



Green Meadow Waldorf School

High School  
Handbook  
**2022-2023**

THE COMMUNITY OF GREEN MEADOW WALDORF SCHOOL  
AGREES TO UPHOLD THE FOLLOWING:

*First and foremost, to be truthful and to uphold  
equal treatment of human beings in personal and  
virtual communication.*

### **Welcoming New Students, Teachers, and Guest Teachers**

- To understand the anxiety that comes with change and transition
- To be patient
- To be kind, inclusive, and approachable
- To explain past events in conversation
- To explain school culture and traditions

### **Respect and Boundaries**

- To respect the physical and emotional boundaries of others
- To communicate your own expectations for boundaries
- To communicate when boundaries have been crossed
- To respect oneself
- To refrain from gossip and negative comments about others
- To honor confidentiality in conversations
- To refrain from teasing others about physical attributes or known troubles
- To respect, acknowledge, and be understanding of others' home situations
- To allow people to be free from being associated with siblings or parents in order to see each individual's abilities and talents
- To be mindful of words and language that may harm
- To refrain from saying anything about someone that cannot be fixed in 10 seconds

### **Gender Freedom**

- To meet the individual first, and gender second
- To refrain from all stereotypical gender related comments
- To give people space to change
- To treat others the way they want to be treated (i.e. the Platinum Rule)
- To respect pronouns, use proper terminology, and to respect the separation between expression and identity

### **Social Media**

- To keep group chats respectful and appropriate
- To be aware that texts, emails, and social media posts can be open to misinterpretation
- To strive to resolve problems face to face
- To be mindful of who will see your posts and how they will feel
- To avoid excluding others
- To be aware of who may not see a class message and contact them
- To create and maintain online spaces that are free from bullying
- To refrain from making jokes at someone else's expense
- To refrain from abusing power

# Green Meadow Waldorf School High School Handbook

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## Academic Evaluations

Reports are given to the students at the end of every main lesson when the main lesson books are returned. Quarterly progress reports are posted online for parents in November and April; the semester grades and reports are published in January and June.

## Academic Probation

There is a nine-week probationary period for all newly admitted high school students. In addition, any student may be placed on a nine-week probation if their conduct or academics warrant it.

## Attendance & the School Day

We want students to develop excellent attendance records, including arriving on time for main lesson and attending classes on time during the day. Excellent attendance shows a commitment to learning, and is good preparation for meeting responsibilities later in life.

### *Arrival, Attendance and Tardiness for High School*

- The High School doors open at 8:00am.
- Students are expected to be in class by 8:15am.
- Main Lesson begins promptly at 8:20am and
- Students who enter the classroom after 8:20 are considered late.
- When high school students are late four times in a semester, either to school or to classes during the day, disciplinary action will follow (see below). The tally of latenesses is cleared at the end of each semester, and the student begins the next semester with zero ('0') latenesses.

### *Lateness Policy*

- Students must report to the office to get a late slip when they are late to school. Ms Crockett and Ms Morgan will keep track of students' latenesses and communicate with class advisors.
- **On the fourth lateness to school, and for every lateness thereafter, students will receive a lunchtime detention.**
- After three latenesses to any subject, and for every lateness thereafter, students will receive a lunchtime detention. These will take place during the entirety of the students' lunch period; as they will not be permitted to leave school to purchase lunch that day, they are advised to bring their own lunch.
- After seven latenesses, a letter will be sent home, and students and their parents will be asked to meet with an advisor.

- If lateness continues, or if parents do not meet with the advisor, the student will be placed on Behavioral Probation, which can limit participation in after-school activities.
- If students are late to the next class because a test goes over time, or because a teacher must speak to a student, etc., the student must bring a note from that teacher to the next class to be excused.

### ***Reporting Absences and Return to School after an Absence***

Parents are expected to notify the School of an unexpected absence due to illness or emergency **before school begins** on the morning of the absence.

- Call the High School Office (845-356-2514 x 309) or email [hmorgan@gmws.org](mailto:hmorgan@gmws.org) to report absences. Please speak with Ms. Morgan or leave a message.
- Calls from students will not be accepted.
- The nurse will follow up any absence not reported by a parent.

### ***Early Dismissals***

- Students who need to leave school before the end of the day must bring a note from a parent or have their parent call or email to notify the school of the dismissal time and the reason for the early dismissal.
- Students must sign out on the sign out sheet at the office.
- If a student is ill during the day, parents will be called to allow the student to leave early.
- Please note that the school does not have accommodations for students to rest at school when they are ill. Students who do not feel well enough to be at school must go home.

### ***Dismissal at the End of the Day***

- After classes end at 3:00pm, students must complete their school chore. The school day ends at 3:10pm.
- After-school activities will be dismissed by the supervising teachers from the site of the activity.
- The school can assume no responsibility for supervision of students before and after school hours, except at regularly scheduled and supervised activities.

### ***Leaving School Without Permission from a Parent/Guardian***

- If a student needs to leave school for the day, they must first ask their advisors to sign them out on the sign out sheet.
- If a student leaves school, or skips any classes, without permission from Ms. Morgan or an advisor, disciplinary action will follow, which may include loss of privileges and/or suspension.

## ***Attendance, Credit and Make-Up of Work***

Given the schedule of classes and the curriculum demands, it can be difficult to make up for missed class and classwork.

- If a quarter or more of a Main Lesson is missed, the student will not receive credit for that Main Lesson unless arrangements are made with the individual teacher to make up work for credit. This would then be recorded on the student's record as No Credit (NC).
- If a student misses more than ten days of a class, the student will not receive credit for that quarter unless arrangements are made with the individual teacher to make up work for credit. This would then be recorded on the student's record as no credit (NC).
- If a student earns a grade of NC for two Main Lessons and/or two classes, the student may be placed on academic probation.
- Students must be present for the final tests at the end of a Main Lesson, orchestra/band and chorus concerts, and eurythmy and play performances. To make up the exam or be excused from a performance, a doctor's note must be provided.
- A course may not remain INCOMPLETE on a student's transcript. A grade must be assigned by the end of the final marking period of the year.

## ***Excessive Absences***

- The school is responsible for making sure that students attend school regularly and on time.
- The school reserves the right to determine if the student has a legitimate excuse for being absent.
- After 15 days of cumulative absence, a high school student's record of attendance will be brought to the high school faculty for an evaluation and review.
- Excessive absences or lateness may lead to disciplinary action, including dismissal.
- Any absentee record of 20% or more of the school year without a medical exemption may be reported for truancy concerns.

## ***Emergency Absences***

The school expects all families to plan their year around the school calendar. When an emergency requires a student to be absent, parents must contact the school in one of the following ways: call or email the advisors and Ms. Morgan to inform the school about the emergency and the estimated number of days absent.

## **Planned Absences**

- When a student must be absent for unavoidable obligations, the family must notify the advisor and Ms. Morgan at least two weeks in advance of the absence to request any accommodation for missed work.
- If the faculty excuses the absence, it will set conditions for missed work, and the family can plan accordingly. However, even if the faculty excuses the absence, it may not be possible to arrange to make up work, including quizzes or tests.
- When families do not follow the guidelines set out above, the faculty has no obligation to either consider the request or communicate the specific impact of the absence in advance.
- Absences for religious observances are considered planned absences. Please contact your child's advisors to plan the absence.

## **Care Room**

Students may ask permission to be excused from class to go to the Care Room. Basic medical supplies (bandages, arnica, etc.) are available from baskets in the closet in the hall across from the single bathrooms and in Ms. Monteleone's office. Students are free to help themselves.

## **Cell Phones and Electronic Devices**

Students may not use their cell phones or other devices between the hours of 8am and 3:10pm. Students will turn off their phones and deposit them in the bins provided in the main lesson classroom. Students may not carry cell phones during the school day. At the end of the day, students must complete their after-school jobs before picking up their phones from their advisors and should refrain from using them outside the building until after 3:30.

If a student needs to make a phone call during the school day, they may ask a teacher to use a phone (not the high school office phone).

If a cell phone is seen or heard, the phone will be given to one of the class advisors, and the consequences will be as follows:

- First offense – The student may pick up the phone from the class advisor at the end of the day. At this time they will be reminded of the consequences for repeat offenses.
- Second offense – The student may pick up the cell phone from the class advisor at the end of the following day.
- Further offenses – The student may pick up the cell phone from the class advisor at the end of the following day and will have to turn in their phone each morning on entry to the school for at least a week.

## **Class Trips**

Excursions and trips supplement every student's education at Green Meadow. Whether a class takes a week-long outing to Hermit Island, Maine, a weekend ski trip, or a visit to a New York City museum during the school day, parents will receive ample notice. Permission slips (emergency/trip forms) valid for the entire school year are available on TADS and must be uploaded by the start of the school. The cost of such trips will vary according to the nature of the activity.

## **Clubs**

Green Meadow offers various after-school clubs in response to student interest. Students who wish to form a new club may ask any faculty member to serve as the club sponsor.

## **Communication**

The school depends upon the parents to attend parent meetings. The dates of these are announced on the website calendar and in the "Seven Days" notifications of activities in the upcoming week, which is emailed to parents on Sundays.

## **Community Service**

- Ninth graders will perform community service activities as arranged during the school year by their advisors. In addition, they are required to perform five hours of in-school service during the year.
- Tenth and eleventh graders are required to serve fifteen hours of community service outside of school, as well as five hours of in-school service, each year.
- Seniors are required to serve five hours of in-school service.

Students are strongly encouraged to serve their communities outside of this neighborhood.

Documentation of work done, including the date(s), number of hours served, and a brief description of work performed, on letterhead if possible, and signed by the supervisor, should be submitted to Ms. Morgan so that credit can be given. Your advisors will be happy to help you think of ways to serve your community. If you serve more than the required hours, be sure to turn in all the documentation, so that you have a complete record for your college application process.

## Computers

Students are permitted to bring their own laptops to school; in addition, there are computers available for student use. Both personal and school computers are only to be used *for curricular purposes* during the school day, such as research, digital photography, graphic design, and computer programming, and for functions relating to the life of the school community. Misuse will lead to the loss of privileges.

## Dance Policy

Students are encouraged to organize recreational activities such as dances, which can enrich the social fabric of student life. Guidelines for dances and similar events are the following:

- No drinking, drugs, smoking, vaping, or inappropriate dancing.
- At least three chaperones are needed for a dance.
- No student may leave the visible vicinity of the event and then return to the event.
- The high school dances are for students currently enrolled at GMWS. Guests may only be invited with the advance approval of a chaperone or advisor.

## Disciplinary Procedures

### **Expectations**

The high school faculty anticipates the cooperation of the students in order to provide a healthy social environment in an educational setting.

We encourage and rely on the students' own motivation to cooperate in fostering a productive school environment; the faculty does not desire to police students. We are convinced that this cooperation will help the students develop a sense of social responsibility and a responsiveness to their inner moral convictions. When this inner authority fails, the life of the school suffers, and the resulting difficulty will be resolved by the faculty in conjunction with the student and his or her parents.

The high school faculty assumes that students intend to do their best in all areas of school life. The atmosphere most conducive to learning can only be achieved with parents and students who willingly support the philosophy, policies, and values of the school. The faculty expects high standards of behavior, citizenship, and care for others from all students, without the burden of a large number of specific rules. This includes appropriate language between students as well as with teachers. **Consequently, the faculty reserves the right to judge the seriousness of impropriety of**

**behavior during school.** Rarely are students involved in anything but minor infractions, which are handled by the teachers, guidance counselor, and class advisors in a manner appropriate to the offense.

Students should be aware of the fact that backpacks and instruments found in the hall, in the common room or blocking access to rooms, may be confiscated, redeemable from the high school office for a nominal fee of \$1.00.

### ***Send-Outs***

If a student is told to leave a high school class, they must immediately report to Ms. Morgan or Ms. Crockett. Should further send-outs occur, action will be taken which the advisors deem appropriate.

### ***Suspensions***

Students will be suspended for the following reasons:

- Smoking, vaping, or drug use on Green Meadow campus or Threefold property at any time. Students who are off-campus during their lunch period are not permitted to smoke, vape or use drugs.
- Being dishonest, including lying, stealing, cheating and plagiarizing.
- Bullying (in-person or online), harassment, or fighting
- Vandalizing school property or pranking.
- Failing to attend a scheduled class, assembly or other high school event without first obtaining permission to miss the class or event.
- Inappropriate behavior in the buildings, including after hours.
- Not reporting directly to the high school office after being sent out.

A suspended student is required to miss one or more school days (as determined by the advisors). A meeting is held with the student, parents and advisors prior to the student's reentry to school.

### ***In-school suspension***

Some infractions may result in in-school suspensions at the discretion of the faculty. For an in-school suspension, students come to school from 8:20 to 3pm, and perform tasks given to them by faculty and staff members.

### ***Expulsion***

The school reserves the right to expel any student under the following circumstances:

- When the terms of the student's probation are not met.
- The student is deemed to be not academically suited to the curriculum of the school.

- A student's behavior is determined to be destructive to the life of the school or their behavior demonstrates that the student does not willingly abide by the few rules we have.

## **Dress Code**

We expect all students to dress in a manner which reflects our commitment to learning. Clothing should be neat and comfortable, and be appropriate for the classes of the day. Students should be covered from upper chest to mid-thigh. Students must wear shoes. Students should refrain from wearing clothing with prominent branding or messaging. Teachers reserve the right to determine what is appropriate school clothing. The dress code applies to field trips unless otherwise indicated by chaperones.

### ***Physical Education Class***

Students will be assigned a locker at the beginning of the school year and issued a school lock. Locks need to be returned at the end of the school year or a replacement fee of \$5 will be charged. Five minutes will be given at the start and end of class for students to change. Students need to provide their own proper athletic shoes and shorts or warm-up pants. If a student is unprepared or late for class in excess of three times, they will serve a lunchtime detention.

### ***Assembly Dress required for Rose Ceremonies and Holiday Assemblies***

Students should dress in a formal manner. They may not wear jeans, clothing with writing, distressed or torn clothing, or sneakers.

### ***Concert Dress***

Concert attire for everyone is all black. Concert attire includes:

- Short or long sleeved top (not sleeveless)
- Black pants
- Black skirt or dress (mid-calf or longer)
- Black socks or tights
- Black shoes

## **Drug and Alcohol Policy**

In healthy adolescent development, a young person's physical well-being, social and emotional awareness, and active thinking are all interrelated. Waldorf education can be effective only when all of these qualities are nurtured. Drugs and alcohol inhibit healthy development, and work against the teachers' efforts to cultivate the developing being of the young person. For adolescents especially, these substances are physically debilitating, socially destructive, and damaging to the subtle process of perception and thought.

We are primarily concerned with the health and education of the young people in our care. We expect that each student will make an inner commitment to abstain from drugs and alcohol, and that parents will support us in this effort. We wish to help any student who voluntarily discloses a problem of substance abuse.

Students who use, distribute, deal, or are under the influence of drugs or alcohol on school grounds or at any school-related event (such as sporting events or the prom) will be subject to the following consequences:

A first offense will necessitate a meeting between the student, the parents and selected faculty. At this meeting, it will be determined whether the student will be expelled or asked to participate in a counseling or rehabilitation program, which may include a requirement for periodic drug testing. Only if the student agrees to such a program can there be a basis for his or her continued enrollment at Green Meadow Waldorf School. A further offense may result in immediate expulsion.

If faculty members observe a convergence of indicators such as excessive tardiness, fatigue in class, inability to concentrate, a downturn in academic performance, etc., a meeting will be arranged with the student to discuss possible causes and the student may be asked to have an outside evaluation. If it is determined that the student is struggling with substance abuse and the situation cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the faculty, they may be asked to leave.

Students who wish to contest a drug or alcohol disciplinary action may bring their case before a specially designated faculty group. This group will make a recommendation to the high school faculty, which will make the final decision.

**Reminder to parents: it is illegal to serve alcohol to minors. Parents are liable for alcohol served in their homes by anyone.**

## **Exchange Program**

Students in grades 10 and 11 have the possibility of an exchange with a Waldorf student in a foreign country. The foreign exchange coordinators will give a presentation on the exchange program to ninth graders and to their parents. We have found the foreign exchange program to be of benefit to the individuals and to the school, and we encourage students in good standing to take advantage of it if possible.

Students wishing to take part in this program must initiate the process with Mr. Carter. Class advisors approve applications for exchange.

International students at GMWS are normally expected to take *English as a New Language* classes. Additional ENL instruction may be required.

## **Extracurricular Activities**

All students may participate in extracurricular activities. Ninth graders will be monitored to make sure that extra-curricular activities are not interfering with the establishment of good study habits and acclimatization to the increased high school workload. Green Meadow offers activities such as a drama club, robotics, literary and arts club, yearbook, Student Council, musical groups, and the Community Service group; others may appear by student request. The offerings change from year to year. Conditions for non-athletic after-school activities will be determined on a year to year basis. Check with the teacher in charge of the activity or club.

## **Graduation**

High School Commencement is planned and hosted by the school. The senior class advisors choose the Commencement speaker. Class parents coordinate details with the advisors. Ninth, tenth- and eleventh grade students are expected to help at the Lower School moving up ceremony and the High School graduation ceremony.

## **Guidance/School Counseling**

The counseling program aims to help each student formulate appropriate post-secondary plans. The majority of students go on to college, but others are assisted in finding work or other vocational training.

The counselor works with juniors early in the year to help them become aware of their particular abilities and interests, and how they relate to future work and study. Meetings between the counselor and parents deal mainly with the college application, College Board testing, and financial aid process.

The counselor welcomes questions from students and parents, and is happy to make appointments with parents at any time during a student's career in the high school.

## **Harassment**

We expect that we will treat one another in a respectful and considerate manner. Green Meadow does not tolerate bullying, teasing or intimidation of any kind. If you are not sure if someone's language or behavior is unacceptable, and it makes you (or someone else) uncomfortable, talk to the guidance counselor or any member of the faculty. Consequences for violations may include suspension for the first offense, expulsion for further offenses, and mandated therapy where deemed appropriate.

## **Homework**

Green Meadow seeks to prepare students to be independent learners through regular homework assignments, while allowing time for them to rest, socialize and blossom outside of their academic endeavors.

### **WORKLOAD**

The faculty seeks to assign up to 1 ½ hours for daily main lesson work and up to 20 minutes of homework for subject classes that meet several times/week (Spanish, humanities, math, science elective). Students who are enrolled in honors-level classes may expect more homework.

The music department recommends that students practice their instruments for 30 minutes/day, five times/week.

Students who are struggling with their workloads should speak directly to the relevant teachers. If the issue is not resolved, students should seek the support of their advisor.

### **PUNCTUALITY**

Students are responsible for completing all assignments on time. Questions about any assignment should be raised with the teacher and resolved before the assignment is due. If a student's work cannot be turned in by the due date, the teacher should be contacted (either in-person or via email) before the due date to explain why. If the reason is acceptable, an extension or a target date by which to complete the work will be given. Unexcused late work is generally not given full credit.

### **HOMEWORK-FREE WEEKENDS**

At the end of each main lesson block, students enjoy a weekend with no homework.

## **Incidental Expenses**

Incidental expenses occur through the year, for such things as field trips, class trips, social events, High School Week, etc. We try to keep the costs to a minimum. We also make every effort to give ample advance warning.

## **Lunch**

High school students may bring lunches and snacks, or buy them at the Hungry Hollow Co-op, Threefold Café or Harvest Moon during lunch time (not snack time.) Lunch times are very busy at the Co-op and students are asked to be considerate of the other customers. Students are not permitted to walk along Chestnut Ridge Road. Students are not permitted to go home at lunch without permission.

Students are asked to restrict on-campus eating to the Common Room, faculty-designated areas, and the picnic areas outside the High School. Eating is not permitted in the classrooms. Students should not be loitering in the halls or on the front steps. Students are responsible for keeping the eating areas in all these places clean. Students who are discovered to be irresponsible in any way will lose their off-campus lunch privileges.

## **Media Policy**

Green Meadow Waldorf School is dedicated to nurturing capacities of independent thinking, imagination, sensitivity, and initiative. We recognize the debilitating effects that excessive use of media, including videos, social networking and video games, can have on the development of these capacities and on academic achievement. High school students are strongly encouraged to maintain a healthy life balance and to fully engage with real-world activities.

## **Music Lessons**

All students are required to play in either the high school orchestra or band. In order to maintain an effective program, all students are required to take private lessons on the musical instrument they play in their school ensemble and are expected to practice consistently at home as required by their individual music teacher. (Exchange students are exempted from this requirement.)

As a convenience to parents and students, the school has gathered a distinguished group of instrumentalists to give individual lessons during and after school. While parents pay for these lessons, the school does feel responsible to see that the teachers' time is well used. To this end, the following suggestions are made:

If a student does not show up for a scheduled lesson, or comes late to the lesson, the parent is still expected to pay for the teacher's time. Necessary cancellations should be made as soon as possible out of respect for the teacher's schedule. Please do not call the school; contact the teacher directly.

Be aware of scheduled orchestra, band, and private lessons. Students are required to have their instruments and sheet music in school on those days.

Requests concerning changes of instrument or private lesson teacher should be directed in writing to Mrs. Stern or Mr. Seavey.

Following a discussion with their private teachers, seniors are allowed to discontinue lessons after the Music Panels of their senior year.

Students may also choose to study with a qualified teacher of their choice outside of school. **Failure to take private lessons will impact the band or orchestra grade.** Students in need of financial assistance can contact the business office to apply for a scholarship.

## **Off Campus Privileges**

Students may not leave the campus, go home or drive during the school day without staff or faculty permission. High school students may go to the Threefold Café, Harvest Moon or the Co-op during their lunch period only, not at snack time. Advisors will suspend the off-campus privileges of anyone abusing these privileges, for example by returning late to class.

## **Parking**

Students are allowed to park behind Holder House, but must apply for a permit (\$50/year) through the HS registrar (Ms. Morgan). Students are not allowed to park on the Green Meadow campus or at the Co-op, and violators will have their vehicles towed away at their expense.

Students are not permitted to drive or be in cars during the school day. Students must obey posted speed limit signs, and behave respectfully toward other drivers and pedestrians in and around the parking lots.

## **Plagiarism**

Plagiarism and cheating are unacceptable in an academic setting. If a student is found to have presented words or ideas as his or her own without attribution, or to have cheated on a test, the student will receive a failing grade for the test or assignment, there will be a meeting with the teacher and an advisor, the offense will be recorded, and the parents will be informed. A second offense will be cause for suspension and academic probation. Further offenses will normally result in expulsion.

## **PSAT Test Prep**

PSAT exam prep is offered at Green Meadow in the Fall to sophomores and juniors. The guidance counselor informs the students when the course is being offered.

## **Remote Learning**

The High School does not normally offer remote learning options. For otherwise healthy students who are quarantined, however, provision may be made to take classes remotely.

## **School Hours**

The building and offices are open from 8:00am to 3:30pm on school days. The school day begins at 8:15am and ends at 3:10pm with the completion of the after-school cleanup job. Students are expected to be out of the building by 3:40pm.

## **Snow and other Weather Related Closings**

We have an automated calling system which will be activated in the case of a change to our normal schedule. You can also visit the gmws.org website.

## **Sports**

Students may participate in extracurricular athletics activities such as cross-country, basketball, volleyball, soccer, and baseball/softball. Tennis is also sometimes offered. The number of games or matches will vary from sport to sport but should not exceed three scheduled contests per week. Tournaments may fall during a weekend or over a holiday.

## **Conduct**

Since Green Meadow athletes represent the school, it is vital that they conduct themselves responsibly. They are expected to be prompt and prepared for games. They must obey the rules. Swearing at or criticizing the coaches, other players, or the referees are considered breaches of sportsmanlike conduct. Fighting is an even more serious breach of conduct and will result in expulsion from the game and suspension from at least one game following. Players are asked to sign a contract agreeing to training conditions on which their participation is contingent. Each athlete is required to sign a pledge to abstain from any use of drugs, alcohol or nicotine.

## **Insurance**

All participants in interscholastic sports must have a current physical examination within the previous twelve months before the beginning of a season. For each sport a student plays, a fee is charged to cover coaching, refereeing, equipment, and transportation expenses.

Players may not drive to and from games without the specific written permission of their parents and coach ahead of time. Faculty members may drive team members in faculty vehicles. Team members must return to school after each game before going elsewhere.

## **Practices**

In any season, practices will take place no more than four times per week. The days will be determined by prior agreement reached by the coaches and the teachers responsible for other extra-curricular activities. Players are expected to come to practice unless absent, ill or injured.

Times of practices will vary depending on the sport. No practices will take place without the direct supervision of a coach.

## **Student Participation**

Students who leave school early due to an illness may not participate in extracurricular activities on that day. If a student feels ill, they should receive parent or teacher permission to go home. Students absent from school due to illness are not allowed to participate in extracurricular activities on that day. Chronic lateness to school will imperil student participation in the extracurricular activities.

## **Student Council**

The Student Council includes representatives from each high school grade, selected by the class members by plurality vote. Meetings occur in the presence of the faculty mentor. The Student Council typically recommends changes in the school they believe would serve the student body, arranges dances and celebrations, and fosters the student community in other ways.

## **Teacher Absences**

If the teacher of a class is absent or detained, students are expected to remain in the classroom until further instructions have been given. If no teacher shows up after ten minutes, students should send a representative to the high school office to find out what the situation is. Failure to show up in the classroom unless otherwise directed will be considered skipping class. Look for notices on the bulletin board about teacher absences and changes of schedule.

## **Telephone Messages**

The high school number is 845-356-2514, x309. We must request that you not ask staff members to relay any messages to the students except in cases of real emergencies.

## **Green Meadow Waldorf School**

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*These policies are subject to change. We also reserve the right to add or to eliminate guidelines at any time. Parents will be notified of any changes made to our policies.*

*If you have a question that is not covered by this Handbook, please refer to the Community Directory or speak to the High School Chair.*



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