

# MARLBORO ACADEMY



## ***Student-Parent Handbook 2026-2027***

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## **Below are some “Points of Emphasis” for the 2026-2027 school year.**

### **CHECK IN/CHECK OUT PROCEDURE**

Parent/Guardian will send email to [admin@marlboroacademy.com](mailto:admin@marlboroacademy.com) stating date, time, who will be picking up the child and reason for check in/check out for their child. The email needs to be sent even if someone on the emergency contact list is picking up the student. This email will reach Ms. Sloop, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Lackey, Mr. Hernandez and Mrs. Hyduke. This will help with safety, faster communication, and accountability in the check in/check out process.

Whenever possible this email should be sent before 8:30 am. *If a student feels sick and needs to go home, that student should go to the appropriate office to call a parent and not text/call the parent directly. No student may leave campus without parent/guardian permission and checking out in the office.* The office must be made aware when a student needs to leave school early.

**Please do NOT email a specific person with check-in/check-out information. Use the [ADMIN@MARLBOROACADEMY.COM](mailto:ADMIN@MARLBOROACADEMY.COM) email concerning the check in/check out process. This email goes to several people and helps information get disseminated quickly and safely.**

### **CHANGE OF SCHOOLS**

MA students who enroll in another school and wish to return to MA must reenroll within 12 MA school days. This reenrollment is contingent upon a spot being open in the student's grade. Also, a re-enrolled student is responsible for making up all the work missed during the student's absence from MA.

### **AFTER SCHOOL STUDENT GUIDELINES**

- All students must be off campus by 2:50 pm each day unless under the direct supervision of a staff member.
- Students must leave the parking lot when they sign out of school.
- Students are not allowed to return to campus prior to 2:30 pm for games, practices, etc. unless they sign back in.
- For liability insurance reasons students not picked up by 2:50pm will be placed in Homework Center at charge. This includes students waiting for any school sponsored events including athletic practices either for themselves or their siblings. Students must be under the direct supervision of a staff member or leave campus after 2:50 pm.
- Siblings of students who have early dismissal must be picked up in the front pick up line.

### **PROM**

- All students in grades 9-12 will be dismissed at 11:35, after third period, on prom day.

### **CELL PHONES/SMART WATCHES/EARBUDS**

Please see page 23 for the policy within this handbook. At allowed times, for safety reasons, students may only wear ONE earbud on campus. This includes after-school activities.

### **MEDICATIONS**

All medications need to be delivered by the parent to Mrs. Hyduke in the Lower School Office. Mrs. Hyduke will distribute medications to K-5 teachers. Medications for students in grades 6-12 will be stored in a locked cabinet in the office except for emergency use medications. The parent will pick up the medications at the end of the school year.

# Safety Points

## Comprehensive emergency response plan includes

- The school works with local emergency service providers.
- The school conducts drills for fire, severe weather events, armed intruders, and evacuations.

## Check-in procedure for all visitors

- Enter through the front gate.
- Press the call button, and then state your name and the nature of your visit.
- Sign a guest register in the high school building.

## Parents/Guardians

- Please contact school personnel if you become aware of a dangerous situation that could involve Marlboro Academy. We will treat all information in an appropriately confidential manner.
- Parents should read and review the student handbook with their children.

## Emergency Situations

- Information will be posted on television, Facebook, and the school's website. Information will also be emailed and texted to emails and cell phones provided by parents.
- If needed, the school will provide information on how, where, and when parents can pick up their children.
- Be prepared to show identification to pick up your child.
- Law enforcement may determine when your child can be picked up safely and in compliance with situational safety measures.

## Other

The following is a sample of what we do to help ensure a safe learning environment for students and staff members:

- Specific procedures for supervision in place.
- Coaches and select staff members have first aid and CPR training.
- Surveillance cameras are placed strategically throughout campus.
- Surveillance cameras are monitored continuously throughout school day.
- Staff members routinely check doors and grounds throughout the school day.
- Law enforcement periodically visits our campus and may eat lunch with our students.

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# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. Doc Stillwell        | Mr. Eric Herndon – Treasurer | Mrs. Caroline Marks |
| Mr. Allen Taylor         | Mrs. Christy Land – Chair    | Mr. Sully Blair     |
| Mr. Billy Covington      | Mr. Aaron Watts              |                     |
| Mr. Ed Ross – Vice Chair | Mr. Pat Rogers               |                     |

## **SCHOOL MISSION**

To provide a safe, nurturing, and rigorous academic environment which inspires and encourages the development of students to achieve their highest academic potential and a strong moral character to prepare them for college and career readiness.

## **SCHOOL VISION**

To develop students who are well-rounded, who graduate with knowledge, integrity, and confidence and who realize their full potential enabling them to make a positive difference in the world.

## **BOARD GOVERNANCE**

The Marlboro Academy Board of Directors is the highest governing body of our school. The Board reserves the right to change, amend, override, or discount any part of the rules as outlined. The decisions of the Board are final.

## **ACCREDITATION**

Marlboro Academy is a member of, and accredited by, the South Carolina Independent School Association, Inc. (SCISA).

## **CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT**

The Marlboro Academy Code of Conduct is not intended as an exhaustive list of misconduct. As a result, Marlboro Academy reserves the right to discipline a student for any conduct the school deems inappropriate even though not specifically mentioned in this Code.

All sanctions and consequences are designed to be fair, redemptive, and instructive, with an emphasis on growth and development. The nature and severity of sanctions are based on the following:

- Severity of incident**
- Past behavioral patterns**
- Student maturity**
- Emotional state of student when incident occurred**

If at all possible, initial intervention for disciplinary problems should be minimal with an emphasis on caution, reasoning and counseling. However, Marlboro Academy will maintain a firm and uncompromising position on inappropriate behaviors.

While Marlboro Academy has no direct supervision over students outside of school operations and activities, we do reserve the right to discipline students for inappropriate behavior that negatively impacts campus culture and safety.

A student who has knowledge that a violation could occur may be considered an accomplice. A student who finds himself or herself directly involved in an inappropriate incident or potential incident has the responsibility to remove himself or herself to avoid implication.

Parents and students have the right under the School Code of Conduct to appeal any decision following standard procedures. However, they have the responsibility of addressing the concern along each level of the process prior to appealing to a higher authority.

## **Off Campus Behavior**

During times that students are outside of school operations and school-related activities, they are not under the direct supervision of the school but are subject to the consequences of the Marlboro Academy Code of Conduct. However, as part of their agreement to enroll children in school, parents have agreed to support the school in its educational endeavors to accomplish our vision, mission, and goals. **As students represent the school at all times**, their behavior outside school operations and activities may reflect on the overall effectiveness of the school. As a result, the school has the responsibility to hold students accountable under certain circumstances.

## **Staff and Student Communication**

The quality of students at Marlboro Academy allows the faculty and administration to rely on reasoning to encourage appropriate behavior. As a result, our primary consequences are based on positive communication with our students. Most communication is preventative in nature and is designed to make students aware of our expectations to avoid situations where they unknowingly exhibit inappropriate behavior.

For this reason, teachers begin the year teaching students the rules and regulations for their individual classes and the school as a whole. Also, teachers are encouraged to talk to students regarding inappropriate behavior in such a way as to encourage the students while avoiding embarrassment. When teachers feel additional assistance is needed, they are to refer students to administration.

## **Parent/Teacher/Administrator Communication**

**Our belief is that the primary source of guiding student behavior should be the parents.** Our mission for maintaining appropriate student behavior is to form a partnership between the student and parents allowing the parents to handle as many issues as possible. It is our responsibility to ensure that we maintain an optimal academic environment for all of our students. If necessary, parents will be contacted through certified letters, e-mails, phone calls, and parent conferences. However, when these forms of communication are no longer effective, graduated consequences may be necessary. MA faculty have been asked to NOT communicate with parents via social media platforms due to security and privacy concerns.



## Denial of Class

Students may be denied attending class pending a specified action, such as a required parent conference or returning school property. Students denied classes will not be allowed to make up work missed unless specified by Administration.

## Suspension

A suspension is a denial of the right of a student to attend school. The purpose of a suspension is to send a clear message to the student that the behavior is unacceptable. Students are not allowed on campus or to participate in any school activities during the period of their suspension. This includes athletic practices. Teachers and coaches will be informed of any suspensions. Teachers will inform the administration when missed assignments are completed due to suspension.

## Expulsion

Expulsion is the permanent dismissal of a student from school. It is considered an absolute last resort to be used when all attempts to correct disciplinary issues have been exhausted. At this point it is determined that a complete change of environment is in the best interest of the student. An expulsion may also be justified when a student commits an act so severe that it threatens the safety of our other students or severely inhibits Marlboro Academy from meeting obligations to our other students. Finally, an expulsion may be necessary if a parent continuously refuses to support the school in an effort to correct inappropriate behavior of our students and support our mission to promote a positive learning environment.

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## HONOR CODE

- The student shall be on his/her honor to prepare and submit only his/her own work. This includes homework, papers, test, exams, etc. Students should also refrain from giving or receiving help on tests or examinations.
- Each student has the responsibility to report any infractions.
- Any act of dishonesty will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal.

## **CAMPUS EXPECTATIONS**

- Students are to address adults in a respectful manner.
- Students should not be in teacher lounge areas unless they have permission from a staff member. If the door is closed, then the student should not enter the teacher lounge.
- During assemblies, students **will** be attentive, courteous and respectful at all times.
- No weapons, guns of any make (rifle, shotgun, pistol, toy guns, etc.), knives, and explosives, are allowed on MA campus, (including student vehicles). Guns used for Sporting Clays will be secured by administration.
- No alcohol, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia is allowed on campus.
- Graffiti will not be tolerated on school property and will be viewed as vandalism. Student will be responsible for all costs incurred to clean up vandalism or replace damaged equipment.
- Students must adhere to the Dress Code.
- **Trash should be put in trashcans.**

## **VISITORS ON CAMPUS**

- No visitors on campus during school hours without prior approval from administration.
- Teachers must notify the main office if they are expecting a visitor.

## **ACADEMICS**

### **SOUTH CAROLINA UNIFORM GRADING POLICY**

Marlboro Academy utilizes the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy to calculate GPA and class rank. All courses carrying Carnegie units will be used. All final transcripts will report class rankings.

- Transcripts and report cards will use numerical grades for courses carrying Carnegie units.
- Transcripts and report cards will specify the course title and the level of the course the student has taken.
- Grades in courses carrying Carnegie units will be converted according to the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy.
- South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy. See form/table appendix.

### **CALCULATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGE/CLASS RANK**

- Marlboro Academy utilizes the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy to calculate GPA and class rank. Marlboro Academy ranks all academic classes at the end of each academic year. Rank will include the entire class. All final transcripts will report class rankings.

## CHANGE OF SCHOOLS

MA students who enroll in another school and wish to return to MA must reenroll within 12 MA school days. This reenrollment is contingent upon a spot being open in the student's grade. Also, a reenrolled student is responsible for making up all work missed during the student's absence from MA.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

|                                                                                        |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| English .....                                                                          | 4 units         |
| Mathematics.....                                                                       | 4 units         |
| Science (Must have three lab sciences excluding physical science) .....                | 4 units         |
| Social Sciences (One must be U. S. History, and one must be Government/Economics)..... | 4 units         |
| Foreign Language (Three or four recommended) .....                                     | 2 units         |
| Computer Science .....                                                                 | 1 unit          |
| Physical Education .....                                                               | 1 unit          |
| Fine Arts.....                                                                         | 1 unit          |
| Electives .....                                                                        | 3 units         |
| <b>Total .....</b>                                                                     | <b>24 units</b> |

## COURSE OF STUDY CLASSES TAUGHT AT MA

- Pre K Self Contained: SC Early Learning Standards
- K-5 Self Contained: Math, Reading, English, Writing, Science and Social Studies
- K-5 Rotation: Art, Computer/Library, Music, PE, Spanish
- CP-College Prep
- H-Honors
- #-Count towards High School Credits in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- All courses taken in grades 9-12 count towards High School Credits
- All students in grades 9-12 will be required to take their core courses (English, math, social studies, and science) on MA campus, unless permission is granted by Administration.

| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> | <b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Language Arts               | English                     | English 1 CP/ H             |
| Math 6                      | Math 7                      | Algebra I CP/ H             |
| Science                     | Language Arts               | Health / PE                 |
| Social Studies              | Pre Algebra 7               | Science                     |
| Rotation                    | Science                     | Social Studies              |
| Elective                    | Social Studies              | Chorus                      |
|                             | Chorus                      |                             |

| <b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> | <b>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> | <b>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> | <b>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Algebra 2 H/CP              | Algebra 2                    | Algebra 3                    | Advanced Biology             |
| English 2 H/ CP             | Biology                      | Chemistry                    | English 5                    |
| Spanish 1                   | Chorus                       | English 4<br>Economics       | Government/                  |
| World Geography             | Cinema                       | Geometry                     | Pre-Calculus                 |
| Physical Science            | English 3                    | World History                | Algebra                      |
| Computer Science            | Geometry                     | Psychology                   |                              |
|                             | Spanish 2                    | Spanish 3                    |                              |
|                             | US History                   |                              |                              |

## HONORS/CP

A student must earn a 93 or above for the year in the prerequisite class in order to be considered for placement in an honors section for the next class. For example, a student must earn at least a 93 in English I CP to be considered for English II Honors. To remain on the honors track, a student must earn an 86 or above for the year. If a student does not meet the grade criteria, the teacher can make the recommendation for the student to be placed in honors. Also, if a student wants to be placed in an honors class and has not met the criteria or earned a teacher recommendation, the student and parent must meet with the headmaster to petition the move. At that time, it will be at the headmaster's discretion, after talking with the student's previous year teachers, to determine if the move to honors is in the best interest of the student.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 36 hours are required for graduation from MA
- MA office will maintain a list of number of hours students acquire
- Suggestions: Red Cross, Humane Society, Hospice, Relay for Life, United Way, Church Functions, Community Kitchens
- These hours must be earned in addition to service hours needed for club membership.

## COURSE CHANGES FOR STUDENTS

Reasons a course change will be made:

- The student has already passed the course.
- The student failed a course needed for graduation and needs to take that course over.
- Administration and parent have prior agreement.
- Administration has the authority to change a course under certain circumstances.

## ACADEMIC PROBATION

Students may be placed on Academic Probation at the discretion of the headmaster.

## AFTER SCHOOL STUDENT GUIDELINES

- All students must be off campus by 2:50 pm each day unless under the direct supervision of a staff member.
- Students must leave parking lot when they sign out of school. **No Loitering**
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- Siblings of students who have early dismissal must be picked up in the front pick up line.

# Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Policy

**Dual Enrollment:** Courses are taken for college credit only.

**Dual Credit:** Courses taken for high school and college credit.

## DUAL ENROLLMENT

To be eligible to take dual enrollment courses through RCC/NETC, students will be required to meet and maintain the following performance criteria:

- Students taking college transfer courses must maintain a minimum 2.8 unweighted high school GPA. (RCC only)
- Students must continue to make progress toward a high school diploma while taking dual enrollment courses.
- Eligibility for college courses may be revoked at any time based on performance, attendance, behavior, and/or school/district policy or procedure.

General information concerning college courses and enrollment:

- Students who take college courses while in high school are creating a college transcript that will follow them throughout life. For SC students, this becomes part of the student's LIFE GPA.
- All courses in which a student enrolls at RCC/NETC will be assigned final grades. Grades will be documented on the RCC/NETC transcript and factored in the calculation of grade point average for college. Therefore, all college courses taken will be held to the standards that RCC/NETC require.
- Students who struggle academically or face unforeseen challenges in their college courses are expected to show self-initiative in maintaining good academic standing by:
  - Seeking help from the college instructor
  - Scheduling a tutor through RCC/NETC
- Students taking online classes at RCC must log in to Moodle within the first two days in order to be counted as attending the class. Students are instructed to check their RCC email daily. Students taking online classes at NETC must log in to D2L within the first five days in order to be counted as attending the class. Students are instructed to check their NETC email daily.
- If students have problems logging in to their online course, they should contact the College Placement Counselor immediately.
- In case of failure in a dual enrollment course, students will replace/take that course during the next semester in which the course is offered and will only be allowed to take a maximum of two courses the following semester.
- Students may take as many classes for college credit as they would like.
- Students must request that their RCC/NETC transcripts to be sent with their college applications. This is done through RCC/NETC.

## DUAL CREDIT

If a student chooses to take courses for Dual Credit, the student must do the following:

- The four dual enrollment courses with the highest grades for the student will be included on the high school transcript. If there are dual enrollment courses needed to satisfy a high school graduation credit, these courses will be included in the four courses. In other words, students will only be allowed to report four RCC/NETC courses on the Marlboro Academy transcript.
- Choose courses that will not replace Marlboro Academy courses without prior approval from the headmaster. All required courses for graduation must be taken at Marlboro Academy.

- Understand that courses for Dual Credit must be taken during the following three semesters: fall of junior year, spring of junior year, and fall of senior year. **Summer courses will not be taken for Dual Credit.**
- Once a course appears on a transcript that is mailed with a college application, it will not be removed. Parents and seniors will approve the transcript before it is mailed with college applications during the fall of the senior year.
- College courses that result in college transfer credit will have a calculated weight equal to an AP course on the student's high school transcript.

## **DUAL ENROLLMENT POLICY FOR 9<sup>th</sup> AND 10<sup>th</sup> GRADES:**

Below are the requirements for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Graders to take RCC/NETC courses before their junior year. If a student wishes to take Dual Enrollment courses as a 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> Grader, the parent must email [snewton@marlboroacademy.com](mailto:snewton@marlboroacademy.com) so that the requirements may be checked. In order to enroll in college classes during the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> Grade year, a student must do the following:

- Earn a SC UGP GPA of 4.0 after 1<sup>st</sup> Semester of 9<sup>th</sup> Grade or after 1<sup>st</sup> Semester of 10<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Earn the following PSAT scores: at least ERW 460 and MSS 510
- Earn the following Stanford 10 scores: 92<sup>nd</sup> Percentile in Total Reading, Total Math, and Total Language
- Meet with the headmaster
- Complete the appropriate paperwork with the College Placement Counselor
- Students will take ACA 122 or the college readiness class equivalent as the first dual enrollment class

## **PROCESS FOR REQUESTING TO DROP AN RCC/NETC COURSE:**

- There is a drop period that will allow a student to be removed from a course, meaning it will be removed from the college and high school transcript.
  - The window for dropping a RCC course will be **5 days after the start of the semester.**
  - After the drop window, students will receive a grade of a "W" on his/her college transcript, **if approved by committee.** "W" grades do **not** negatively affect a student's college GPA but **can** negatively affect future financial aid.
- Students that request the need to withdraw from a college course:
  - **MUST have an extenuating circumstance**
  - **MUST** obtain administrative approval from the high school administration.
  - **MUST** submit a Dual Enrollment Drop Form to the College Placement Counselor

## **RCC/NETC Proctored Exams:**

- Students may be required to take proctored exams at RCC/NETC. Students are given ample time to schedule these exams outside of their MA schedule. Therefore, missing class at MA in order to take a proctored exam for RCC/NETC will not be considered an excused absence from MA

Students and parents will sign a **Dual Enrollment Agreement** prior to registering for college classes. Any requests for exceptions to this policy should be made in writing to the headmaster. Any exceptions will be made at the headmaster's discretion after consultation with the board of directors.

## JUNIOR MARSHALS

- The six - eight juniors who have maintained the highest-grade point averages will be designated as junior marshals. This could be changed at the discretion of the Headmaster.
- The chief marshal will be the marshal with the highest-grade point average. GPAs will be calculated at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester of the junior year.
- Junior Marshals will be announced prior to Spring Break.
- Marshals must have entered the Academy by the beginning of their freshman year.
- All junior marshals **must** attend practices for Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremony.

## EXAM EXEMPTION POLICY

A student may qualify to exempt an exam provided the student meets the following criteria:

**1<sup>st</sup> Semester** - No exemptions, with the exception of Senior Government with a grade of 93-100 for the semester.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**-All class exams may be exempted with a grade of 93-100 for the semester.

**Exams**-Students must stay entire Exam Period

-Students may leave campus after Exam Period is over

## EXTRA HELP

- Extra help is not a viable option for those who do not pay attention in class or for those who do not do their assigned homework.
- Extra help is NOT the same as tutoring. Extra help is provided by all teachers in order to answer specific questions, to clarify instruction, or to review material covered in class.

## GRADE PROMOTION

Promotion from grades one through twelve in the case of students who fail one or more subjects will be determined by Administration.

## HOMEWORK

- Homework assignments are the student's responsibility and should be submitted in a timely manner.

## HONOR GRADUATES

Honor graduates are those graduating seniors who have maintained an average of 4.00 for all high school work.



## HEADMASTER'S LIST

- Headmaster's List is awarded at the end of the year in grades 3-12.
- Headmaster's List is awarded to those students who achieve a grade of at least 90 average in all academic subjects for the year including exam grades.

## HONOR ROLL

- A and AB Honor roll is awarded at the end of each quarter in grades 3-12.
- A Honor Roll requires a grade of at least 90 in all academic courses at the end of the quarter.
- A/B Honor Roll requires a grade of at 80 in all academic at the end of the quarter.

## BETA CLUB

The Beta Club is an academic, honorary organization.

Senior Beta Club Requirements:

- The Senior Beta Club will be open to any student in Grades 9-12 who maintains a cumulative average of 4.0 on the SCUGP for all subjects giving a Carnegie unit. **GPA's will be rounded to the nearest tenth.** Therefore, a student with a 3.955 would be eligible for the Senior Beta Club, but a student with a 3.900 would not be eligible. This is based on the SCUGP which considers a 4.0 an A while a 3.9 is a B.
- Should a cumulative average fall below 4.0, a student will be placed on Senior Beta Club probation and given one semester in which to bring the average up to standard.
- Membership will be forfeited if the average of 4.0 is not attained by the end of the probationary period.
- If a new student is a member in good standing in their previous school's Senior Beta Club, the membership may be transferred. After the transfer, the student will need to meet the Marlboro Academy's Senior Beta Club requirements to remain a member in good standing.

## JUNIOR BETA CLUB

- Sixth through eighth grade students must have a 93 or above in every academic class.
- Honor classes will be weighted accordingly.
- Students admitted to Junior Beta the previous year will continue as Junior Beta members.
- Students must maintain an overall average of 90 or above to remain in the Junior Beta Club.
- Students must follow all rules and procedures.
- Students must attend Beta Club meetings and participate in Beta-sponsored activities.
- If a new student is a member in good standing in their previous school's National Junior Beta Club, the membership may be transferred. After the transfer, the student will need to meet the Marlboro Academy's National Junior Beta Club requirements to remain a member in good standing.

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society is an academic, honorary organization. Candidates will be evaluated, by members of the high school faculty, on the basis of leadership, service, character, and scholarship.

- A student must be in at least the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade in order to be considered for membership in the National Honor Society.
- The minimum academic requirement for a student to apply for membership in the National Honor Society is to earn a cumulative SCUGP GPA of 4.6 for all subjects giving a Carnegie unit. **GPA's will be rounded to the nearest tenth.** Therefore, a student with a 4.55 would be eligible to apply for the National Honor Society, but a student with a 4.54 would not be eligible.
- Students meeting the above minimum requirements will be given an application packet with a strict deadline. The anonymous faculty review committee will consider all applications and forward the recommendations for membership to the headmaster for approval.
- Should a cumulative average fall below 4.6, a student will be placed on National Honor Society probation and given one semester in which to bring the average up to standard.
- Membership will be forfeited if the average of 4.6 is not attained by the end of the probationary period.
- If a new student is a member in good standing in their previous school's National Honor Society, the membership may be transferred. After the transfer, the student will need to meet the Marlboro Academy's National Honor Society requirements to remain a member in good standing.

## MAKE-UP WORK

- Student is responsible for getting notes and announcements from the class missed.
- Student is responsible for any material given during the absence including homework, quiz, test, project, etc.
- Student is responsible for knowing of any future assigned homework, test, quiz, project, etc.
- If student knows that they will be absent ahead of day or days missed, student is responsible for collecting all assignments for homework, test, quiz, project, etc. before this absence or absences.
- All make-up work should be completed within 5 school days or by the deadline given by the teacher, this includes online work.
- If work is not completed by the deadline, a student may earn a zero.

## REPORT CARDS

- Report Cards are published on Gradelink at the completion of each nine week school period.
- A hard copy of a student's report card will be sent home which will include attendance information.

# SCISA ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETICS

*Academic achievement is a pre-requisite to participation. (SCISA Blue Book)*

**A.** In order to participate in athletic activities of the South Carolina Independent School Association, a student must be enrolled in and attending the member school in order to participate in that school's athletic program. The student must also meet all other necessary requirements for participation.

**B.** A student in grades 9-12 must take and pass at least **four (4), one unit CORE Courses** or **any five (5)** one unit courses, **each grading period** (6/9/12 week) or semester to be eligible.

- Students below the 9th grade must pass four (4) subjects each grading period/semester.
- A senior who has met or is meeting all requirements for graduation must pass four (4), one-credit courses each marking period/semester.
- A student who is repeating a course for which he/she has previously received credit cannot count this course as one required for eligibility.

**C.** A Maximum of **Two Credits** earned/recovered during summer sessions may be accepted from an accredited school with an established summer school program.

**D.** First Semester Academic Eligibility: A student must have earned a minimum of 4 core units or any 5 units of credit from the previous school year to be declared eligible for the First Semester (Fall) of a school year.

- Any student who did not receive credit for at least **one-half of all courses** taken the previous school year cannot be declared eligible until after the successful completion of the **1st Semester**.
- Block Schedule: At least two units must have been passed during the second semester or summer school. (*Example:* a student who earned 4 units for the first semester but withdrew/dropped-out the 2nd semester shall be declared ineligible for the First Semester).

**E.** Home School Courses. If a school allows a student to take courses at "home," those courses are **not eligible** for athletic eligibility.

**F.** Schools providing non-traditional academic programs such as "virtual school," distance learning or other non- traditional courses shall seek prior approval by SCISA before these courses may be used for athletic eligibility.

**G.** Core Courses: Those courses in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Computer Science (1), Fine Arts(1) and Foreign Language that are recommended by the Commission on Higher Education and are common to SCISA schools.

**H.** A One Credit Course is a course taken for 36 weeks, one period each day for a minimum of 45 minutes. A course taken each day as above for 18 weeks would be a half credit which when combined with another half credit course would be the equivalent of a one credit course. A course taken for 36 weeks but only three, 45 minute periods each week would not be a one credit course. Note: A One Credit Course taken for 18 weeks shall meet for one period each day for a minimum of 90 minutes. **Dual Credit Courses** are treated as one half of a Carnegie unit.

**I.** Eligibility is to be declared on the fourth (4th) school day after the end of the marking period. A student shall become eligible or ineligible at 12:01 AM on the fourth school day after the end of the marking period.

*Example 1:* The marking period ends on Friday. Student X becomes eligible or ineligible at 12:01 AM on Thursday. *Example 2:* The marking period ends on a Monday and Tuesday is a holiday for students. Student Y becomes eligible or ineligible at 12:01 AM on the following Monday.

## TESTING INFORMATION

|                     |                      |             |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| ACT                 | Grades 10, 11 and 12 | Recommended |
| Otis Lennon IQ Test | Grades 2, 5, and 7   | Required    |
| PSAT                | Grades 8- 11         | Required    |
| SAT                 | Grades 10, 11 and 12 | Recommended |
| Achievement Testing | Grades K-9           | Required    |

## TRANSCRIPTS

- Before transcripts can be released for an enrolled student, all accounts must be current. This includes tuition, athletics, fundraising, arts, classroom balances, uniforms, textbooks, etc.

## VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN-

- These honors are awarded to the students in the graduating class who must have entered Marlboro Academy by the beginning of their freshman year, attended all four high school years at MA, and have taken all Honors courses offered by MA.
- The student who earns the highest GPA and meets the above requirements will be valedictorian.
- The student who earns the second highest GPA and meets the above requirements will be salutatorian.

## VIRTUAL LEARNING

- Virtual Instruction may be provided for major medical illnesses and must be approved by MA administration. Parents will be required to provide documentation.

## STUDENT SCHEDULE INFORMATION

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

- All emails regarding attendance must be sent to [admin@marlboroacademy.com](mailto:admin@marlboroacademy.com) and teachers.
- Marlboro Academy recognizes that a positive correlation exists between regular attendance and achievement.
- Students who are absent more than **16 days** per school year shall be placed on a list of candidates for retention, and/or may not be able to receive credit for a course. There will be no distinction between excused and unexcused absences **except in the case of an appeal**.
- Students who are absent more than **8 days** per semester for a ½ credit class shall be placed on a list of candidates for retention, and/or may not be able to receive credit for a course.
- Students with more than 16 absences can appeal to the Marlboro Academy Board of Directors for their **excused absences** to pass a current class, to be promoted to next grade and/or to receive credit for the course.

- It shall be the responsibility of the student/parent to keep accurate records for **excused absences or tardies**. Examples-doctor's notes, legal issues, family issues, etc.
- MA requires that documentation be provided to the school stating the reason for student absences, tardies, and early dismissals.
- MA will maintain complete, confidential, and accurate attendance records in each class.
- A student shall have the opportunity to make-up all work, including tests, missed during the absence as arranged by the student with the teacher. **It is the student's responsibility to get make up work. Make up work should be submitted within (5) five days of a student's return.**
- To be counted officially present and allowed to participate in athletics, a student shall be in attendance at least one-half of the school day (3 hours), unless student has prior approval from Administration.
- School sponsored events do not count towards the 16-day absence policy.
- Students who leave school with fever must be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school. This is per the SC School Exclusion guidelines.

## TARDINESS

- A student shall be at his/her assigned station for work at the time appointed by teacher for the school day or class to begin. If not, student will be recorded as a tardy for the day or class.
- Three tardies will equal an absence.
- A student in grades 6-12, who misses more than one half of a period is marked as absent, not tardy, in that class. Students in K-5 who miss more than one half of a day will be counted absent.

## DAILY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

|                 |                                                                     |               |                                             |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 7:30 am         | Pence Hall<br>Opens for<br>early student<br>drop off                | 10:10 – 10:25 | Break<br><br>Grade 6-12                     |
| 8:00 am         | Student drop<br>off and bus<br>arrival<br><br>Report to<br>Homeroom | 10:30 – 11:15 | Third Period<br><br>Lower School<br>Lunches |
| 8:25 am         | First Bell<br>Rings                                                 | 11:20 – 12:10 | Fourth Period                               |
| 8:30 am         | Tardy Bell<br>Rings                                                 | 12:10 – 12:35 | Lunch<br><br>Grade 6 -12                    |
| 8:30 – 9:20 am  | First Period                                                        | 12:40 – 1:30  | Fifth Period                                |
| 9:25 – 10:10 am | Second Period                                                       | 1:35 – 2:25   | Sixth Period                                |

## **HOMEROOM**

Students should report to homeroom by 8:25 am. Attendance will be taken at this time. Students who are not in homeroom between 8:25 – 8:30 am will be marked absent.

**Kindergarten – Knauss**

**Seventh – Shelley, Kinard**

**First – Boney**

**Eighth – Evers**

**Second – Miller**

**Ninth -Stanton, Jones**

**Third – Bullard**

**Tenth – Tucker, D. Knauss**

**Fourth – Cribb**

**Eleventh – Greene**

**Fifth – Lampley, Williams**

**Twelfth - Hudson**

**Sixth – Gibson, McDonald**

## **LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY**

- A parent must email [admin@marlboroacademy.com](mailto:admin@marlboroacademy.com) and provide the reason for the student to be released earlier than regular dismissal time. This email must also include the name of who will be picking the student up.
- Students who become sick during the school day and this sickness requires them to leave campus, must go to the office to call a parent and sign out at the office with parent's permission.
- If Administration feels that student is not well enough to drive, transportation must be provided by student's family.
- All athletes leaving campus for an away game are under the direct supervision of their coach and will leave with the team at the announced departure time.
- Students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade who are taking NETC/RCC classes may be dismissed at 1:30 pm with proper paperwork.
- Students in 12<sup>th</sup> grade will be released at 12:10 pm to take NETC/RCC classes, 1:30 pm for seniors taking a MA class 5<sup>th</sup> period.
- **No student may leave MA campus before regular dismissal time without permission from Administration. Non-Athletes must sign out.**
- **No student may leave MA campus before regular dismissal time without parental permission and signing out in the office.**

## **SIGN-IN / SIGN-OUT PROCEDURE-STUDENTS**

- Students in grades K-5 will sign in/out in the lower school office.
- Students in grades 6-12 will sign in/out in the high school office.
- The office must be notified by emailing [admin@marlboroacademy.com](mailto:admin@marlboroacademy.com) if a child is leaving.
- Parents will buzz at the front gate. Students being signed in will be sent to class once they have been signed in at the appropriate office. If a student is being checked out, he or she will be called to the appropriate office at that time.

## **DISCIPLINE**

Individual teacher classroom management prevails until a faculty member decides that results are not forthcoming. Administration intervention will follow.

### **Discipline Consequences**

**Minor Offenses** are the following: Class Disruption, Dress Code Violations, Profanity, Inappropriate Gestures, Not Following Playground Rules, Not Following Teacher/Staff Directions

1<sup>st</sup>-Student Warning: Warning form signed by Student/Teacher

2<sup>nd</sup>-Loss of Break Time: Referral form signed by Student/Administration/Parent

3<sup>rd</sup> -One Day Suspension: Referral form signed by Student/Administration/Parent

4<sup>th</sup> -Three day Suspension: Student/Parent/Administration Conference

5<sup>th</sup> -Possible Expulsion from MA: Student/Parent/Administration Conference

**Major Offenses** are those which require the immediate attention of Marlboro Academy Administration because of the severity of the violation. These behaviors include, but are not limited to the following: Assault, Bomb Threats, Bullying, Improper Social Media Posts, Disrespect to MA Staff, Cheating/Plagiarism, Fighting, Hazing, Leaving School Without Permission, Tobacco Products including Vaping, Alcohol, Serious Inappropriate PDA, Stealing, Sexual Harassment, Theft, Vandalism, Technology Misuse, Weapons

1<sup>st</sup>-Parent Notification/Possible Suspension: Student/Parent/Administration conference

2<sup>nd</sup>-Five Day Suspension: Student/Parent/Administration conference

3<sup>rd</sup>-Ten Day Suspension/Possible Expulsion: Student/Parent/Administration conference

**Parent must accompany student and meet with administration upon student return from suspension.**

**Administration has the authority to discipline as necessary if a Safety Issue is involved,** which may include but not be limited to: Weapons, Drug Possession/Sale, Alcohol Possession/Consumption, Assault, Sexual Harassment, Social Media Posts or Bomb Threats.

## CELL PHONE/SMART WATCHES/META GLASSES/EAR BUDS USAGE

- All Students may possess a cell phone, smart watch, or ear buds as long as they comply with MA administration and staff rules. Students are prohibited from having Meta Glasses while on campus.
- Students may use their cell phones, smart watch and ear buds during the following times: before and after school, lunch, morning break, and between classes.
- MA staff is not responsible for cell phones, smart watches or ear buds.
- **Students who post videos or pictures on social media that were made at school or at a school sponsored activity that are considered inappropriate may face possible disciplinary action. If an issue arises at school regarding a social media post or text made off campus, students may be disciplined accordingly.**
- Students **may not** use cell phones, Meta Glasses, smart watches or ear buds during school wide emergencies or emergency drills unless instructed to do so by an MA staff member.
- Student **MAY NOT** use cell phones or Meta Glasses to record/photograph in classroom nor restrooms.
- **Each teacher has the authority to collect cell phones and smart watches at the beginning of each class and return them at the end of the class unless needed for instruction.** Staff members have the right to set guidelines for cell phone use in their classroom setting.

**\*\*\*If parents try to call or text students during the day, please expect limited responses until break (10:10 am) or lunch (12:10 pm) as students will be in class.**

**Cell Phone/Smart Watch/Earbud/ Meta Glasses Offenses:** Cell phones, smart watches, Meta Glasses and earbuds taken at school will be returned to students at end of that school day with parent notification.

1<sup>st</sup>-Student Warning

2<sup>nd</sup>-Parent Notification-device taken for remainder of day

3<sup>rd</sup> –Student may not use their cell phone or another student’s cell phone during school hours for 5 days

4<sup>th</sup>- Student may not use their cell phone or another student’s cell phone during school hours for 10 days

5<sup>th</sup>-Possible Suspension/ Expulsion from MA

## ALCOHOL

No student shall possess, use, transmit, or be under the influence of alcohol on MA campus or any MA function/activity. Failure to comply may result in suspension of up to ten days (10) or expulsion.

## BULLYING/HAZING

Marlboro Academy is committed to a safe and civil educational environment free from harassment, intimidation or bullying for all students, employees, and volunteers, **Administration defines bullying as a pattern of behaviors, not an isolated incident.**



Harassment, intimidation or bullying means any intention that:

- Physically harms a student or damages the student's property.
- Verbally intimidates/harasses a student.
- Uses electronic means to intimidate/harass a student.
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education.
- Is severe, persistent, or pervasive so that it creates an intimidating or threatening environment.
- Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

Individual teacher classroom management prevails until a faculty member decides that results are not forthcoming. Administration intervention will follow.

**It is important for administration/staff to be informed as soon as possible when bullying occurs so this matter may be addressed. We can't address it if we don't know.**

## **CHEATING/PLAGIARISM -DEFINITION**

A student is considered to be in the violation of the MA policy of cheating when he/she participates in any of the activities included in, but not limited to, this list:

- Copying or receiving another student's answer on a test or quiz
- Securing information on an examination beforehand
- Passing information on an examination to another student
- Copying homework or a class assignment
- Allowing another student to copy one's own work
- Using information for fraudulent purposes: Ex-storing information on a calculator, writing material on student's hand, etc....
- Willfully falsifying data and presenting it as one's own research or work.
- This includes the use of AI and programs such as CHAP-GPT to produce written work or research.
- Not citing research, quotes, or any other information

### **\*\*\*Discipline Consequences for Cheating**

1<sup>st</sup> offense – zero on the assignment; teacher notifies parents of incident; discipline referral is filed

2<sup>nd</sup> offense – zero on the assignment; up to 3 days **suspension**; discipline referral

3<sup>rd</sup> offense – recommended immediate expulsion from Marlboro Academy

\*There is an ongoing file for cheating incidents compiled as they occur so teachers that are asked to recommend students for admission to college, for scholarships and for any activity that asks about integrity.

\*\*If a student is only caught cheating **once, the previous incident will be expunged** from the cheating file and the student will then be available for recommendations.

\*\*\*If there are any cheating incidents involving grades 1 thru 7, they will be expunged then the process will start over beginning in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade since units for graduation are being earned at that time.

\*\*\*\* If a student is suspended for cheating, they must take their exams in the subject that the offense occurred.

\*\*\*\*\*Teacher must notify administration of the offense.

## MARLBORO ACADEMY DRESS CODE 2026-2027

Marlboro Academy encourages students to attend school in clothing that is neat, clean, fits properly, and which covers them appropriately to promote success in the classroom. Students will not be allowed to attend school in clothing or accessories which interfere, **distract**, or disrupt good order and discipline.

### Grades Pre K-4 All Students

- ❖ Shorts required under dresses/skirts.
- ❖ Midriffs must be covered.
- ❖ Undergarments shall not be visible.
- ❖ Tennis shoes worn for PE.
- ❖ No hats inside the school building.

### Grades 5-12 All Students

#### Upper Body:

- Midriffs must **always** be covered.
- Tops must cover both the front AND BACK of the torso. No open back tops.
- Sleeveless apparel is acceptable with an appropriate strap on **both** shoulders.
- Undergarments cannot be visible at any time. This includes athletic undergarments.
- Hair styles should be neat, clean, and combed.
- Facial hair should be properly groomed.

#### Lower Body

- **No biker style shorts**
- Dresses and skirts should reach **fingertip** length in a normal standing position for the entire circumference of the item.
- Shorts, including athletic shorts, should reach **fingertip** length in a normal standing position for the entire circumference of the item.
- Students may wear leggings as long as they are not distracting.
- No Pajama pants or bedroom shoes.
- Students may wear sweatpants that are neat and appropriate for school.
- Pants, shorts, and skirts may not have writing across the front or the back.
- Pants must be worn at the waist, with no sagging.
- Sunglasses, hats, or toboggans may not be worn inside buildings.

#### Entire Body

- Clothing items will not have lewd, vulgar, provocative, obscene, or degrading messages.
- Clothing items will not promote violence, alcohol, tobacco, or illegal substances.
- Body piercing, apart from earrings, may not be worn on any body part that shows. (Also, Tongue rings and Nose rings are not allowed.) Males are not allowed to wear earrings.
- No visible tattoos.
- Blankets are not allowed on campus without prior administrative approval.
- Dress code must be adhered to for special events such as awards days, homecoming, inductions, etc.

**If in doubt, don't wear it!**

## **DRUGS**

No student shall possess, use, transmit or be under the influence of any narcotic or hallucinogenic drug, including amphetamine, barbiturate, and marijuana, etc. on MA campus or any MA school sponsored function/activity. Failure to comply may result in suspension of up to ten (10) days or expulsion.

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

- Laptop computers are allowed for all students as academic tools.
- Marlboro Academy is not responsible for storage, maintenance, or damage to an electronic device. Any electronic items brought on campus are the sole responsibility of the student.

## **FIGHTING, ASSAULTING, OR CAUSING PERSONAL INJURY**

No student shall participate in a fight, assault, or attempt to cause physical injury to any student, school employee, or other person on MA campus or school sponsored function/activity.

## **BREAK/LUNCH PERIOD EXPECTATIONS**

Students do not break in line or allow others to break in line.

- Students may not hang out in classrooms or library unless they are directly supervised by a staff member.
- Students should remove trash from tables and place trash in appropriate receptacles.
- Students are not allowed in parking lots during Break/Lunch without permission from staff.
- Students, except for seniors, must consume food on the stage or picnic tables.
- Sophomores and Juniors may leave lunchroom areas during lunch if they are under direct supervision of a staff member.
- Items taken without payment will be handled as a disciplinary offense.

## **PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION-PDA**

- Public Display of Affection between students is not allowed on MA campus or at any school function/activity.
- Serious inappropriate or sexual misconduct is considered as a Major Offense in MA Discipline Chart.

## **STUDENT POSSESSIONS**

- Students are provided with cubbies, as they are available, in which they may keep their books and belongings.
- The school can neither assume nor accept responsibility for loss or damage to personal property.
- A student should not touch another student's possessions without permission.
- The school strives to maintain a secure environment in which both people and property are respected.

### **Cubbies/Lockers**

- Students may only use cubbies before school, break, lunch and end of day.
- Keep cubbies and lockers clean. Do NOT keep food or drink in these areas as it promotes unhealthy pests in our building.

## **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

No student, staff member, or other persons on MA campus shall be subject to sexual harassment. Any student, staff member or other person who believes that he or she has been sexually harassed while on MA campus or involved in a school related activity/function should report this incident to administration promptly.

### **Sexual harassment may include any of the following behaviors:**

- Sexual comments
- Sexual humor or jokes
- Offensive notes, drawings, or pictures
- Sexual propositions, insults, or threats
- Insulting sounds or gestures
- Unwelcome or offensive touching of body
- Display, viewing, or reference to pornographic materials
- Any form of sexual assault or threat of sexual assault.

## **STUDENT SEARCH POLICIES**

- Marlboro Academy reserves the right to search a currently enrolled student while at school, while participating in a school-sponsored activity, or while representing Marlboro Academy.
- Property belonging to the student that can be searched includes student driven automobiles, equipment, clothing, personal effects, bags, purses, coolers, lockers, cases or other containers.
- Only Headmaster, Assistant Headmaster, Administrative Designee, or Law Enforcement Officer will conduct the search.
- Marlboro Academy also reserves the right to engage in random searches, which includes the above stated items.
- Marlboro Academy may utilize searches using trained dogs that are accompanied by a qualified dog trainer handler.
- A refusal of a search may be grounds for suspension/dismissal.
- Parents will be notified if their child or their child's property has been searched.

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY**

- To help insure a safe, healthy, and productive educational environment for our students, staff, and employees, the school has adopted a strict policy with regard to the possession, use, or distribution of controlled substances and alcohol.
- Accordingly, the possession, use, consumption, distribution, or sale of alcohol or controlled substances, or having controlled substances in one's system without medical authorization during school hours, on school property, or while a participant or spectator at a school-sponsored event, or at any time when the student represents the school, will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

## **TOBACCO//VAPING**

No student shall possess or use any tobacco product or a vaping device on MA campus or at an MA activity/function.

## **TRESPASSING**

Students are not allowed on MA campus when suspended. Parents, guardians or any other persons who have been banned, are not allowed on MA campus or at a MA activity/function.

## **WEAPONS**

No student shall knowingly possess, handle, or transmit any knife, razor, ice pick, explosive, machete, pistol, rifle, shotgun, pellet gun, metal knuckles, or any other object that would reasonably be considered a weapon on MA campus or at any MA school sponsored function/activity.

## **OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES**

**A student shall not engage in:**

- Any conduct on MA campus or at a MA function/activity which violates any law of the United States, the state of South Carolina, or any other state/county in which the conduct occurs.
- Any conduct which is detrimental to either the maintenance of good order, safety or discipline, or the general welfare of students and staff at Marlboro Academy.

## **Miscellaneous**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- School announcements will be made daily prior to break.
- A hard copy of announcements will be placed outside of the High School Office.
- Parents will be sent a copy of the announcements by email each day.
- Announcements must be in main office by 9:15 am to be read over intercom.
- Administration must pre-approve announcements, handbills, or posters before being displayed on MA campus.
- No flyers or announcements may be placed on **glass doors or windows**.
- When placing flyers on walls or other surfaces, please use painter's tape. See admin for details or explanation of appropriate material. DO NOT use masking/ Scotch tape

## ATHLETICS

- Each student athlete/parent will receive a *Marlboro Academy Athletic Handbook*.
- MA Athletic Director will physically distribute and receive a signed acceptance from parent before student can participate in an athletic event.
- Head Coach will go over handbook at team parent meeting.
- Please read carefully the eligibility regulations as found in the **Marlboro Academy Athletic Handbook**.
- Uniforms purchased by Marlboro Academy will be issued and recorded by Athletic Director.

## BOOK BAGS

- Book bags will not be left in high level traffic areas nor restrooms for safety purposes.
- Book bags are subject to random inspection by administration.

## BUS TRANSPORTATION

- Students who rode buses during the 2025-2026 school year will have first opportunity to sign up for 2026-2027 school year. After these spots are secured, a lottery, if needed, will be held for remaining spots. Remaining students requesting a spot will be put on a waiting list.
- Cost is \$100 dollars per month for each child. (August-May) If a student decides that he or she no longer needs to ride the bus, the spot will be offered to the next person on the waiting list. Parent must email [admin@marlboroacademy.com](mailto:admin@marlboroacademy.com) with all bus questions and changes.
- Hierarchy of bus availability- school sponsored field trips, athletics, student transportation to/from school.
- **Prohibited bus behavior earns the same disciplinary action as if the violation occurred on school campus including suspension or expulsion of bus riding privileges.**

## COLLEGE VISITATION

- Seniors and juniors have the opportunity to use 2 school days that will not count towards the 16 day attendance policy. Parents may request to the headmaster that more days be excused for long distance college visits.
- College Placement Counselor must be informed at least 2 school calendar days prior to scheduled visit by email.
- Students must get College Visitation Form from College Placement Office prior to visit.
- Students should also inform teachers at least 2 school calendar days prior to scheduled visit.
- Students are responsible for all work missed during this visit.
- Students may not use a College Visit Day for colleges for which they missed the application deadline or are not attending.

## COMPUTER LAB /TECHNOLOGY

- Computer Labs, I-Pads, Chromebooks and other Marlboro technology are for the proper use of MA students and staff.
- Students will be held accountable for any applicable legal charges for the unauthorized, improper, illegal or unacceptable use of school technology systems.
- Parent and student must sign a Responsible Use Policy provided in student packet.
- Students may use Marlboro Academy computers located in the Media Center during lunch, break, study halls, before/after school. Students should use these computers to print their work from the media center.
- Computer usage falls under MA technology policies.
- **No food or drinks, including water, are allowed around school owned technology nor the media center.**

## EMAIL

- Parents/ Guardians should check their emails daily for information such as announcements, schedule changes, etc.
- Gradelink, our student records program, requires all students and parents to have an email address on file with MA.
- Email between MA staff and students/parents will be our 1<sup>st</sup> choice of communication.

**If you have not received an email from Marlboro Academy by the end of the first week of school, please contact the administrative assistant.**

## HOMEWORK CENTER

- Homework Center hours are 2:30-5:30 Monday-Thursday. The Homework Center will be held in the Lower School.
- The purpose of the Homework Center is to allow time after school for students to complete homework in a structured, monitored environment.
- **For liability insurance reasons students not picked up by 2:50pm will be placed in Homework Center at charge. This includes students waiting for any school sponsored events including athletic practices either for themselves or their siblings.**
- Further information is available on MA website.
- Cost for Homework Center is \$10 per child each day.
- Payment for the week must be made before the end of each week.

## FIELD TRIPS

Field Trips at MA are scheduled 20 days ahead of time and must be approved by Board.

- Class/Grade Field Trips will be relevant to the MA curriculum.
- Group Field Trips will be relevant to the overall education of the student-Ex-NYC.
- Students are responsible for all academic work missed in other classes while on field trip.
- Field Trips sponsored by MA are for MA students only. Siblings of MA students are not allowed to use transportation provided by Marlboro Academy to attend Field Trip unless permission is granted from Administration.

- MA students not in the classes that are going on the field trip are not allowed to participate.
- Parents/Guardians will be notified in a reasonable time frame if fundraising or a financial charge is required for student to participate in a Field Trip.
- Transportation-if needed, will be equal to all students.
- Parents must turn in proper documentation to transport students.
- Students will ride to and from Field Trip with appointed adult.
- MA Discipline Code applies to all field trips.

## FIRST AID

- Several members of the MA faculty and coaching staff are trained in emergency first aid and CPR.
- Parents are responsible for informing Administration of any medical condition that might require special precautions or emergency attention, including potential allergic reactions to insect bites or stings. In such cases, parents must provide the school with emergency medication and written permission for immediate emergency room care.

## FUNDRAISING

- MA Board has approved these seven fundraisers: Charleston Wrap, Halloween Carnival, BBQ, Miss Marlboro Academy Pageant, Big Bash & Benefit, Junior Prom (World's Finest Chocolate, Kona Ice and Cake Raffle) and Senior Trip (T-shirts, Doughnut Sales, Pizza Fridays, Spirit Links, Singing Valentines, etc. ).
- The only fundraising activities allowed to take place on MA campus are those sponsored by a MA organization and **pre-approved by Board of Directors.**
- No outside organizations, groups, or individuals may conduct any type of fundraising on MA campus without **prior-approval of Board of Directors.**
- All Fundraising Requests must be submitted on the appropriate form at least 30 school days in advance.
- All students in K-12 will be dismissed at 1:30 pm on BBQ day.
- **All fundraising tickets must be accounted for. Students must turn in money for the tickets sold, any unsold tickets or a combination of the two. Students are required to sign for all tickets when they are issued. Any unaccounted for funds for tickets will be added to the student's account in the finance office. Any student who is on "opt out list" is not required to turn in money or unused tickets.**

## LIBRARY BOOKS/TEXTBOOKS

- The use of library books and textbooks is a privilege for all students.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for repair or replacement costs of library books and textbooks that are damaged, destroyed, or lost.



## **LICE/NITS**

- A student who has lice or nits will not be admitted to class for at least one full day after a student has been sent home (e.g., A student sent home on Wednesday may return on Friday).
- Student may not be readmitted to class until Administration determines student is free of lice and nits.

## **MEDICATIONS**

- All medications need to be delivered by the parent to Mrs. Hyduke in the Lower School Office. Mrs. Hyduke will distribute medications to K-5 teachers. Medications for students in grades 6-12 will be stored in a locked cabinet in the office except for emergency use medications. The parent will pick up the medications at the end of the school year.
- An assigned faculty member is permitted to dispense over-the-counter medication only if a parent has given permission on the Medication Form. This will be documented on each child's medical form.

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

- Booster Club Membership-The purpose of the MA Booster Club is to support all MA athletic programs.
- Academic Conferences-Marlboro Academy encourages parents to schedule frequent conferences with teachers and administrators to discuss student progress. Conferences are scheduled through the teacher during the teacher's planning period or after school.

## **PARKING LOT/DRIVING ON CAMPUS**

- MA is not responsible for damage to vehicles or theft from vehicles parked on campus.
- All vehicles must be parked front-end first and in the assigned lot space.
- Parking tags must be displayed on all vehicles
- Parking lots are not accessible to students during school hours unless permission is granted by Administration.
- Speed limit on MA campus is 5 MPH.
- Speeding, unsafe, or reckless driving will result in loss of driving privileges.
- Playing loud music in vehicles on campus is not allowed.
- Student vehicles must not be moved to another campus area during the school day.
- All vehicles parked on campus are subject to be searched by administration or law enforcement.
- No firearm, explosive, weapon, illegal drugs or alcoholic beverage of any kind is allowed in a vehicle on campus. Violation of this policy is punishable by suspension, possible expulsion, and legal charges.
- All gates will be locked 30 minutes after a school event ends (sports, pageant, etc.)

- Students must leave parking lot when they sign out of school.
- Students are not allowed to return to campus prior to 2:30 pm for games, practices, etc unless they sign back in.
- Siblings of students who have early dismissal must be picked up in the front pick up line.
- Students are not allowed to loiter in the parking lot at any time.
- Administration reserves the right to revoke driving privileges.

## **PARTIES-HOLIDAY/BIRTHDAY**

- Parties are permitted for classrooms in grades K-5.
- Teachers will provide a list of parties to parents at the beginning of each semester.
- Birthday parties will be held at 2:00 pm.
- Parents must coordinate with the teacher if bringing birthday party items. Teacher will inform administration.

## **PROM**

- Students who wish to bring a student from another high school must have a student recommendation sheet signed by that student's current principal.
- **If the guest does not have an approved permission form on file, they will be asked to leave the premises.**
- If the guest is not currently enrolled in high school, they must not be over the age of 20. They will be required to have a permission form signed by their employer or pastor and may require a background check.
- All junior class members, (even class members not attending the prom), are required to support all activities related to the prom such as fundraising, planning and set up/clean up.
- All students in grades 9-12 will be dismissed at 11:35, after third period, on prom day.

## **SENIOR PRIVILEGES**

- Senior Study-located in Pence Hall
- Entering lunch line before 6-11 grades
- Parking-1<sup>st</sup> row, as available, in front of gym
- Seniors may use senior study to consume food at break/lunch if area is kept clean
- Seniors may be dismissed on BBQ Day after last delivery
- Seniors will have access to a locker, if requested

## Student DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Procedures for **drop-off** are as follows:

- Vehicles will enter the gate closest to Academy Road and drive on the right side in single file to the covered walkway.
- **No one is authorized to drop-off to the left side of the drive.**
- Students are to exit the vehicle **from the right**, unless a parent is going to get out of the car and assist a student exiting from the left.
- Students then will proceed to the proper destination. Students in grades K-5 will report to Pence Hall before 8:00 am. Students in grades 6-12 will report directly to homeroom.
- Students reporting to school after 8:00 am will report directly to homeroom.
- **If there is a need to come inside, it is imperative that parents pull past the covered walkway and adjacent sidewalk and park on the right side of the drive.**

Procedures for **pick-up** are as follows:

- Vehicles will enter the gate closest to Academy Road. Two lines will form. As you make the right turn from where you entered, traffic will merge into one lane.
- Vehicles will proceed to the end of the sidewalk at station one. The next four vehicles will follow and stop at next free station.
- Students will not start loading until 2:30 pm.
- Students will remain behind the yellow lines and stations until instructed to load.
- Students should load from the right side of the vehicle if possible.
- Do not pull out and attempt to leave in left lane.
- Driver may leave when car in front moves forward.
- If a child has forgotten something or a teacher needs to speak to a parent, please pull to the 2<sup>nd</sup> visitor's parking sign.
- If a student needs help to fasten seat belts or car seat straps, please pull forward and stop along the exit driveway to assist.
- A vehicle is never to be left parked or running unattended in the pick-up line.
- Students are not allowed to be picked up in the back parking lot unless it is for an event such as athletics or a school related trip.
- Students may not wear earbuds during afterschool pick up.
- Students not picked up by 2:50 pm be placed in Homework Center and may be charged a fee.

## **SAFETY DRILLS**

### **Code Black-Severe Weather**

### **Code Red-Fire**

### **Code Yellow-Evacuation**

### **Code Blue-Lockdown**

### **Code Blue-Modified Lockdown**

### **Code Green- Earthquake**

- When a safety drill or an emergency situation occurs, students must stop whatever they are doing and proceed to the designated areas at assembly points outside the buildings or in enclosed areas of the buildings, depending upon the drill.
- The essential rule during safety drills is that students must proceed to the designated area in a rapid, orderly, and quiet manner.
- Marlboro Academy practices the following drills: evacuation, fire drill, weather and lock-down. Safety issues are addressed in the Marlboro Academy Crisis Manual, and all faculty and staff members have a copy in their possession.

## **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

When a substitute teacher is assigned to a class, students will follow all MA behavioral and academic expectations.

## **TELEPHONE/EMAIL MESSAGES FOR ADMINISTRATION**

- Students may not use the school phone. A staff member will place a call for a student using the school phone for (1) sickness, (2) change in after-school athletic practice, and (3) any other change in school-related after-school activities.
- Phone calls should be made at the end of class, during break, or during lunch.
- Parents should email [admin@marlboroacademy.com](mailto:admin@marlboroacademy.com) to let us know any of the following: (1) if children will be late to school, (2) if parents will be late picking up children at the end of the day, (3) if usual transportation arrangements are to be changed in any way, (4) if student is not going to ride afternoon bus.

## **TRANSPORTING STUDENTS FOR SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES**

- **SCISA** is requiring its schools to have all persons who transport students have a Drivers Registration Form on file prior to transporting a student on a school related trip. Please complete this form in its entirety.
- **No one may transport a student, other than their child, without a properly completed transportation form on file for school related events.**

**10 Point Grading Scale  
For Grades 8-12**

| <b>South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale Conversions</b> |                     |                               |                         |                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Numerical Average</b>                                | <b>Letter Grade</b> | <b>College Prep Weighting</b> | <b>Honors Weighting</b> | <b>AP/IB/Dual Credit Weighting</b> |
| 100                                                     | A                   | 5.000                         | 5.500                   | 6.000                              |
| 99                                                      | A                   | 4.900                         | 5.400                   | 5.900                              |
| 98                                                      | A                   | 4.800                         | 5.300                   | 5.800                              |
| 97                                                      | A                   | 4.700                         | 5.200                   | 5.700                              |
| 96                                                      | A                   | 4.600                         | 5.100                   | 5.600                              |
| 95                                                      | A                   | 4.500                         | 5.000                   | 5.500                              |
| 94                                                      | A                   | 4.400                         | 4.900                   | 5.400                              |
| 93                                                      | A                   | 4.300                         | 4.800                   | 5.300                              |
| 92                                                      | A                   | 4.200                         | 4.700                   | 5.200                              |
| 91                                                      | A                   | 4.100                         | 4.600                   | 5.100                              |
| 90                                                      | A                   | 4.000                         | 4.500                   | 5.000                              |
| 89                                                      | B                   | 3.900                         | 4.400                   | 4.900                              |
| 88                                                      | B                   | 3.800                         | 4.300                   | 4.800                              |
| 87                                                      | B                   | 3.700                         | 4.200                   | 4.700                              |
| 86                                                      | B                   | 3.600                         | 4.100                   | 4.600                              |
| 85                                                      | B                   | 3.500                         | 4.000                   | 4.500                              |
| 84                                                      | B                   | 3.400                         | 3.900                   | 4.400                              |
| 83                                                      | B                   | 3.300                         | 3.800                   | 4.300                              |
| 82                                                      | B                   | 3.200                         | 3.700                   | 4.200                              |
| 81                                                      | B                   | 3.100                         | 3.600                   | 4.100                              |
| 80                                                      | B                   | 3.000                         | 3.500                   | 4.000                              |
| 79                                                      | C                   | 2.900                         | 3.400                   | 3.900                              |
| 78                                                      | C                   | 2.800                         | 3.300                   | 3.800                              |
| 77                                                      | C                   | 2.700                         | 3.200                   | 3.700                              |
| 76                                                      | C                   | 2.600                         | 3.100                   | 3.600                              |
| 75                                                      | C                   | 2.500                         | 3.000                   | 3.500                              |
| 74                                                      | C                   | 2.400                         | 2.900                   | 3.400                              |
| 73                                                      | C                   | 2.300                         | 2.800                   | 3.300                              |
| 72                                                      | C                   | 2.200                         | 2.700                   | 3.200                              |
| 71                                                      | C                   | 2.100                         | 2.600                   | 3.100                              |
| 70                                                      | C                   | 2.000                         | 2.500                   | 3.000                              |
| 69                                                      | D                   | 1.900                         | 2.400                   | 2.900                              |
| 68                                                      | D                   | 1.800                         | 2.300                   | 2.800                              |
| 67                                                      | D                   | 1.700                         | 2.200                   | 2.700                              |
| 66                                                      | D                   | 1.600                         | 2.100                   | 2.600                              |
| 65                                                      | D                   | 1.500                         | 2.000                   | 2.500                              |
| 64                                                      | D                   | 1.400                         | 1.900                   | 2.400                              |
| 63                                                      | D                   | 1.300                         | 1.800                   | 2.300                              |
| 62                                                      | D                   | 1.200                         | 1.700                   | 2.200                              |
| 61                                                      | D                   | 1.100                         | 1.600                   | 2.100                              |
| 60                                                      | D                   | 1.000                         | 1.500                   | 2.000                              |
| 59                                                      | F                   | 0.900                         | 1.400                   | 1.900                              |
| 58                                                      | F                   | 0.800                         | 1.300                   | 1.800                              |
| 57                                                      | F                   | 0.700                         | 1.200                   | 1.700                              |
| 56                                                      | F                   | 0.600                         | 1.100                   | 1.600                              |
| 55                                                      | F                   | 0.500                         | 1.000                   | 1.500                              |
| 54                                                      | F                   | 0.400                         | 0.900                   | 1.400                              |
| 53                                                      | F                   | 0.300                         | 0.800                   | 1.300                              |
| 52                                                      | F                   | 0.200                         | 0.700                   | 1.200                              |
| 51                                                      | F                   | 0.100                         | 0.600                   | 1.100                              |

# Marlboro Academy Academic Calendar 2026-2027

## First Semester

## Second Semester

| <b>First Quarter (41 days)</b>  |                                                        | <b>Third Quarter (43 days)</b>  |                                                                             |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| August 10                       | Teacher Workday                                        | January 4                       | School Resumes                                                              |
| August 11                       | Teacher Workday<br>Open House                          | January 18                      | MLK Holiday<br>(No School)                                                  |
| August 12                       | First Day of School                                    | February 15                     | Presidents Day Holiday<br>(No School)                                       |
| September 7                     | Labor Day Holiday<br>(No School)                       | March 5                         | Third Quarter Ends                                                          |
| September 18                    | No School<br>Teacher PD Meeting                        | March 8                         | No School                                                                   |
| October 9                       | First Quarter Ends                                     |                                 |                                                                             |
| <b>Second Quarter (44 days)</b> |                                                        | <b>Fourth Quarter (47 days)</b> |                                                                             |
| October 22                      | Halloween Carnival                                     | March 26                        | Good Friday Holiday                                                         |
| October 23                      | No School                                              | March 29 – April 2              | Spring Break                                                                |
| October 29                      | Carnival Make Up Day                                   | April 5                         | School Resumes                                                              |
| Nov. 23 - 27                    | Thanksgiving Holidays                                  | May 14                          | Graduation                                                                  |
| Dec. 16 - 18                    | Midterm Exams<br>(12:00 Dismissal for all<br>students) | May 18                          | Exam Day<br>12:00 PM Dismissal                                              |
| Dec. 18                         | Second Quarter Ends                                    | May 19                          | Exam Day<br>12:00 PM Dismissal                                              |
| Dec. 21 - Jan. 1                | Christmas Holidays                                     | May 20                          | Exam Day<br>12:00 PM Dismissal<br>Last Day of School<br>Fourth Quarter Ends |
|                                 |                                                        |                                 |                                                                             |

Total: 175 instructional days