



## Tech- High Nursing Student/Parent Agreement

The staff at Tech High are so excited you are part of our Nursing program. Our goals are to make sure you have a great high school experience and prepare you for the next level of career and education. As a student enrolled in the Nursing program, you will:

### **Academic Excellence**

- Be expected to complete HOPE class online or during the summer prior to your 10<sup>th</sup> grade year
- Take the College Placement Test during the spring of your 10<sup>th</sup> grade year
- Are required to maintain the minimum required GPA for each semester in all course work (2.0 in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 2.3 in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, 2.5 in 11/12<sup>th</sup> grade).
- Course grades of “D” or “F” will need to be repeated for forgiveness through Florida Virtual School the semester following the semester the grade was earned. Failure to complete course for forgiveness in time allotted will result in student being placed on academic probation

### **Attendance Requirements**

- Program requirement is 90% daily attendance rate average. In the event you are absent please have your parent notify Ms. Burcham within 24 hours in writing or via email
- Any attendance discrepancy must be resolved within 72 hours
- Unexcused absences will result in both academic and behavior consequences
- Excessive absences may disqualify your entrance into the Pinellas Technical College LPN program. Licensure is based on contact hours, and absences will prevent completion.

### **Behavior Requirements**

Our teachers spend valuable class time teaching and interacting with students. Students attending Tech-High should have a real interest and passion for the major they choose. As in any magnet program, Tech High Nursing is a privilege. In order to remain in the program, students are held to a higher disciplinary standard. A student may be placed on disciplinary probation for repeated or serious disciplinary infractions. Severe infractions result in immediate referral to administration and possible removal from the program.

The following are included as severe infractions:

- Repeated misconduct including defiance
- Fighting, consistent tripping, pushing, hitting; even in play
- Alcohol/drugs
- Cheating
- Bullying
- Electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, etc.) may only be used before school, after school, and during lunch.
- Electronic devices are not to be used when passing class to class
- Electronic devices need to be turned off (not set on vibrate) during class hours and must be kept out of view.
- Cell phones blatantly used in class or that accidentally ring although out of view will be confiscated and/or sent to administration with disciplinary consequence.
- Cell phones that ring or are in view during assessment will be confiscated and/or sent to administration with disciplinary consequence as a violation of test-taking and electronics policy.
- If a student has a cell phone sent to administration, the parent will need to pick up the phone during school hours.

### **Test Taking Policy**

- Students will clear desks of all materials except those needed to take the assessment.
- All book bags, purses, and other school items will be closed and out of testing view (under seat, away from desk).
- Cover sheets with no marking or writing on the paper may be used to cover answers as the student works.
- Students will keep their eyes on their own papers.
- Students will not be allowed out of their seats during testing sessions.
- Students may not mark on desks etc. or doodle on their answer sheets when testing.
- Violations of test taking policy (definition): Student behaviors which set up ideal conditions for cheating during a test, quiz, or other assignment. These behaviors include the following:
  - Having an electronic device out during the assessment (cell phone, MP3 player, iPod, camera, etc.) Attempting to use an electronic device during an assessment.
  - Looking at another student's paper
  - Talking or any other communication during the test
  - Any other violation of individual teachers' test-taking policies
- Consequence  
Violations of test taking policy by a student may result in the student having to take a different form of the test after school the day the test is given or a zero grade, as well as parent contact.

**CHEATING/MALPRACTICE** Cheating/malpractice (definition) Behaviors that result in, or may result in, a student gaining an unfair advantage over another student, and includes the following:

- Plagiarism – the representation of the ideas or work of another person as the student’s own. Students who have questions regarding whether or not something constitutes plagiarism have a responsibility to consult with the teacher prior to submitting the work/assignment.
- Collusion – the supporting of malpractice by another student, as allowing one’s work to be copied or submitted for another.
- Duplication of work – the presentation of the same work for different assignments
- Other- includes but is not limited to:
- Taking unauthorized materials into an exam, test, quiz or other assessment situation
- Engaging in misconduct during an exam, test, quiz or other assessment
- Falsifying any records
- Copying, paraphrasing, reusing or submitting another’s work without acknowledging the source, including information from the Internet
- Receiving or giving of any unauthorized assistance on any form of academic work
- Unauthorized writing on desk, scrap paper, or other items prior to or during the assessment
- Identical answers on passages on tests, reports, essays
- Identical homework papers when the assignment is not specifically a group product Academic Dishonesty violations will be referred to the administration and parents will be notified.

### **Student Steps to Achieve Success**

- Be on time to school and class
- Be prepared bring supplies and be dressed appropriately
- Keep your cell phone off and out of sight during class time
- Participate in class discussions, assignments and projects and school activities
- Complete assignments on time late work will be scored zero
- Check Tech-High’s web page for updates, lesson plans and other current events

### **SCRUB and Professional Days**

- Nursing students will be wearing scrubs as a daily uniform
- SCRUB top (not a t-shirt) any color, Navy SCRUB pants, closed toe shoes
- On clinical days, students will have to be in a Ceil scrub top with the Tech High Nursing Student Logo for patient identification, along with Navy scrub pants.

- Professional Dress dates posted in classrooms and on website and will be used to celebrate the Student of the Month, Ceremonies, and known visits from Colleges, Technical Colleges, and Scholarship programs
- Any student not in compliance needs to report to the office first block
- Uniform free exception days (homecoming week, exam week, etc.) will be announced

**Volunteer Hours**

- It is our goal that all of our students qualify for Bright Futures Scholarships. If students decide Bright Futures is not going to be applied for, there will be 100 hours of community service required. We encourage students to volunteer in the field of medicine.

**Probationary Status**

In the unlikely event a student fails to meet Tech-High’s Nursing program expectations, the student will be placed on probation. The student will remain on probation for one calendar year. A student may only be placed on probation (behavior, attendance or grades) one time. Failure to meet the terms of probation will result in dismissal from the program. Students dismissed from the program will be returned to their home zoned school.

We are really excited to have you as part of the nursing program, and can’t wait to watch you become advanced medical professionals who love the art of nursing.

**Signature:**

By signing below the Student and Parent agree to abide by all terms and conditions stated and/or implied in the Pinellas County School Student of Code of Conduct.

Student (Print Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_