming school year.
- Representatives: Each class will have two representatives in grades 7-12.
 - President: He or she must be a member of the senior class and have served on the student council in the past. The student council president and the senior class president can not be the same person.
 - Vice President: He or she must be a member of the junior class for the school year and served on student council in the past.
 - Treasurer -He or she can be a member of the junior or senior class for the school year and served on student council in the past.
 - Secretary: He or she can be a member of the sophomore, junior, or senior class for the school year.
 - Reporter - He or she can be a member of the 7th, 8th, or freshman class for the school year.

Class Officer Elections

To be eligible to run for a class officer position

- 1) Students must sign-up with the class sponsor.
- 2) A candidate must have an “86” average for the current school year.
- 3) A candidate must be registered for the upcoming school year.

Class Officers include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter

Beta Club

Marshall Academy is a member of the National Beta Club. The school has two chapters of Beta Club. The Jr. Beta Club is made up of students in 7th-8th grade. The Sr. Beta Club is made up of students in 9th-12th Grade. An annual induction ceremony is held during the Spring Semester. In order for students to be inducted into the National Beta Club, students 7-11 must have an OVERALL 88 average with no semester grade under an 83. To be inducted into the National Beta Club as a senior, a student must have an OVERALL 90 average with no semester grade under an 83 at semester. Beta Club members can be placed on academic probation when a semester grade drops below an 83. Beta Club members can lose membership when they have a semester grade below an 83 for 2 consecutive semesters.

Testing

Marshall Academy participates in the STAR testing program in grades 1-9. Students are assessed four times per year to measure their progress in Math and Reading. Students in 10-12 are offered the School Day ACT in both September and March.

Grading Policies

A reasonable amount of homework is expected of students at Marshall Academy. All homework is given as reinforcement, enrichment, or preparation for classroom lessons and is an essential part of our academic program. Students are expected to complete daily

assignments and homework and turn them in on a timely basis. Failure to do so will result in a grade penalty. Grades 7-12 will have grades posted to the parent portal of our student information system. Parents should set-up parent portals at www.factsmgt.com (school code MAH-MS) to monitor the progress of their student(s).

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parents are cordially invited to visit the school and talk with the administration, by prior appointment, concerning the work of their child. Conferences with administration and teachers may be arranged by calling the school office to schedule an appointment. Parents can also communicate with teachers by email. Teacher email addresses can be found on the school website. Please make every effort not to call the teacher after school hours.

Guidance Services

Marshall Academy employs a full-time guidance counselor who maintains student records, works with the scheduling of students, supervises testing programs, and provides academic, vocational, and personal counseling.

Attendance Regulations

Daily school attendance is essential to the educational success of each student. Students are expected to be in school and in class on time in order to receive full benefit from the instructional programs here at Marshall Academy. Parents are expected to notify the school when their child is absent.

Attendance is very important with block scheduling. One (1) class period missed with block scheduling is equivalent to two (2) days in a traditional class school. Two (2) days of work is missed with each day of non-attendance; therefore, a student is only allowed four (4) unexcused absences each quarter.

A student who is absent more than four (4) unexcused days within a 9-week period on block scheduling will NOT receive a passing grade for the grading period. Students with reasonable reasons for excessive absences may appeal their grade through the Attendance Appeals process.

Each of the following shall constitute an excused absence:

- Illness or injury which prevents the student from being physically able to attend school. Must include a doctor's note for the absence to be documented as excused. If a student has had a fever or is vomiting they should be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Death or serious illness of a member of the immediate family, which includes grandparents, parents, brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, and stepsisters.
- A medical or dental appointment documented with the proper excuse from the attending physician/dentist upon return to school.
- Seniors receive 2 excused absences for college visits.
- Students who miss class to represent MA in approved extracurricular activities such as athletic events and other functions, will not be penalized for their absence.

Marshall Academy Discipline Policy

Grades 7 – 12 (and elementary, where applicable)

Good discipline is a necessary prerequisite to a sound education, discipline procedures will be utilized to help ensure that students correct inappropriate behaviors. The administration, faculty, and staff will insist on good behavior from all students. Violation of school regulations and disruptive behaviors negatively affect our school environment.

In every discipline case, the student will receive appropriate counseling and encouragement to improve behavior. Discipline will be handled by faculty members, with extreme cases being referred to members of the school administration. Written disciplinary reports may be used to report inappropriate behavior or violation of school regulations to parents. Detention, which takes priority over any other activity, will be held at 7:15 am, as needed. In-school and/or overnight suspension will also be held on an as-needed basis. Corporal punishment will be administered at the discretion of the headmaster. At the discretion of the headmaster, out-of-school suspension may be given, depending on the severity of the misconduct.

The following will not be permitted:

1. Constant class disruption
2. Inappropriate behavior in the halls, classrooms, cafeteria, or any other area of the campus (including vehicles) This includes unacceptable language.
3. Continual harassment towards another student
4. Blatant misuse of or damage to school property or equipment (any damage will require restitution)
5. Violation of dress code
6. Inappropriate display of affection
7. Skipping class or leaving campus without permission
8. Having any form of alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substance on school grounds or at school-sponsored events
9. Profanity or disrespect towards faculty or staff
10. Cheating --including, but not limited to the following:
 - Plagiarism
 - Giving or receiving assistance on work
 - Copying answers from another's work, whether graded or not
 - Allowing another to copy from one's work, whether graded or not
 - Correcting incorrect answers on daily work or tests
 - Looking on another's paper for answers, or to confirm an answer
 - Preparing or possession of a "cheat sheet" for use on an assignment

- Discussing contents or formats of tests already taken
- Looking in a teacher's book for answers

11. Fighting

12. Any other behavior not listed which endangers students and/or faculty of Marshall Academy

Possession of Drugs or Weapons

Marshall Academy has adopted a zero tolerance policy concerning possession or distribution of any type of unlawful controlled substance on school premises or any school-sponsored activity away from school. In addition, Marshall Academy has a zero tolerance policy concerning any form of weapon on school grounds (including weapons in vehicles) before, during, or after school. This policy is in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi concerning school violence. Weapons defined as hand-guns, rifles, or any type of knives, or any object that the school deems inappropriate. No student is to have any weapon in his/her possession during school hours or at any type of school activity. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in immediate expulsion from Marshall Academy. MA Emergency and Crisis Management Plans are available in the school office.

Marshall Academy Tiered Discipline Structure

T-1	T-2	T-3	T-4
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cell Phones out during class. 2. Tardiness 3. Horseplay/Running 4. Excessive Talking/Disruption 5. Profanity(Conversational) 6. Inappropriate displays of affection 7. Food in classroom 8. Minor misuse of technology 9. Any other minor offense that is not conducive to a productive learning environment 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Skipping Class 2. Dress Code Violation 3. Shaving 4. Profanity (Continuous/ongoing or directed at staff) 5. Cheating/Plagiarism 6. Continuous class disruption 7. Leaving school without permission 8. Insubordination/Open defiance to authority 9. Any other moderate offense that is not conducive to a productive learning environment 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fighting 2. Possession of tobacco, vape pens or any other device/related paraphernalia designed to deliver nicotine. 3. Bullying, intimidation or harassment of staff or students. 4. Theft 5. Vandalism 6. Inappropriate use of technology or social media 7. Any other moderate offense that violates school policy. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Possession of any weapon on campus 2. Assault of a school employee 3. Possession or use of illegal drugs or alcohol on campus or at any school sponsored event 4. Distribution of illegal drugs or alcohol on campus or at any school sponsored event. 5. Possession of pornographic material on campus or at any school sponsored event. 6. Major threats to Marshall Academy, students or school staff. 7. Any other major offense that violates school policy
Consequences in this order:	Consequences may include:	Consequences	Consequences
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verbal warning and documentation of the offense and the action taken (Teacher) 2. Behavioral Contract/Parent Notification (Teacher) 3. Discipline Referral (Becomes T-2 Offense) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration Conference/Write off • Detention • 1 day ISS • 3 days ISS/Parent Contact • OSS/Parent Contact 	<p>Tier 3 offenses will be dealt with on a case by case basis according to school policy.</p> <p>Minimum penalty: Parent contact and or ISS</p> <p>Maximum penalty: Expulsion. Severe or repeat offenses become Tier 4 and are left to the discretion of the Head of School</p>	<p>Tier 4 offenses will follow school policy and discipline is left to the discretion of the Head of School.</p>

Parental Supervision and Responsibility

Only students involved in supervised after school activities are to be on campus after 3:00pm, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Parents will be held responsible for any damage to school property when children are unattended on school grounds after hours.

Medical Policies

Immunizations

The Mississippi Legislature has made it mandatory for all students attending school to be vaccinated. No student will be allowed to attend school without a Mississippi Compliance Form. A list of immunization requirements may be obtained from school office or local health department. *This does not include the COVID Vaccine.

Head Lice Policy

The head lice policy from the Mississippi Department of Health is as follows: (Marshall Academy will adhere to their policy)

Handling of Infested Children

Removal: An infested child will be removed from the classroom and the parent or guardian called to take the child home for treatment. Care will be taken not to embarrass the child and to assure that no stigma is attached to him/her. Under no circumstances will a student return to school on the same day that the parent is notified and sent home because of an infestation of head lice. Pre-K and Kindergarten students at Marshall should take home for treatment all clothing, nap mats, etc. used at school.

Treatment: Several effective products for the treatment of head lice are available. The parents of all infested students need to notify the school as to the product used, and send proof of purchase to the school when your child returns. Usually a second treatment is needed in 7-10 days after the first treatment. Notification of this second treatment needs to be sent to the school also.

All-Out Nonsmoking Policy

Marshall Academy has been designated as a “smoke-free facility during school hours of 7:45 am until 3:30pm every day, Monday-Friday.” Also, there is to be NO SMOKING WITHIN 100 FEET OF ANY ATHLETIC PLAYING AREA AT ALL TIMES.

There will be designated smoking areas established for smoking at all football, basketball, baseball, soccer, softball, tennis and golf events. ANYONE VIOLATING THIS POLICY CAN BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE MARSHALL ACADEMY CAMPUS.

Provision of Medication

Non-prescription drugs such as Tylenol, antacids, or Benadryl will be administered by the school office with parental permission. Parents should complete the medical portion of the student information form at registration and inform our staff of any medical problems or prescribed medications. Our staff will dispense medications upon request from the parent or guardian.

Parents are responsible for providing prescription medications and proper dosage requirements. Prescription medications must be sent in the original container with proper information on the label. Written instructions must accompany the container.

Admission / Readmission Policy

Admission to Marshall Academy will be based on a personal interview with the student(s), his or her parent(s), the results of an entrance exam or valid transcript from another school, and study of whether the student is in good standing academically and socially with their previous school. The first semester after acceptance will be a probationary period.

All new students in grades 1-12 may be given a STAR Test in math and reading to determine the educational level of each student. Primarily the test results could be used to gather diagnostic information to better plan for the student's instructional needs. In cases of extremely low test scores, some test results may be used to determine grade placement or non-admission.

Dress Code Policies

Dress Code General

Homeroom teachers will be responsible for checking students' dress and determining compliance. A discipline referral for those students not in compliance with the dress code will be sent to the office before 1st period.

Any student not dressed within the guidelines of the school dress code will receive a discipline referral and may be asked to leave class until dress code compliance is reached. Any class missed due to a dress code violation will result in an absence.

The required uniform must be worn, except on days that are set by the administration. (Note: belts are not required for elementary students)

Boys must be clean-shaven (no beards or mustaches). Hair should be out of the eyes in the front and should not extend past the area of the neck normally covered by a shirt collar. Earrings will not be permitted for boys.

Dreadlocks, male ponytails, or any unusual style or color, in the opinion of the administration, will not be allowed for all students.

Girls may wear earrings on the ears only. Earrings that are designed, in the opinion of the administration, to distract or draw attention, will not be permitted.

Visible tattoos and out-of-the-ordinary body jewelry are prohibited. If a question should arise in regard as to what may be considered out-of-the-ordinary, the decision of the administration will be final.

Sweatshirts may be worn if they are Marshall Academy issued or sold by approved

uniform providers, and must be of the approved colors (Red, White, Royal, Navy, Gray). An approved school uniform shirt must be worn under the sweatshirt. Hoods may not be worn in the building.

Jeans and t-shirt days will be approved and announced by the administration.

Shoes or sandals (excluding rubber slides / shower shoes / slippers) may be worn, and lace-up shoes must be tied.

Girls Regular Uniform Dress

Tops: white, blue, red, powder blue, gray, or striped long sleeve or short sleeve polo with the official Marshall Academy initial logo. White uniform blouse, long sleeve or short sleeve, to wear under official Marshall Academy plaid jumper.

Bottoms: khaki pants, skirt, skort, or jumper.

- Skirts must be no more than 2" about the knee
- Shorts must be no more than 3" above the knee

Accessories

- Hosiery: white, black, or navy knee-hi socks
- Crew Socks or no-show socks
- White, navy, or black leggings or tights (no lace)

Boys Regular Uniform Dress

Shirts: white, blue, red, powder blue, gray, or striped long sleeve or short sleeve polo with the official Marshall Academy initial logo.

- Shirts may be fashionably untucked
- Undershirts must be white

Bottoms: khaki flat-front pant, khaki flat-front shorts

- No joggers or carpenter pants are allowed.

Accessories:

- Socks: crew or no show socks
- Belts

Outerwear for Boys and Girls

Any jackets worn in the building during the school day must be the approved uniform Marshall outerwear. All outerwear must be approved colors (Red, White, Royal Blue, Powder Blue, Navy Blue, and Grey). Another overcoat may be worn to school but cannot be worn in the classroom.

Student Drivers

Unlicensed drivers will not be allowed to drive on the Marshall Academy campus. All students who drive(or park) on campus must be licensed drivers.

Visitors

Parents or other visitors are always welcome at Marshall Academy. We ask that you check in with the office when you arrive at school to prevent interrupting classes. Please enter through the front doors of the school and identify yourself to front office staff at the buzzer.

Parental/Student Conduct Policy

Threatening communications towards students, staff, board members, or administration will not be tolerated at Marshall Academy, either by in-person contact or through social media. Derogatory comments concerning Marshall Academy on social media outlets will not be allowed. Conduct of this nature could result in suspension, expulsion, or permanent banning from all campus events.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Marshall Academy extra-curricular activities, on or off campus, must be approved by the headmaster. With WRITTEN PARENTAL PERMISSION, a student may ride home with his/her parents or designated adult, when approved by a coach or the administration. Student accounts must be current and in good standing for the student to participate in extracurricular activities.

Lunch

All students at Marshall Academy are required to eat lunch in the school cafeteria and remain there during the entire lunch period. Students who bring their lunch or do not eat lunch must report to the cafeteria. We ask that parents refrain from delivering lunches from outside vendors (for deliveries: see "Visitors" section of handbook on page 18) . Students can not receive Doordash or delivery from a restaurant.

Motor Vehicles

Students who are licensed drivers are allowed to drive on campus as long as they observe the necessary precautions for safe driving, including a 10 mph speed limit on campus. Students must register their vehicles, purchase student parking permits and park in the designated student parking area. Marshall Academy will not be responsible for non-licensed drivers. No one will be allowed to stay in parked vehicles on campus.

Fire and Tornado Drills

Fire and tornado drills will be held at regular intervals throughout the school year. Teachers will escort their classes to an area of safety through a designated exit(s), or in the case of a tornado drill, to the hallway. Classes will remain in those locations until they are notified to return to their classrooms.

Chromebooks

Marshall Academy is a one-to-one Google Chromebook school. Each student is issued a Chromebook at the beginning of the school year and must return the chromebook at the end of the school year. Students and parents are required to sign an Acceptable Use Policy. Most teachers use Google Classroom for assignments and assessments.

Delivery of Flowers or Gifts

The administration discourages the practice of delivering flowers, balloons, and gifts to school.

Cell Phone Policy

Students are NOT to use cell phones or any other electronic device, including earphones of any kind, during the school day, with the exception of tablets and/or laptop computers used for classroom/educational purposes. Students' cell phones, etc., must be silenced and put away at all times in the classroom. Students who violate the cell phone policy will be subject to procedures outlined in our discipline code. Marshall Academy will not be held liable for lost or damaged phones.

Technology

Marshall Academy has a zero-tolerance policy for inappropriate use of computer systems, both at school and home. Students who use the internet, any type of social media, or other electronic devices to violate students, faculty or administration with threats of any kind, or for use in sending pornographic material may face immediate expulsion from Marshall Academy.

Halls

Students should be in the halls only while moving from one class to another, unless they have special permission or special duties that require them to be out of class. Students in the halls during class time must have teacher permission. Students are asked to keep noise levels in the halls at a minimum while changing classes.

Athletics

Marshall Academy's athletic program for interscholastic competition for boys and girls in grades 7-12 includes the following sports: football, basketball, baseball, softball, track, cheerleading, golf, and tennis. All students are encouraged to find a place in the school's athletic program and should consider themselves an important and necessary part of the activities program of our school. Students must be both registered and current with all financial accounts to be eligible for participation in athletic activities from June 1 through May 31 of current school year.

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Marshall Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or disability in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, athletics and other school administered programs. Marshall Academy adheres to the requirements of the Mississippi Fairness Act with respect to both the designation of

athletics teams as Boys, Girls or Coed and the eligibility of students for participation on such teams.

Marshall Academy currently offers the following sporting/extra-curricular activities:

- Boys Basketball - Boys
- Girls Basketball - Girls
- Baseball - Boys
- Softball - Girls
- Cheer - Girls
- Dance - Girls
- Football - Boys
- Boys Track - Boys
- Girls Track - Girls
- Tennis - Coed
- Golf - Coed

If additional sports/activities are added (for example soccer or volleyball), then a designation of "girls", "boys" or "coed" will be assigned.

Athletic Rules and Regulations: Academy Conference

The Academy Activities Conference sets certain standards regarding eligibility to participate in athletic competition between member schools. The rules and regulations are too numerous and lengthy to list in this handbook. A complete list is filed in the school office for review. The ones that students and parents should be most familiar with are listed below:

High School:

A student shall not have reached his/her 19th birthday before August 1 in the school year in which he/she wishes to participate.

Upon entering the 9th grade, a student will have 4 consecutive years of eligibility in interschool contests on the high school level.

Junior High:

A student shall not have reached his/her 16th birthday before August 1 in the school year in which he/she wished to participate.

Upon entering the 7th grade, a student will have 3 consecutive years of eligibility in interschool contests on the junior high level.

Athletic Eligibility: Absence from School

A student who is absent from school all day on the day of an interscholastic game will be ineligible to participate. A student must be present for $\frac{1}{2}$ of the school day, or 4 hours, to be considered present for the day. A student present for less than 4 hours will be ineligible for extra-curricular activities for that day, unless given special consideration by the administration.

Athletic Eligibility: Grades

Athletes in grades 7-12 will abide by the following policy:

No athlete, manager or student statistician will be allowed to practice or participate in any sporting event if he/she fails one or more subjects. Grades will be checked each time progress reports (or report cards) are sent home. Following the progress report (or report card) dates, students who are failing one or more subjects will be placed on probation. At the end of the next report period, if a student on probation is failing one or more subjects, he or she will not be permitted to practice or play until the next report period.

To be eligible to participate in athletics in the first semester, a student must have accumulated five major units (credits) the previous year. (Summer school is considered an extension of the previous year). A student who is not eligible the first semester can become eligible in the second semester if he or she passes five major subjects the first semester.

Pregnancy or Marriage

In our opinion, the environment that is most conducive to the school activities and educational curriculum of Marshall Academy is better maintained with students who are outside of the restrictions and obligations of marriage and parenthood. These are certainly honorable and appropriate parts of adult life; however, we feel that students in our learning environment are growing up and should not be a part of these pressures. In this respect, the policy of Marshall Academy is as follows: Marshall Academy has a policy against pregnancy or marriage of its students. Students in any of the following categories will not be permitted to remain in school or to complete any further work or to re-enroll:

- Students who are or have been pregnant
- Known fathers of born or unborn children
- Married students
- Divorced students
- Students of annulled marriage

Drug / Alcohol Screening

Students are subject to a random drug/alcohol screening at any time during the school year. A copy of the school's drug/alcohol screening policy is available for review in the school office.

Smoking / Vaping, Drugs, and Alcohol

It is the policy of Marshall Academy that students shall not smoke, vape, drink nor have tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs in their possession while under the supervision of the school. This includes off-campus events sponsored by the school. Students in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action to protect the best interests of all students and the school.

Sexual Harassment

It is the intention of this school that no employee or student of the school be subject to sexual harassment and that the school's environment shall be free from sexual harassment of any kind. Complaints of violations of this policy should be made to the headmaster. Should the complaints prove to be legitimate, the offending employee or student will be

subject to disciplinary action, including involuntary termination of employment or suspension or expulsion of the student.

Suspension and Expulsion

When the best interest of the school makes it necessary, the headmaster will suspend, expel, or deny admission or readmission of any student or prospective student.

Withdrawal from School

If it becomes necessary for a student to withdraw from school, he/she should obtain a “withdrawal form” from the office. The form is then taken to each teacher and to the administration for signatures and returned to the office along with textbooks and school-issued devices. No records will be sent to another school until the student obtains clearance through this procedure.

Anti-Bullying / Anti-Harassment Policy

Marshall Academy expects all students, faculty and staff to treat others with dignity and respect. No harassing or bullying behavior will be tolerated. A policy addressing anti-bully/anti-harassment is on file for review in the administrative offices.