STUDENTS OF LEGAL AGE

Every person, 18 years of age, shall be deemed to be an adult.

Students in the public schools shall comply with the rules for the government of schools, pursue the prescribed course of study, and submit to the authority of teachers and others in the school.

Field Trips/Athletic Programs  Approved forms for participation shall be required of all students. The form should indicate that the signature is that of the parent or of the adult student.

Absence-Lateness-Truancy  Absence notes, normally signed by parents or guardians, may be signed by students of legal age.

Smoking  Smoking by students, regardless of age, is prohibited in the school building, on the school grounds, or at activities sponsored by the school, except as permitted by use of the smoking area at Salem High School.

Alcohol and Drugs  The use, possession, or distribution of alcohol or drugs in the building, on school grounds, or at school sponsored activities is prohibited. Students under the influence of either shall be subject to disciplinary procedures. The parent or guardian will be notified in the event of an offense, but if the student refuses parental participation, the school administration may involve police action, where advisable, without parental consent.

Gambling  Gambling is prohibited to all students in the school building, on the school grounds, or at any activity sponsored by the school.

Supervision/Exclusion  All suspension and/or expulsion proceedings shall conform to requirements of law. Notification shall continue to be sent to parents or guardians of all such suspensions or expulsions. Students of legal age, however, are permitted to represent themselves. If a student wishes to represent himself without parental involvement, he shall sign a statement to that effect.

Withdrawal from School  Students of legal age may withdraw from school under their own cognizance. Counselors shall continue to guide and counsel potential school dropouts and encourage their continued attendance. Parents shall continue to be notified of impending dropouts.

Permission to Inspect Student Records  Students of legal age may request permission to inspect their personal school record according to regulations.

Report Cards  Report cards, failure letters and progress reports will continue to be sent home unless the student of legal age requests in writing this practice be stopped.

Excuses from School  The school may verify requests from students to leave school early for reasons such as job interviews, college visits, driver testing. Permission to leave school early can be denied for what the school principal may consider a non-valid reason.

Financial Responsibility  Students of legal age can be held financially responsible for damage to school property.