

**PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK
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THE MISSION

Illiana Christian High School is founded on the Bible as interpreted in the Reformed creeds. We graduate academically capable young people with a comprehensive Christian view of life committed to the challenge of serving God and others.

The educational program at Illiana Christian High School is designed to give students a comprehensive Christian view of life. It aims to interpret all aspects of life in the light of the Bible as interpreted in the Reformed creeds. Generally, the Reformed creeds include the Heidelberg Catechism, the Canons of Dort, and the Belgic Confession. Illiana aims to graduate students with competence academically, but also aims to graduate young people who know, serve, and love God and their neighbor. All courses must be God-centered, meet the best educational standards, and be taught by a faculty committed to Christian instruction and scholarship.

To attain these goals, Illiana students are expected at all times to live a life consistent with Christian principles. The honoring of God in all activities and living to the service of Christ is most important. The following ideals should be constantly held before student, teacher, and parent:

- a. The development of Christian virtues such as love, honesty, courtesy, obedience, respect, sincerity, and the discipline of body and mind in accordance with biblical standards.
- b. The development of Christian citizenship and leadership in the school, in one's chosen occupation, and in the community in accordance with biblical norms.
- c. The development of Christian scholarship according to God-given ability.

ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

ACADEMIC PROBATION

Students are expected to successfully progress in their academic work at Illiana. Failure of two or more courses in any semester requires a conference with the student, the counselor, an administrator, and the parents. The meeting will be directed at the causes of failure and steps to be taken to avoid further failure. The student will be placed on academic probation. However, if the student failed three or more courses the administration may recommend withdrawal. If the student's academic performance has not improved following a semester of academic probation, the student may be recommended to the Board for administrative withdrawal.

ADAPTIVE SERVICES

It is our intention that every student has the opportunity to succeed. Qualified students can receive special educational services at Illiana such as Basic classes, organizational help in the Tutor Center, modified objectives, pass/fail grades, oral testing, etc. These services are available to those that have been determined eligible based on various assessment criteria as determined by the administration. Consideration will be given to those who have been clinically diagnosed with a learning difference.

ASBESTOS

This is to inform you that Illiana Christian High School follows the requirements of the law with regard to asbestos. This means that an inspection is conducted every three years. You can be assured that our building is safe for students and employees. The Inspection/Management plan is available for public review in the office.

ASSIGNMENTS

If a student is absent he/she should first check his/her RenWeb account for missed homework. Students can also contact their teachers through RenWeb or via email. Email addresses can be found at the front of this handbook.

ATHLETICS

The athletic program at Illiana is an integral part of the total school program. Athletics are an important tool with which to achieve the overall mission of Illiana Christian High School. We must all be mindful that the field, the court, and the diamond are classrooms where students are learning and practicing. Guests are welcome visitors to that classroom. Athletics is a wonderful way to develop and celebrate the gift of physical strength and agility, to learn teamwork and cooperation, to glorify God through physical performance.

Available Sports by Season:

	BOYS	GIRLS
Fall:	Cross-country, Golf, Soccer	Cross-country, Tennis, Volleyball
Winter:	Basketball, Wrestling	Basketball, Cheerleading
Spring:	Baseball, Tennis, Track, Volleyball	Softball, Soccer, Track

Role of the Parents:

The parents of our student-athletes are a vital part of the total athletic program. No team or athlete can expect to be successful without their support and encouragement. Specifically, parents can help their child and the school achieve their objectives by:

Supporting the coaches, athletes, and the school in their efforts. Set an example of respect for the coaches, opponents, and officials. During games and in your regular conversations, try to be positive and encouraging. By avoiding negative speech and behaviors, we can teach our children valuable lessons in how to deal with stressful situations in a God-honoring way.

Eligibility:

The ICHS Athletic Program is governed by the Illinois High School Association and Illiana Christian High School Athletic Policy. Generally, students must maintain good grades, attendance, and conduct to be eligible for athletic participation. Only full-time ICHS students may participate in our athletic programs. Athletes are responsible for being familiar with the contents of the Athletic Handbook (available at illianachristian.org and on 8to18 during registration for sports tryouts).

Practice and Competition:

All team members are expected to attend all scheduled practices, meetings, and contests. No practices are to be missed. See the ICHS Athletic Handbook for further details. In order to participate in practice or competition, the student-athlete must be in school for at least a half day. Exceptions will be made only by the administration. The Illiana Athletic Department will attempt to schedule practices and events around the needs of our families. In return, we ask that parents attempt to schedule things such as doctor's appointments, vacations, etc. around their athlete's athletic responsibilities.

Conflicting Events:

At Illiana, our goal is for our students to develop and use **all** of their talents and, therefore, we encourage student-athletes to also participate in other school programs such as band, choir, drama, etc. Occasionally, a scheduling conflict arises between two legitimate school activities such as a concert and a ball game. When two such events are scheduled for the same time, performances such as games or concerts should always take precedence over practices and rehearsals. In the end the **parents** will decide which event the student will attend and there will be no punitive consequences imposed on the student for missing the other event. To minimize such conflicts students may only participate in one sport in a season.

Conduct by Athletes:

All athletes will be bound by the rules outlined in the ICHS Athletic Handbook. This handbook is found on Illiana's website (illianachristian.org) as well as through 8to18 when you register your athlete for sport tryouts. You and your student will be required to agree to the Athletic Handbook during this registration process. If you make a team, you are obligated to follow the code in the Handbook. Specifically, any athlete caught drinking, smoking, or whose behavior does not meet our standards in any other way will be immediately removed from the team for the rest of the season. The use of illegal drugs by an athlete will

make him/her ineligible for an entire year. Second offenses for smoking, drinking, or other inappropriate behavior will also result in a year's suspension.

Quitting a Team:

An athlete who quits a team without the approval of his/her coach will be ineligible to participate in his/her next sports season. If it becomes necessary somehow for a student-athlete to quit a team mid-season, the athlete and his/her parents should contact the coach to explain the situation so suitable arrangements can be made. An athlete who is cut during try-outs for a team **may** participate in another sport during the same season.

Uniforms:

Team uniforms must be returned promptly and in good condition to their coach at the end of the season. Failure to return the *entire* uniform in good condition will result in a \$200 fee. Failure to turn it in on time will result in a \$25 late fee.

CHAPELS AND 8TH HOUR

Chapel is usually held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Participation is mandatory. Students must sit in the area assigned to them at the beginning of each semester. Chapels are planned by the Chapel Committee. They are always eager for input from students that will make chapel time as effective as it can be. Since it is a time of worship, students are expected to be involved and respectful. Eighth period is scheduled on non-chapel days, normally Tuesday and Thursday. Various clubs and organizations will meet during this time. This time may also be used as a study time for students not in a club.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

At Illiana Christian, we believe it is very important that parents and teachers support one another in the exciting process of Christian education. Although parents are encouraged to contact the teacher directly at any time with class questions or concerns (teachers' phone numbers and email addresses are available in the front of this handbook), we have established regular opportunities to communicate with the home. RenWeb's ParentsWeb is the primary portal for communication. Tuition balances, homework, grades, report cards and more are available via ParentsWeb. Our website, illianachristian.org, also offers a variety of ways to check on activities and events. It has information regarding sports, P.I.E. (Parents Involved in Education), and calendars.

1. Back-to-School Night is held each September to acquaint parents with the teachers, classes and programs of the school.
2. Progress Reports are emailed half-way through each grading quarter to students whose performance is in need of attention.
3. Report Cards are posted on RenWeb at the end of each nine-week quarter.
4. Parent-Teacher Conferences are held in the fall and spring. These provide excellent opportunities for meaningful and encouraging dialogue between home and school.
5. Online grades are available to parents and students via RenWeb's ParentsWeb throughout the school year. There is a link to ParentsWeb at www.illianachristian.org. Access is administered by the main office.
6. Mass Communication will be done through email and telephone calls. Messages regarding school closings, important news items, and events may be communicated this way. Parents are encouraged to make sure the office has the preferred email addresses and phone numbers.

C.O.P.

The **Career Opportunity Program** assists Illiana students in exploring career possibilities open to them. Using on-the-job exposure, C.O.P. helps develop student decision-making skills regarding their career. A variety of resource contacts have been established so that students can personally experience career options in which they have an interest. Sign up in the C.O.P. office. These opportunities are available for Juniors and Seniors only. They are a privilege for students, which means that students must be doing passable academic work and have reasonably good attendance in order to qualify for participation. Juniors and seniors may have up to two exposures each year.

In total, a student may not have more than four C.O.P. appointments in their time here. Appointments must be completed before May 15 and should not occur prior to exams in January. It is essential that COP appointments be kept. If this is not possible, the student must communicate immediately with the host.

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

To participate in extra-curricular activities, school organizations, and leadership roles, students must meet basic academic and Christian citizenship standards. In addition, athletes must follow athletic training standards along with all other requirements as outlined in the Athletic Handbook. All participants must follow the requirements listed below. The extra-curricular activities policy applies to:

Athletic activities: team members, managers, statisticians, and cheerleaders.

Non-athletic activities: Participants in plays or musicals, Student Council, Chapel Committee, National Honor Society, Landlopers, Scribes, Spire, Marching Band, Flags, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Big Brother/Big Sister, Math Team, Bowling Club, We the People, Christian Service Club, Close Up, Right to Life March and student assistants.

Academic Standards

1. Students must pass all their courses each quarter. A student who is failing at the end of the quarter is ineligible for 2 weeks. Passing grades in all courses must be demonstrated before eligibility resumes.
2. In order to practice, participate, or perform on a school day, a student must be in attendance for at least four periods unless excused by an administrator.

Christian Conduct Standards

1. Student participants must demonstrate responsible behavior, good citizenship, and respect for others. A student who conducts himself/herself in a manner that discredits him/her, others, or the school may be declared ineligible.
2. Possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs during the school year is a violation of eligibility rules.

Consequences

In the event of a violation by a participant, a penalty will be determined by the administration after consultation with a sponsor of such activity. The penalty will be comparable to the penalties for participation in athletic events.

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING SERVICES

The purpose of the Guidance and Counseling Services is to help meet the needs of Illiana students. This includes:

1. Information concerning classes and schedules;
2. Career and college information;
3. Personal concerns, for yourself or a friend.

Throughout the year, students will be called in by their counselor to discuss their school progress as well as personal matters. Students who wish to meet with a counselor may sign up in the counselor's office. Mrs. Bussema works primarily with students whose last names begin with "A" through "K" and Mr. Zandstra with students whose last names begin with "L" through "Z".

HOMEWORK HALL

If a student becomes failing due to incomplete homework for more than one week in any class, that student will be recommended for Homework Hall. Homework Hall provides students the opportunity of an additional hour of quality study time in an excellent work environment. Once a student is enrolled in Homework Hall he/she is expected to attend until passing status is earned. Homework Hall will meet every day after school from 3:00 to 4:00pm in the Media Center.

HONOR ROLL

The Honor Roll recognizes students who have demonstrated academic excellence each quarter. "Honors" are for those with a 3.000 to 3.499 grade point average for that quarter. "High Honors" are for students with a 3.500 or higher quarterly G.P.A. who are enrolled in a minimum of six courses. A quarter grade of "D+" or lower disqualifies a student from the honor roll regardless of their G.P.A.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

A great deal of planning and expense goes into setting schedules for students and teachers. Consequently once they are set we are reluctant to change them. If it is at all possible, changes must be made before school ends the previous year or before the start of the second semester. Classes may be dropped without penalty during the first five full days of the semester. Normally, dropped courses can only be replaced with a study hall. No student is permitted to have more than one study hall.

No student may drop an upper level, year-long course at the semester. This is only the mid-point of a course of study and cannot be abandoned half way toward the goal. A drop is permitted only by exception when the student has received lower than a "C" for the first semester or the administration, on the recommendation of the counselor, permits the drop. A Course Drop Request Form must be used. Examples of courses covered by this policy include the following: Honors English, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus, Chemistry, Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Government/Honors Intel. Rel., AP English, Business Procedures, Accounting, German and Spanish. Students who receive the consent of the teacher to drop need to use the Course Drop Request Form to complete this process.

Any exception to this policy must be approved by the administration and may also require the approval of the Education Committee.

TESTING

Generally, a student should not have to take more than two tests on the same day. Students who have three tests scheduled on one day may ask in advance to have one of the tests administered after school the day after the multiple tests were scheduled. To protect the integrity of the test, an altered version may be administered.

TEXTBOOKS

Many schools charge \$300-\$700 for textbooks. At Illiana textbooks are free! Fines for lost or damaged texts are high. Students are expected to treat textbooks as their own and return them in the same condition in which they were issued. Second copies can be rented for \$10 each when they are available.

ATTENDANCE

ABSENCES

Being a student is a full-time commitment and is your primary responsibility when school is in session. You are expected to be at school and prepared to learn. We realize, however, that there may be times when you are absent from school. We recognize these absences as VALID or TRUANT. The administration will determine into which category your absence falls and may recommend exceptions to this policy. **(Please Note: All absences are considered when determining qualifications for an exam voucher and the senior exam exemption.)**

VALID ABSENCE

A Valid Absence is one that is allowed by the parent. Any absence from school for non-medical reasons is discouraged. You are expected to attend school every day that you are not sick.

1. Valid Unplanned Absence:

Your absence is valid if it is approved and reported by a parent for illness, emergency, serious illness or death in your family, and medical or dental appointments which cannot be scheduled before or after school. The administration may determine other absences to be unavoidable if the absence is reasonably necessary and cannot be scheduled before or after school. For illnesses lasting more than three days, please present a doctor's note upon return. **Please Note: All absences are considered when determining qualifications for an exam voucher.**

2. Valid Planned Absence:

College visits and other planned absences must be reported to the office in advance. The student should pick up the absence notice from the office and have their parent complete it and return it in a timely manner.

- a. Juniors and seniors may take two college days during each of their Junior year and Senior year.
- b. During the first semester, college days must be before Christmas break. In the second semester, college days must be before May 15.
- c. All work or tests must be made up within 3 school days of the student's return to school.
- d. College visit days must be requested by completing the College Visit Form and turning it in to the office prior to the visit.
- e. The student is required to verify contact with the admissions office of the college they visit. The student may request the college to email Illiana (martha.tiemens@illianachristian.org) or bring documentation from the college admissions office.

TRUANT

Your absence is truant if you are absent from class or school without administrative knowledge and parental permission. The penalty will be receiving "F"s for the periods missed. Saturday Schools will be assigned for additional periods missed. Any truancy will make you ineligible to receive an exam voucher or the Senior Exam Exemption.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

1. Contact

Parents must call or email the school (708-474-0515 x 10 or martha.tiemens@illianachristian.org) by 9:00 a.m. to inform the school of a student's absence and indicate why the student is not at school that day. Parents may call beginning at 7:15 a.m.

2. Sign-in

A student arriving at school after the beginning of the first period will be counted absent and must sign in and obtain a pass from the office.

3. Missed work

The student is responsible for making up all work missed during an absence. The work must be completed within three days.

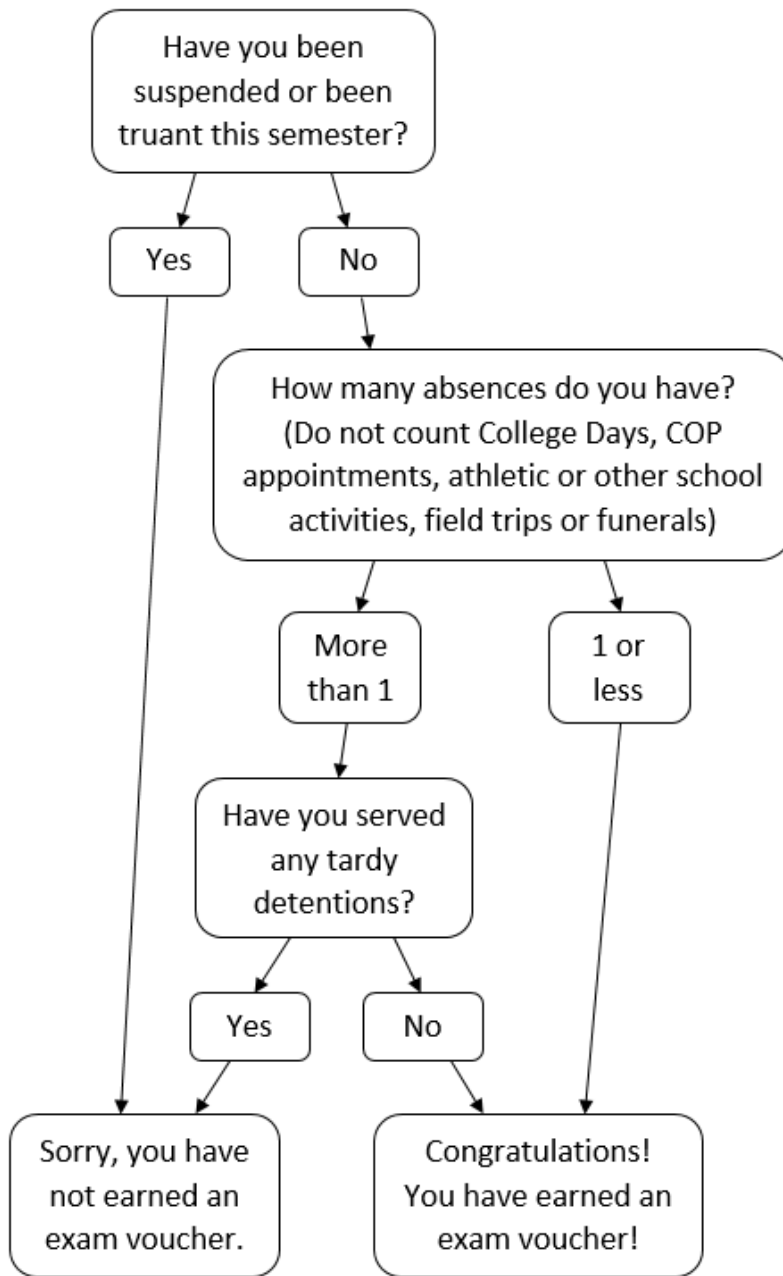
4. Tardies

Promptness is important for all students. Two tardies are allowed per class during a semester. For the third and fourth tardy the student will receive a detention. For the fifth and sixth tardy the student will receive two detentions. For a seventh and subsequent tardy in a semester in a class a Saturday School will be assigned. Missing all or part of homeroom counts as a tardy. When the tardy bell is ringing or has rung, students arriving late are to go to the office and not their homerooms to receive a tardy pass. Students who are late for a first period class must get a pass from the office. If a student arrives at or after 8:05 a.m., he/she will be counted as absent instead of being tardy. Students arriving between homeroom and first period will receive a tardy for their homeroom period. Students arriving late will be considered tardy regardless of excuses (including slow trains and heavy traffic).

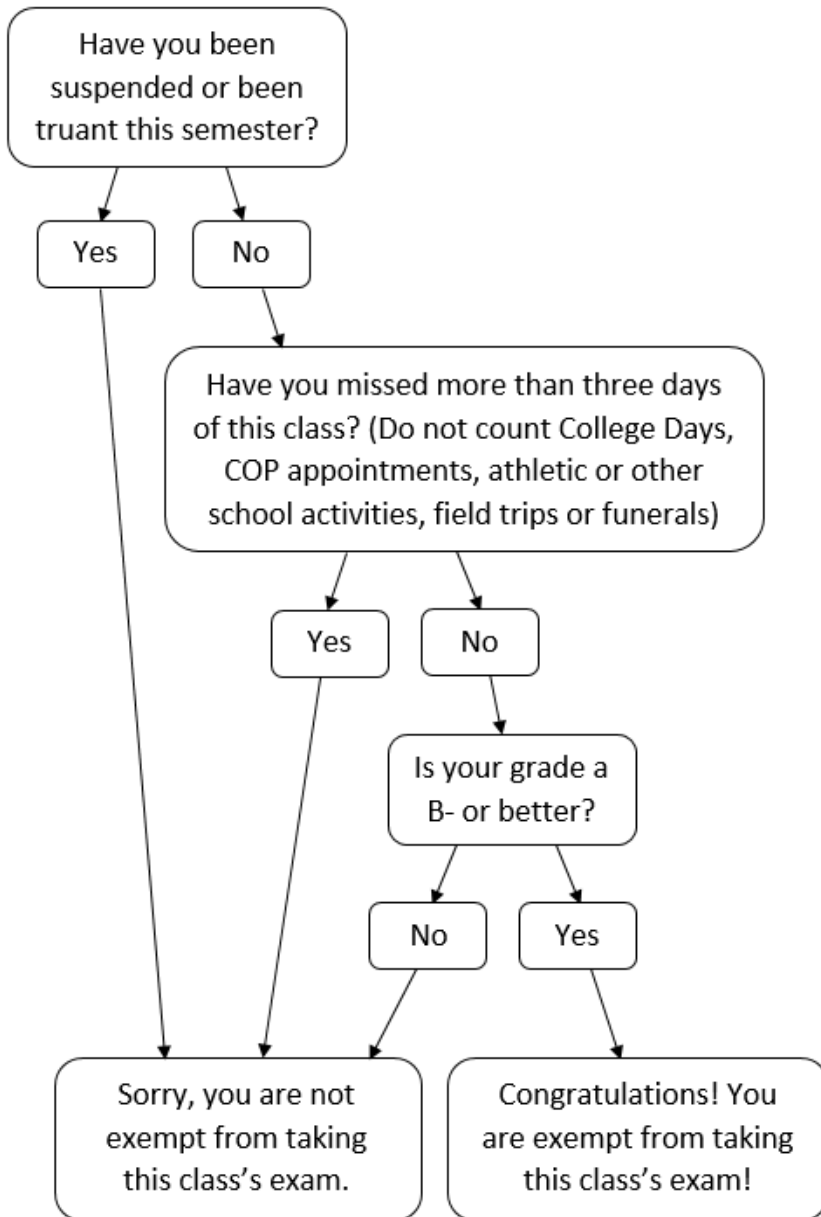
5. Total Absences

If you exceed 10 absences of any kind in one semester in any class or classes, you will potentially receive no credit for that class or classes. A long-term illness exception may be granted by an appeal that includes a doctor's signed statement. School sponsored absences such as field trips are not included.

EXAM VOUCHER



SENIOR EXAM EXEMPTION



EXAM VOUCHER POLICY

Exams will be given in all classes at the end of each semester. Exams count as a significant part (no more than 20%) of the semester grade.

Students who achieve excellent attendance and meet the following criteria will earn a semester exam voucher. It will exempt the student from one exam of their own choosing regardless of the grade being earned:

1. Each student will be allowed one full absence or two half absences. A half absence is defined as missing three or less periods in a day. Missing four or more periods in a day equals a full absence. The absence may not be truant or the result of a suspension.
2. A second absence (one full or two halves) will be allowed if the student receives no tardy detentions for the semester.
3. Each student will be allowed one absence to attend a funeral for any death in the immediate family.
4. School-sponsored activities such as field trips, athletics, and COP appointments are not considered absences.
5. In addition, juniors and seniors are allowed two college visit days each year which will not count against the exam voucher.
6. Please note that all absences taken into consideration toward the exam voucher.

EXAM EXEMPTION - SECOND SEMESTER SENIORS

Seniors may be exempt from second semester exams in any course according to the following criteria:

1. At least a "B-" average on the final class day of the semester.
2. **No more than 3 absences from that class.**
3. There may not be any truant absences or absences resulting from a suspension.
4. Each student will be allowed one absence to attend a funeral for any death in the immediate family.
5. School-sponsored activities such as field trips, athletics, and COP appointments are not considered absences.
6. Seniors are allowed two college visit days which will not count against the senior exam exemption.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students enrolled at Illiana Christian must register for at least six classes each semester that they attend. A diploma will be awarded after a student completes four years of attendance and has earned a minimum of 24 credits. Allowances can be made for transfer students. See the Course Catalog for specific requirements.

For an Illiana Christian High School diploma to be awarded, the student must be in attendance at Illiana Christian during their entire senior year. Illiana is a full-time, full-program school. We do not accommodate part-time students and do not provide partial services or selective program involvement. Students must attempt required courses here before they can be allowed to take a substitute elsewhere.

To participate in graduation a student must successfully complete 24 credits, pass all required courses, and satisfy all financial and disciplinary obligations to the school. The school will inform any senior student and his/her parents in May if he/she is not qualified to graduate based on a review of school records and requirements. Disqualified students who become qualified after their status is determined can make an appeal to the administration for re-evaluation. Such appeals will only be considered if all the requirements have been met. Graduation will occur once each year in June. Actual diplomas are distributed only after a student's record receives a final review after graduation.

HOMEROOM

Homeroom is a group of about twenty students and a teacher that remain together for the entire time those students are at Illiana. Each day begins with about fifteen minutes for these groups to meet together for devotions, announcements, attendance, and other matters. All students are expected to be in homeroom at 7:45 a.m. each day. Those arriving late will be considered tardy and will be subject to the tardy policy.

LEAVING SCHOOL

Once students arrive at school, they may not leave school grounds until school is dismissed unless:

1. Parental permission has been given. (An office staff member must speak to a parent or emergency contact listed in RenWeb.)
2. The student receives permission from the administration.
3. The student signs his/her name on the "Sign-out Sheet" in the office.

If a student leaves school without all three of these conditions the absence is "truant." (See Attendance Policy.)

If a student is ill, but unable to leave, the student will remain in the office until appropriate transportation home can be arranged. Parents who will be gone during the school year should inform the school who is responsible for their student(s) during the parent's absence.

LEAVING THE BUILDING

Although students may leave the building during the school day, re-entry should be through the north or south doors connected to the office security system since doors are generally locked. If students need to go to their car, they must get a "car pass" from the office. Students may not otherwise be in the parking areas.

DISCIPLINE

As a student, you have the responsibility to be and do your best. You are expected to be in school when school is in session, in class on time, and prepared to learn. Your dress, attitude, speech, and behavior all contribute to an atmosphere in which we can grow and live for Christ. To help all of us live in such an atmosphere, your teachers and principals will teach, instruct, and discipline.

The purpose of discipline at Illiana is to develop disciples (followers) of Christ. Discipline is the process of discipleship.

School discipline applies to any student who is: on school property, at any school-sponsored activity, or whose conduct at any other time or place has an effect on maintaining school order and discipline, protecting the safety and welfare of students and school personnel, or upholding the reputation of our school. This includes digital or cyber activities. While we have guidelines regarding consequences for possible offenses, the administration has the authority to impose consequences as deemed appropriate for whatever offenses may occur. Also, it is appropriate to treat repeated misbehavior more severely than single instances.

1. When we discipline, we aim to renew or re-establish our relationship with God and with others. Disciplining helps us recognize the wrong, confess it, experience forgiveness, and make a commitment toward correction.
2. God holds parents responsible for the leading (discipline) of their children. This parental responsibility is shared with our staff, to whom parents entrust their sons and daughters.
3. Sometimes punishment is needed for discipline to occur. Punishment may act as a deterrent for inappropriate behavior which shows a lack of respect for God, other people, and/or property.

Forms of punishment used at Illiana include:

1. Detentions will be given for tardiness, attendance problems, or other forms of inappropriate behavior. The following times may be used or others at the discretion of the administration. After multiple infractions, the student will receive severe graduated consequences for each successive infraction.
 - A. Morning Detention - 7:00 a.m. - 7:40 a.m.
 - B. Afternoon Detention - 3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.
 - C. Saturday School - 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
2. Suspension will occur when the administration determines that behavior necessitates a student being removed from the social and academic environment. Both the student and the parent will be made aware of the reasons for the suspension, as well as the criteria for re-entry into a restored relationship with the rest of the Illiana community. A suspended student will suffer the consequences of missed classes. An "F" will be given for any daily work due on the days missed. Tests and major projects will be allowed to be made up within three days of return.
3. Expulsion may result in severe or repeated disciplinary cases. Such action can only be taken by the Illiana School Board, usually acting on the recommendations of its Education Committee. Expulsion will be for

at least the rest of a semester. Students expelled will receive no credit for the semester in which they were expelled. A return to Illiana after an expulsion would be at the discretion of the School Board, again based on the recommendation of the Education Committee. Students who are expelled are not allowed on school grounds without special permission through the duration of their expulsion.

CHEATING

An increasing awareness of personal integrity, honesty, and obedience to God's Word is one of the most important Biblical, moral and social values we must stress.

For any dishonesty or cheating of which the teacher becomes aware and which can be validated, the teacher will determine if the offense was minor or major. A first minor offense will result in parent notification by the teacher, completion of the assignment in question, an "F" on that assignment, and a one-third letter grade reduction (from "B" to "B-") for the quarter. A first offense that is major will result in parent notification by the teacher, completion of the test or major project, an "F" on the test or major project, and a whole letter grade reduction (from a "B" to "C") for the quarter. A second offense of any kind in any class in the same school year will result in failing the quarter in which the 2nd offense occurred. A third offense in the same school year will result in failure of the semester for the class involved.

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS TO THE STUDENT BODY

Any advertisement or written materials, other than school-approved publications, must be reviewed and approved by the administration prior to posting or distribution on campus. Failure to do so will cause the distributor as well as the preparer of the materials to be subject to disciplinary review by the Administration and the Education Committee of the Board.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

All students officially enrolled at Illiana Christian High School are subject to this policy.

I. Policy applying to school time

Students illegally possessing, consuming, being under the influence of, distributing, or selling controlled substances, or alcoholic beverages or possessing associated drug paraphernalia while on school property, the Oak Glen Parking lot, or at school-sponsored events will result in immediate suspension, with probable expulsion. Subsequent re-enrollment will be a matter of Board action. This policy also applies to substitute or purported drugs. Legal authorities may be contacted if circumstances warrant.

II. Policy applying to non-school time

Students illegally possessing, using, distributing, or selling controlled substances, or alcoholic beverages or possessing associated paraphernalia away from school property and school activities will result in the following.

A. First offense

1. The student, parents, administration and guidance counselors are required to meet.
2. Psychological assessment of drug dependence, drug testing, and intervention or prevention program options will be discussed.
3. The student will be placed on probation for the rest of the school year.
4. If the offense involves using illegal drugs, misuse of prescription or non-prescription drugs, or alcohol, the parents and student must participate in a program administered by a certified addiction counselor, and approved by the administration. The student is to follow the program until its completion and is to follow the recommendations made at the closing interview. The administration shall be supplied with a written evaluation of the student's progress from the professional in charge of the program upon completion.
5. The student must submit to a mandatory testing program.
6. Refusal by the student and/or parents to fully participate and follow the recommendations may result in expulsion.
7. The professional counselor involved must be a certified addiction counselor

- B. Second offense
The student will be suspended and may meet, along with parents, with the Education Committee. Generally, a second offense will result in a recommendation for expulsion.
- III. Testing
 - A. Testing for cause
The administration reserves the right to require a student to undergo testing for alcohol and/or drugs when there is a reasonable suspicion of use. A student's failure to cooperate in the testing will result in suspension and probable expulsion from school. Should a student be withdrawn prior to action resulting in an expulsion, the student may be re-admitted to Illiana only after a successful interview with the Education committee.
 - B. Random testing
The administration reserves the right to engage in random substance abuse testing of all students. Tests will be initiated by the administration and conducted by a professional agency. A student's failure to cooperate in the testing will result in suspension and probable expulsion from school. Students may be taken off campus for the testing
 - C. Positive results
Individuals testing positive for drug use will be subject to the consequences outlined in Section II.
- IV. Self-Reporting
If a student voluntarily comes forward to school officials, acknowledging a drug or alcohol problem, and is seeking assistance, there will be no disciplinary action involved. The student, parents, administration, and guidance counselor must meet to implement an intervention/prevention program. If there is a subsequent occurrence, the student will be subject to the consequences outlined in Section II.
- V. Preventative searches
The school building, lockers, backpacks, book bags and parked cars may be searched by school and legal authorities at any time for illegal substances or other contraband.

DRESS CODE

Clothing and appearance should contribute to a healthy academic environment. Extremes of clothing or grooming to gain undue attention or to challenge the accepted standards of the school are inappropriate and will not be tolerated. Moderation and modesty are virtues that should be obvious in a Christian school.

Parents can help Illiana to achieve these standards by maintaining standards of modesty of dress in the home before the student comes to school each day. While recognizing that each student is a unique individual, Illiana Christian expects students and parents to comply with the following standards and guidelines. The administration, with the help of teachers, reserves the right to determine whether dress or appearance is appropriate in a school setting. It should be noted that the list below, while intended to give specific guidance, is not exhaustive.

If a violation occurs, the student will be removed from classes until an acceptable change is made. A detention may also be given. Additional violations will result in escalating consequences.

The Dress Code guidelines include:

1. All clothing should be neat, clean, and in good repair. This means that there are to be only minimal holes or tears in the clothing.
2. If girls wish to wear sleeveless tops, the straps must be at least three inches wide. Racerback tops are not allowed. Boys are not to wear sleeveless tops. Tops must be modest, i.e. no bare midriffs, not low cut, no undergarments showing, no cutouts, etc.
3. Students must exercise good judgment in the length of skirts and dresses. It is required that the length should extend to at least the fingertips. This includes dresses and skirts with slits.
4. Leggings, jeggings and yoga pants are only allowed if worn under a tunic, skirt, or dress that meets the requirement of point 3.

5. No clothing, backpacks or jewelry are allowed which display images or symbols that are inconsistent with Christian values.
6. No clothing or backpacks are allowed which display insignias, writing, or pictures which promote alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances, obscenities, or are in some other way deemed to be unwholesome.
7. No clothing or backpacks are allowed which promote any music, musicians, or musical group, except Christian artists with a specific Christian message displayed.
8. No jackets, coats, caps, or hats may be worn inside the building. They must be stored in lockers after arriving at school.
9. Tattoos must be covered at all times.
10. No visible body-piercing jewelry with the exception of modest ear-piercing for both males and females. Girls may have one modest nose stud (less than 1/16" diameter) but no other non-ear-piercing of any kind may be visible. Ear gauges are not allowed. Tongue piercings are considered "visible" and not allowed.
11. Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
12. Pants are to be worn with no undergarments showing.
13. Sleepwear is considered inappropriate for the school setting.
14. School athletic uniforms that may otherwise violate the dress code may be worn to class only with special permission from the administration.

DRIVING

Students are expected to drive carefully and cautiously and to arrive at school on time. Slow trains and heavy traffic are not legitimate excuses for late arrival. Irresponsible driving, speeding, or endangering others will result in a fine and/or loss of driving privileges.

All student drivers must have a parking tag displayed in their car. This includes all cars parked in the Oak Glen Church parking lot, those parked along Indiana Ave., and those in the school lot on Ridge Road. Parking tags are to be displayed on all vehicles. Cars parked in reserved spots must display the corresponding number. Parking registration is normally done at the time of enrollment on RenWeb. Detentions will be issued for violations. Students are not permitted to enter their car or anyone else's car at any time during the school day without permission from the office. Violation will result in detention.

Students drive and park vehicles on school property or at school functions at their own risk. Parking areas are not supervised by school personnel and the school is not responsible for the actions of other persons in the parking area. Students may not loiter in the Oak Glen parking lot after school is dismissed. Students need to leave the parking lot within 15 minutes after dismissal.

Students and parents need to be made aware that any vehicle using the school or church parking facilities may be subject to a complete search by school authorities and law enforcement personnel assisting them. Such a search may be conducted without warrant for any reasonable purpose.

HARASSMENT

Illiana Christian High School intends to provide its employees and students with an environment that is free of offensive kinds of behavior. Sexual harassment, which includes making unwelcome sexual advances, engaging in improper physical contact, making improper sexual comments, or otherwise creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment toward a fellow student or school employee will not be tolerated. Physical or emotional harassment includes bullying, threatening physical harm, teasing, mocking, or otherwise creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment. Racial harassment also will not be tolerated. This includes making prejudicial and derogatory statements about others based on their race or national origin, displaying the Confederate flag or any approximation of it, any distribution of racially intimidating materials, in some way mistreating others because of their race or ethnic background, or any other action the administration deems racially intimidating. Harassment can be verbal, physical or digital. Offenses will be addressed regardless of the method or means of the harassment and regardless of where the harassment took place. Cell phones, social networks, and texting will all be subject to consideration. Students

may not photograph or video teachers or post and images of school personnel without their permission.

Any student found harassing another student, school personnel, or their families at any time will be suspended during which time a decision will be made regarding their future status as a student at Illiana Christian.

Complaints regarding school personnel should be reported to the administration or a counselor. Every attempt will be made to address the matter both discreetly and thoroughly. Consequences for offenders may include suspension and dismissal.

LOCKERS

Students will be assigned a locker to store their personal property. A school lock may be used. Any non-school issued lock will be removed. Students may decorate the inside of lockers if they do so tastefully. (Examples of materials not in good taste include vulgar words, suggestive pictures, and alcohol ads.)

Using someone else's books or materials without specific permission or removing any personal property, including lunches, is stealing. The penalty will be suspension from school and restitution.

Lockers are the property of Illiana Christian High School. The school reserves the right to inspect them at any time.

PARENTAL CONSENT

It is assumed that by enrolling their student(s) in Illiana, parents' consent to the policies and rules of the school, the instructional practices of teachers, and participation in school-sponsored activities. It is further understood that consent is given for school officials to use student data and student likenesses in the routine conduct of school business, the promotion of the school, and in cooperation with law enforcement.

If parents would like to request an exemption from this consent, through a detailed written request to the administration in advance.

SMOKING AND TOBACCO

Students possessing tobacco products, smoking, aiding someone who is smoking, or being with someone who is smoking on school property will all be considered in violation of the no-smoking rule. The no-smoking rule is also in effect for students in the immediate vicinity of school, on Oak Glen Church property, and at school-sponsored functions.

The penalties are: (per year)

First offense - 2 Saturday Schools

Second offense - 3 Saturday Schools

Third offense – a 3-day suspension and a full grade reduction (1.0) in all classes.

STEALING

Illiana assumes a great deal of trust on the part of its student body. This trust can be violated in a number of ways, including the taking of another person's property. Taking someone else's possession is considered stealing and will be accorded the proper consequences, including the possibility of expulsion.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Illiana Christian High School has chosen to make Internet resources available to students, and the consequence is that they will have access to far more information than if they had to rely on traditional printed sources. If a student chooses to misuse or abuse computer use by accessing or attempting to access resources that are questionable, adult-oriented, or restricted, the consequence will begin with suspension of access privileges and may extend all the way to expulsion from school. Computer/internet related abuses/offenses will be addressed seriously and severely. While the school is not responsible for your internet use, inappropriate use of computers, internet, digital media, phones, etc. that relates to Illiana or members of the Illiana community can result in severe consequences from the school and even criminal charges.

1. The use of school computers must support education and research that is consistent with the objectives of Illiana Christian High School. Use of another organization's network or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material and threatening or obscene material. The term "computer" refers to any device which manipulates data and could include cell phones, cameras, iPods, etc.
2. If for any reason the school determines that a student cannot be trusted with an electronic device or with internet access, school administrators may deny use or access at any time.
3. Users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include (but are not limited to) being polite and not using vulgarity or abusive language. Also, never reveal personal information of others or yourself. Understand that there is no real privacy on the internet so assume that everyone can read and see everything you do. Do not cause any disruption in network use or access by others. Don't copy copyrighted material. Messages should not contain profanity, obscene comments, sexually explicit material, or expressions of bigotry or hate.
4. Student subscriptions to electronic mail lists are not allowed on Illiana Christian High School accounts.
5. Students may only use their own accounts, passwords, etc.
6. You are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of data storage. The content and maintenance of a user's data storage area is the user's responsibility. This includes (but is not limited to) keeping files to a minimum, routinely and frequently virus-scanning your data, especially when receiving or downloading files from other systems, and understanding that this is the school's network, not yours. Also, students can expect that their school accounts will be wiped clean each year to minimize excess storage.
7. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. Illiana Christian High School specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through school accounts. Information (including text, graphics, video, etc.) from Internet sources used in student papers and reports should be cited in the same manner as references to printed materials.
8. Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a teacher or system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Users will not intentionally seek information on, or obtain copies of, or modify files, other data, or passwords belonging to other users, or misrepresent other users on the network. Attempts to gain unauthorized access to system programs or computer equipment will result in cancellation of user privileges and other consequences as deemed appropriate by the administration. Downloading of information onto the hard drives of Illiana Christian High School computers is prohibited; all downloads must be to a personal storage device. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to school computers and/or Internet resources.
9. There is no right of privacy from system administrators. If you use school computers, the school's network or even your own computer (or phone) to communicate with school personnel or other members of the Illiana community, the school reserves the right to review all your activities and communications at any time.
10. Illiana is in the process of implementing a one-to-one program by providing Chromebooks to each student. Students not included in this program are allowed to bring their own laptops, tablets, eReaders, iPads, etc. for use in the classroom when deemed appropriate at the teacher's discretion. Students not in the Chromebook program are not required to have a device but may find it helpful in organizing and facilitating their learning.

11. Generally, phones may not be used as classroom learning devices. For example, students may not use phones for taking notes in class. Students may use a tablet or laptop for note-taking and organizing their learning. Please note that students may continue to use their phones at school only according to the Phone Policy.
12. Responsibility to keep electronic devices secure rests with the individual possessor (owner). Illiana Christian High School is not responsible if an electronic device or other item is lost or stolen. If a device appears to be stolen or damaged by someone other than the student, the incident will be investigated by school personnel in a manner similar to the loss or damage of other personal items. Students are required to have their names permanently written on any tablet or laptop that they bring to school.
13. Students are permitted to use these devices only for programs, websites, and tools specified by school personnel. Students who use a mobile device for off-task activities may lose, at the teacher's discretion, the privilege to use the mobile device.
14. Students should have their device charged at the beginning of the school day. Chromebook users will be assessed a \$5 fine for not having their device adequately charged for the day. We cannot assure students that they can charge devices at school.
15. Internet filtering is required of all schools. Only the filtered wireless network provided by Illiana may be accessed during school hours. When you access the Internet at Illiana, data sent or received is considered school property. The school reserves the right to inspect a student's personal device if there is any concern that the student has violated school policies, procedures, rules or has engaged in other misconduct while using their personal device.
16. Generally, the misuse of a device will result in confiscation as well as loss of the privilege. A confiscated device can be returned at the end of the day unless it is retained for investigation. The fee for the first offense is \$5. The fee for subsequent offenses is \$10. Serious abuses could, of course, result in permanent loss of the privilege and other consequences. Ultimately, the device will always be returned to the student.
17. Chromebooks are loaned to students for an entire school year. Parents and students will be required agree to a Chromebook Program policy before distribution. Students must take good care of their Chromebooks and make sure they are charged for the day. Each student in the Chromebook program must pay a \$50 Technology fee at the beginning of the year. Students will be charged \$50 for the first repair, \$100 for the second. Students must return their Chromebook at the end of the school year. In most cases, students will receive their original Chromebook back at the beginning of the following school year.

PHONE POLICY

The use of phones in the school building is limited. Students may use their own phones at the entrances or outside. Phones may be used during break, during lunch, and before or after school. Phones may be used in hallways only briefly. Phones may not be used in classrooms, the media center, gyms, locker rooms, or the dining room or any spaces other than those designated above unless specifically directed by a teacher. Students using phones inappropriately will have them confiscated and be assessed a fine.

The administration reserves the right to review the contents of a student's phone. Students found sending, sharing, or possessing pictures, text messages, e-mails or other data to harass, intimidate, embarrass, humiliate, or offend will be considered for suspension and possible expulsion consistent with the school's Harassment Policy. While all people in the school community have some expectation of privacy, students should be aware that school personnel may not be photographed, recorded or videotaped except with explicit permission. Students making or posting images of teachers, for example, without their permission may be considered guilty of violating the school's harassment policy. Students and parents should also be aware that the law requires school personnel to report incidents of possible abuse or harassment to law enforcement agencies for investigations and possible prosecution.

VANDALISM

Respect for Illiana Christian personnel and school property is appropriate and necessary. Vandalism is a serious offense. Using fireworks, fire extinguishers, pulling fire alarms, vandalizing school property as well as the property of school personnel (teachers, administrators, board, and staff), or the school property of any student will result in suspension, fine, full restitution, as well as possible probation or expulsion.

WEAPONS

Illiana Christian High School is committed to providing a safe school environment. Any student possessing or using a weapon on school property or at a school-sponsored event will be dealt with severely, with possible expulsion. Legal authorities may be contacted if circumstances warrant.

MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES

APPEALS

Parents, not students, always have the option of appealing a decision of the administration by writing an appeal to the Education Committee. As in all Christian concerns, an attempt should first be made to resolve any disagreement with the administration directly. The same expectation would apply regarding teachers. If a parent has a concern or disagreement with a teacher, the parent has an obligation to speak only with that teacher about the matter. If this does not resolve the matter, then the administration should be consulted. An appeal to the Education Committee would be the next level of recourse. If satisfaction is not reached with the Education Committee, an appeal can also be made to the Board. The decision of the Board will be final. All appeals, concerns, or disagreements are expected to be expressed in a spirit of love and not malice with caution being employed to protect the reputations and integrity of all involved.

MEDICATION

Many students require medication either on an ongoing basis or occasionally. It is assumed that these medications will be taken at home and not brought to school. If it is necessary to bring medication to school, it must be in its original container and may only be taken as prescribed or according to the instructions on the packaging. Generally, the school does not become involved in administering medication.

Students may obtain a pain reliever such as Tylenol in the office with express permission from a parent (usually by phone). If the student is 18 years old, he or she may receive a Tylenol without parental permission. This service is only available on an occasional basis. Band-Aids and very modest first aid supplies are available in the office as well.

RESIDENCE AND FAMILY CONCERNS

It is our working assumption that all students are under the authority of their parents and living in the same home as one or both parents. When this does not occur, the school will recognize the authority of parents in determining whether a student living outside the home may continue to attend classes. Also, the school reserves the right to deny attendance or continued enrollment to a student whose living arrangements are, in the judgment of the school, unhealthy for the student or detrimental to the school. Students who are themselves parents or parents-to-be will be allowed to continue attendance under certain conditions. Students in this situation should inform a counselor as soon as possible.

SNOW DAYS AND OTHER CLOSINGS

If school must be canceled, school closings will be posted at www.emergencyclosingcenter.com. There is a link to this site on the school's website—www.illianachristian.org. Also, students or parents may sign up to have www.emergencyclosingcenter.com e-mail them whenever school closes. Mass email and telephone communication may also be used to inform parents of school closings. A voice alert will also be sent to the phone listed on the parents' record in RenWeb.

SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR

Students attending school assemblies or public performance events as spectators are expected to behave in a respectful manner. Any student being disrespectful in the judgment of the supervisors to the performer(s) through language or actions, causing an interruption in the activity, or doing anything illegal will be removed from the event with further discipline to follow. Additional consequences would involve such things as non-attendance at such events in the future, assigned Saturday school(s), suspension from school, and/or an appearance before the Education Committee to determine continued enrollment in school.

TUITION PAYMENT POLICY

1. A non-refundable registration fee of \$125.00 is required at the time of registration. This fee is later applied to your tuition.
2. Eleven (11) monthly payments must be made by the 15th of every month (unless tuition is pre-paid).
3. The first monthly tuition payment is due by August 15, then by the 15th of every month thereafter through June 15.
4. Families from Reformed churches that support the school (Supporting Churches) receive a Gratitude Grant which will be applied to the last June payment.
5. A senior may not participate in graduation unless the entire family's tuition except one month is paid. In other words, the tuition must be current to participate in graduation.
6. If families do not comply with the above schedule and deadlines, the student(s) may be suspended from class attendance.
7. If an alternative payment plan or any other exception to this policy is needed, it is the family's responsibility to contact the school office in order to set up a meeting to make alternative arrangements.
8. Students transferring in or out during a semester will be assessed a \$100 transfer fee.
9. Students transferring in or out during a semester will be assessed tuition by the week based on a 36-week school year for any part of a school week attended.
10. All tuition must be current (paid) before final report cards, credits, transcripts, or diplomas will be issued.

VISITORS

Although generally discouraged, a student may have a school visitor if there is a valid reason for doing so, i.e. the student is genuinely interested in attending Illiana or is a relative from out of town staying here. Well in advance of the visit a form requesting approval for a visit must be completed and turned into the admissions office (at least 24 hours before the requested visit). If approval is granted, the visitor must obtain a visitor's pass from the office before classes on the day of the visit. The administration reserves the right to reject any such request.

All visitors are required to sign in at the main office and wear an identification badge. They must sign out when they leave.