

Sentinel Peak High School

2017-2018



Student Handbook

Sentinel Peak High School

2017-2018



4125 W Aerie Dr.
Tucson, Arizona 85741
520-696-8900 (Office)
520-579-3773 (FAX)
www.floatingwellsschools.org

SPHS Staff

Mr. Dax Valles	Principal	696 - 8905
Mrs. Shannon Hejl	Register/Attendance Clerk	696 - 8900
Mr. Alex Gutierrez	Edgenuity Teacher	696 - 8903
Ms. Sally Hankin	English Teacher	696 - 8902
Ms. Lisa Federico	Math Teacher	696 - 8907
Mr. Seth Nilson	CTE Teacher	696 - 8908
Mrs. Linda Lucas	IEP Coordinator	696 - 8596
Ms. Arianna Ruiz	College/Career Coordinator	696 - 8901



Mission Statement:

The mission of Sentinel Peak High School is to provide a rigorous and individualized educational program to meet the needs of its students. Sentinel Peak is specially designed for students who have experienced attendance, academic, and/or behavior challenges. As an alternative school, the staff is committed to creating opportunities for students to achieve educational and personal success.

WELCOME TO SENTINEL PEAK HIGH SCHOOL 2017- 2018

This handbook has been designed to provide information to Sentinel Peak students and parents. We are proud to have you as a member of our Sentinel Peak family and want to provide you with the necessary information to help you feel a part of our team. Please feel free to call us at any time to ask questions or voice a concern. Your input is valuable to us!

Sentinel Peak High School offers an alternative setting for students who are seeking a more personal learning environment than that of a mainstream high school. Curriculum is taught using both direct instruction and independent study through the use of an online program (Edgenuity). Our first priority is student achievement. We have high academic and behavioral expectations for all of our students because we know that with hard work, each student can be successful and graduate from high school.

PLACEMENT AT SENTINEL PEAK HIGH SCHOOL

There are a limited number of spaces available at Sentinel Peak High School. Students who choose to attend Sentinel Peak are expected to take this opportunity seriously and abide by all expectations. All students who register at Sentinel Peak will be required, along with their parents, to attend a meeting held with administration. The purpose of the meeting will be to clarify expectations and answer questions, complete and sign all necessary registration materials, sign the Sentinel Peak base contract, and discuss either a graduation plan or a transition plan back to a traditional high school.

DAILY SCHEDULES

REGULAR DAY	
CLASS	TIME
1st PERIOD	9:00 – 10:45
BREAK	10:45 – 10:52
2nd PERIOD	10:55 – 12:35
LUNCH	12:35 – 1:02
3rd PERIOD	1:05 – 2:45

EARLY RELEASE DAY	
CLASS	TIME
1st PERIOD	9:00 – 9:40
2nd PERIOD	9:43 – 10:23
LUNCH	10:23 – 10:53
3rd PERIOD	10:56 – 11:36

GRADING PERIODS

1st QUARTER	August 10th – October 13th, 2017
2nd QUARTER	October 16th – December 22nd, 2017
3rd QUARTER	January 8th – March 9th, 2018
4th QUARTER	March 12th – May 24th, 2018

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Students take three classes each quarter. Students who successfully complete the three classes earn 1.5 credits at the end of each quarter. At the start of each quarter, students receive a new schedule of classes.

Classes are determined by a review of needed credits and selected based on the student's individual graduation plan.

If a student does not complete all course work by the end of each quarter, the student will earn a grade of F.

Students may graduate from SPHS if they meet the following requirements:

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS for Class of 2014 - 2018	
Students at Sentinel Peak High School must meet the following graduation requirements in accordance with Flowing Wells Governing Board requirements:	
COURSE	DIPLOMA
English	4 Credits
Mathematics	4 Credits
Science	3 Credits
Health	.5 Credits
Social Studies	3.5 Credits ~ Including World History, Economics, U S History and U S Government
Language	1 Credit
Vocational / Fine Arts	1 Credit of Either
Electives	5 Credits
Total Requirements	22 Credits

AzMerit – Arizona’s Instrument to Measure Standards

All students must take the state- mandated End- of- Course assessments after the completion of English or Math courses per Arizona State Statutes.

PARTICIPATION IN GRADUATION

Commencement ceremonies for Sentinel Peak High School students are held in December and in May.

Only students who have completed all graduation requirements will be permitted to participate in Commencement ceremonies. Participation in ceremonies is contingent on attending the practices in full. Participation in these ceremonies is voluntary and not a requirement.

Once a student has completed graduation requirements, he/she will be withdrawn as a graduate.

STUDENT INFORMATION

FOOD SERVICES

Breakfast is served daily before school from 8:30 to 8:50 am. Lunch is served from 12:35 – 1:02pm. The student ID number acts as the account number. Money **must** be deposited into a student's account in order to purchase meals. Charges are allowed only in emergency situations and are limited. Parents are encouraged to apply for free or reduced price meals for their student at any time during the year. Any questions can be directed to Carl Thompson, Food Services Director, at 696-8623.

MEDICATION POLICY

If your child needs to take medication during school hours, the school administrator or other administrative designee will administer the medication to your child only when the following criteria are met:

THESE CRITERIA APPLY TO ALL MEDICATIONS, PRESCRIPTION AS WELL AS NON-PRESCRIPTION.

1) ORIGINAL LABELED CONTAINER - All medication must be brought to the school office in its original labeled, sealed (unopened) container. No pills in baggies. Do not mix pills in containers. The medication in the container must match what's printed on the label.

2) WRITTEN DOCTOR'S ORDERS must accompany ALL medications, OTC and Prescription. Prescription medications: The original prescription label on the container constitutes written doctor's orders. Non-prescription medications: A separate written order signed by the doctor is required. The order must match the medication that you bring to school.

This applies to ALL "over the counter medications" such as, but not limited to: Tylenol, Advil, cough drops, cough syrup, cold medicine, Midol, allergy medicine, throat sprays, eye drops etc. You can have your doctor FAX a written order for these medications to the school.

3) WRITTEN PARENT PERMISSION must accompany all medications. The appropriate Parent Permission forms are available in the office. Special forms are available for students who need to carry and self-administer emergency medications such as asthma inhalers and epi-pens.

PLAN AHEAD for children who frequently need medication for asthma, allergies, cramps, headaches, braces and the like. Please do not send medication to school with your child without the required documentation. Without the required documentation the medicine will not be given and you may be required to come to school to administer it or to pick up your child. If you have questions regarding medication at school please contact the school office. If a student becomes ill and wants to leave campus, he/she must check out through the school office. Students will not be sent home unless a parent/guardian/emergency contact has been contacted.

VISION and HEARING SCREENING

Student Vision and Hearing screenings will be conducted at school throughout the school year.

If you do NOT want your child screened, please notify the School Administrator in writing.

IMMUNIZATIONS

All students enrolled in Flowing Wells School District must have current immunization records on file in the office. Students without proper documentation will not be allowed to enroll, (Arizona Revised Statutes 15-871-8744 and the Arizona Administrative Codes R9-6-701-708.) Any parent or guardian requesting a medical exemption for any vaccinations must have a signed physician's statement on file. Parents requesting a personal exemption must have a signed risk/benefit statement on file.

NON- RESIDENT STATUS

Students whose parents live outside the Flowing Wells District must complete an annual application for admission and have permission from the Sentinel Peak Principal and from the Board of Education to attend.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

Students enrolled at SPHS may participate in athletics at FWHS under the following conditions:

1. A student cannot currently be suspended from FWHS.
2. All AIA eligibility rules apply.
3. The student must complete all required paperwork and have a "pink slip" for the first day of practice.
4. The student must communicate with the appropriate coaches at FWHS and find out any pertinent information regarding his/her participation in a sport.
5. The student must receive permission from Sentinel Peak Administration for participation depending on academics, behavior and attendance.
6. Student athletes may ride the Sentinel Peak school bus at 2:45pm. The bus will drop students off at FWHS each afternoon for practice.

REPORT CARD SCHEDULES

Parents will be informed by mail of their child's progress mid-way through each quarter. Parents will receive a report card by mail at the end of each quarter. Parents are encouraged to keep in contact with teachers for academic and behavioral reports. Parents and students are encouraged to check academic progress through PowerSchool parent portal.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Sentinel Peak offers an educational program for students with handicapping conditions. Our program is available to serve students with specific learning disabilities or emotional handicaps. Our Special Education IEP Coordinator is Linda Lucas. For more information please call Linda Lucas at 696-8596 or Pupil Services at 696-8836.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

STUDENT RIGHTS

- **You have the right to learn.**
You will be able to pay attention to the lesson without being bothered or distracted by others. You will be able to study and work without interruptions from others.
- **You have the right to be respected and treated with kindness at school.**
You will be treated fairly, with respect, and with kindness by all staff and fellow students. You will not be harassed or embarrassed.
- **You have the right to a safe school.**
You will be provided a safe campus, classrooms and equipment. School rules will be in place to ensure your safety at school.
- **You have the right to due process.**
You will have an opportunity to tell your side of the story if accused of breaking a rule.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- **You have a responsibility to come to school.** You are expected to come to school every day, on time, unless you are sick or have an excused absence.
- **You have a responsibility to complete your assignments.** You must do your best work and turn in your assignments in order to earn credits and graduate.
- **You have a responsibility to make Sentinel Peak a good place to be.** Sentinel Peak High School is a small learning community. You are expected to be thoughtful, respectful, and courteous of others.
- **You have a responsibility to take care of property.** Sentinel Peak is your school. You are expected to take care of school property and grounds, and respect the property of others.
- **You have a responsibility to allow others to work without being bothered.** You are expected to adhere to the Non-Harassment policy, quietly make good use of work time, and refrain from bothering others.
- **You have a responsibility to obey school rules and take pride in your conduct.** Although students may choose Sentinel Peak High School because they struggle in a mainstream high school setting, we will never accept those struggles as an excuse for bad behavior. You matter. We care about you, we want you here, and we want you to succeed. Because we care, we expect your best efforts and behavior every day.

DISTRICT GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Guidelines for student behavior are desirable for the operation of orderly, successful schools. Most students come to learn and do not encounter problems with school rules. Unfortunately, the behavior of some students creates problems for everyone. Parents and students should be aware of these responsibilities and be informed of what they must do to make student behavior acceptable. These guidelines are designed to support, not stifle, students. A copy of the guidelines is available for review.

CONTRACT SYSTEM

Base Contract

Upon registration at Sentinel Peak High School, each student will sign a base contract which outlines basic expectations for all students. The student's signature on this contract indicates that the student understands the expectations and is willing to abide by them.

Probationary Contract

If a student's behavior or attendance is preventing the student or other students from succeeding, the student will be reminded of the base contract he or she signed upon entry to Sentinel Peak. Continued failure to meet expectations may result in a short or long term suspension. Upon return from a long term suspension, the

student will be placed on a Probationary Contract that indicates specific areas of concern and expected improvements. Violation of this behavior contract may result in removal from Sentinel Peak.

Academic Probation Contract

If a student fails classes at Sentinel Peak, he or she may be placed on Academic Probation. Students placed on academic probation will sign a contract detailing the conditions of their continued enrollment at Sentinel Peak. Students who continue to fail classes will be short term or long term suspended and may be removed from Sentinel Peak High School.

STUDENT CONDUCT GUIDELINES

UNACCEPTABLE STUDENT BEHAVIOR

1. Disruptive Behavior/Insubordination
2. Verbal Abuse
3. Defiance
4. Obscenity/Vulgarity
5. Vandalism
6. Academic Dishonesty/Cheating
7. Stealing
8. Destruction of Property
9. Inappropriate Dress
10. Gross Misconduct
11. Threats, Assaults, Fighting
12. Use, Possession, or Distribution of Tobacco, Alcohol, Drugs, Drug Paraphernalia, or Weapons
13. Gang-Related Activity / Negative Group Affiliation
14. Tardiness and Truancy
15. Violations of Law
16. Violations of Flowing Wells School Board Policy: JF and JK

CLASSROOM DISCIPLINE PLANS

At the beginning of each quarter, teachers will take time to explain their individual classroom rules and the progressive consequences for violating rules. A copy of this plan will be available to each student, and he/she will be expected to adhere to all classroom rules and regulations. Students who refuse to accept the teacher's consequences for violations will be subject to immediate referral to the Principal.

GENERAL CAMPUS CONDUCT

1. The campus is closed at all times. Students are not permitted to leave campus during passing periods or breaks. Non-students are not allowed on campus.
2. Cell Phones – Cell phones may be used before school, during break, at lunch, and after school. Cell phones may not ring, vibrate or be used during class time. Violation of this policy will result in the confiscation of the phone and students will be subject to lunch detention, Saturday school or up to out-of-school suspension for multiple offenses.
3. Electronic Devices – They will be confiscated and delivered to the school administration. If a student chooses to bring electronic items to school, **Sentinel Peak High School assumes no liability for damaged, lost or stolen items.**
4. Students will not engage in public displays of affection.
5. Once students arrive to campus each morning, they must stay on campus.
6. The dress code policy will be followed by all students.

NON- HARASSMENT POLICY

As members of the Sentinel Peak community, it is expected that students behave in a manner that communicates a sense of respect and acceptance toward all students and staff. Behavior of a harassing nature will not be tolerated. It is expected that every student play an active role in making sure that this remains a harassment-free school. Every person has the right to learn in a safe, non-threatening environment and the responsibility to monitor his or her personal behavior to ensure that their behavior does not interfere with others' ability to do their best. Failure to meet this expectation may result in a student being removed from Sentinel Peak High School.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Sentinel Peak students take pride in their attire as it relates to the school setting. Students should dress in a manner that, in addition to the following guidelines, takes into consideration the educational environment, safety, health, and welfare of self and others.

- Only shorts and skirts that are appropriate in length may be worn.
- Pants must fit at the waist, above the hips. Pants worn below the waist are not acceptable. Students will be given alternate clothes to wear.
- Bare midriffs, halter tops, and spaghetti straps are not acceptable. Visible cleavage is not acceptable. Shoulder straps must be a minimum of 1" wide.
- Bare feet are never acceptable. Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Jewelry shall not be worn if it presents a safety hazard to self and/or others.
- Profane or defamatory writing on clothing or jewelry is not acceptable.
- No bandanas or headscarves may be worn, carried or displayed on campus or at any school activity. This also includes simulations of anything representing "colors."
- No hats may be worn in the classroom
- Gang related personalization is not permitted on hats, items of clothing, backpacks, or on one's person. This includes anything worn or carried on campus, including items with price tags attached.
- Obscene language or symbols, or symbols relating to drugs, drug use, sex, sexual innuendo, sexual activity, or alcohol on clothing are expressly prohibited.
- Any combination of clothing which, upon guidance from law enforcement agencies, is considered gang-related. These items may change over time. Current examples include bandanas, hairnets, belt buckles with gang-style monograms, dangling belts or chains, slippers.
- Group names and/or symbols including, but not limited to SRH, ICP, and Rastafarian are not permitted on hats, items of clothing, backpacks, personal belongings, or on one's person.

Violations: Students who violate the dress code will change into a "Loaner" shirt or shorts and will be subject to the consequences outlined in the dress code policy.

STUDENT DRIVERS

Students who wish to drive to school must comply with Sentinel Peak student driver requirements:

- All student drivers must be licensed, registered, and covered by insurance.
- The school is not responsible for the automobile or its contents.
- Vehicle speed on campus is restricted to 5 m.p.h.
- Student vehicles are subject to search if there are reasonable grounds to believe that drugs, alcohol, stolen property, weapons or other contraband might be present in that vehicle.
- Students driving vehicles to school are required to abide by state, county, city and school district traffic laws and regulations.
- Parking on campus is a privilege which may be revoked at any time by the school principal.

Violations of driving policy may result in loss of parking privileges.

NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES

When referred for violations of school-wide rules or as a result of classroom behavioral issues, negative consequences will be given. One or more of the following actions may be taken by the school administration. This list is a range of possible disciplinary measures; it is not an exclusive list:

- Reprimand
- Detention – After School Reteach
- Saturday School
- Parent Conference
- Loss of Privileges
- Restitution
- Short Term Suspension (9 days or less)
- Long Term Suspension (10 days or more)
- Expulsion

Suspended students may not be on any district campuses during suspension.

POSITIVE CONSEQUENCES

Students who maintain high standards of conduct may be recognized in the following manner:

1. Verbal Praise
2. Positive parental phone calls from staff.
3. Nomination for the Student of the Month/ Building Blocks of Character program
4. Participation in other incentive and recognition programs designed by Sentinel Peak staff
5. Participation in field trips and other school sponsored events.

SCHOOL BUS RULES

Bus transportation for students is a privilege. A student who does not obey directions of the driver or does not obey bus rules shall forfeit his/her riding privilege. Students being transported are under the authority of the group sponsor or the bus driver and shall observe the following rules:

1. Shall show bus pass (ID card) to the driver (upon request) to board and ride the bus
2. Shall immediately sit down after boarding
3. Shall remain seated during transit
4. Shall keep animals or unsafe items off the bus
5. Shall be quiet and conduct themselves properly
6. Shall obtain driver's permission to open doors or windows

VIOLATION OF THE BUS RULES

1. **First Offense:** Warning or other appropriate consequence.
2. **Second Offense:** Loss of bus privilege for one to ten days.
3. **Third Offense:** Loss of bus privilege for ten days to the remainder of the school year.
4. **Serious Violation** may result in immediate loss of privilege. This may occur on the first offense if deemed serious by Sentinel Peak administration.

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT FOR STUDENTS

As part of the enrollment packet, students and parents are required to sign an agreement for the appropriate use of electronic information and resources. Misuse of information technology will result in disciplinary actions including loss of computer privileges. A copy of this agreement is available for review.

NON- DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

FWSD is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in relation to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, national origin, and disability. This policy will prevail in all matters concerning staff members, students, the public, educational programs and services, and individuals with whom the Board does business.

The Section 504 and Title IX compliance officer is:

Dr. Kimberley Parkinson, Assistant Superintendent Flowing Wells School District

1556 W. Prince Road

Tucson, AZ 85705

520-696-8822

kimberley.parkinson@fwusd.org

STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

Sentinel Peak High School firmly believes that attendance in school is a critical part of student achievement. To be in attendance, a student must be physically present for more than one-half of the class period.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Excused absences are absences from any class caused by illness or medical appointments, a death in the immediate family, mandated court appearances, approved religious absences, or an emergency outside the control of the student or student's family. **Parents must notify the school concerning the absence within 48 hours by calling 696- 8900.** In addition, the student needs to request a leave of absence by completing the appropriate form if the absence is planned for the future. The school administration ultimately decides if an absence is excused.

LIMITATION ON ABSENCES

For all students grades nine through twelve, the number of unexcused and excused absences will be limited to five (5) per quarter. If a student reaches five absences, he or she may be removed from his or her existing schedule and placed in one Edgenuity class for the remainder of the quarter. In addition, for each day a student is absent, he or she must have an attendance meeting discussing his or her absence. During the meeting, he or she will be assigned after school study hall the following day and/or Saturday school

Ten consecutive absences will result in the student being withdrawn from school. Parents will be notified by phone and will have an opportunity to meet with an administrator prior to the student's withdrawal from school.

CONSEQUENCES FOR TARDIES

Any time that a student is tardy, he or she is assigned a lunch detention, regardless of the reason. Excessive tardiness will result in suspension.