

Buncombe County Middle College

Student Handbook



Purpose

To collaborate with stakeholders to provide a safe, inclusive, and rigorous learning environment that prepares all students to be ready for post-high school endeavors.

Buncombe County Middle College Belief Statements:

- Positive and respectful relationships are the foundation of a successful learning experience.
- Time spent in class is valuable and irreplaceable. Proactive intervention serves to mitigate potential academic failure.
- Teachers are lifelong learners, and professional growth is essential.
- Students should be given the opportunity to make connections with AB-Tech to build networks of success.
- Students who are given the opportunity to take college courses on a college campus will be more likely to continue with higher education after graduating high school.
- It is necessary to use differentiated teaching styles to reach all types of learners.
- The incorporation of technology in the classroom is crucial to prepare our students for future careers.

CONTACT INFORMATION

BCMC's main office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. We are located on the main campus of A-B Tech in the Birch building, Room 208.

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BCMC 2018-2019 DAILY SCHEDULES

Daily Bell Schedule

Block 1	10:00 - 11:25
Block 2	12:35 - 2:00
Block 3 (does not meet on Thursdays)	2:10 - 3:45

Early Dismissal Bell Schedule

Block 1	10:00 - 10:55
Block 2	11:00 - 11:55
Block 3	12:00 - 12:55

Students with AB Tech courses that begin or end at the same time as their high schools courses begin or end are expected to communicate with their high school teachers in advance so that arrangements can be made that allow the student to be present for and on time to both classes.

If Buncombe County Schools are closed or dismiss early due to inclement weather, Middle College will also be closed or dismiss early. Middle College students and parents should check local media and the Buncombe County Schools website for weather related updates.

Middle College does not alter the daily schedule for a two hour delay start.

AB Tech may be open when Buncombe County Schools are closed. Students taking AB Tech courses are expected to check the AB Tech website for weather related closings for AB Tech courses.

Code of Conduct

Respect

Students will:

- Respect each other. Use respectful, appropriate language. Avoid using sarcasm, gossip, belittling, or putting down of others.
- Display appropriate behavior. Follow codes of conduct established for Middle College and AB-Tech at all times.
- Respect teachers and the learning environment. Cooperate with all school personnel.
- Respect all property to ensure a positive, clean, and safe learning environment. Keep classrooms and campus clean by properly discarding all trash.
- Take proper care of textbooks, materials, and equipment.
- Drive safely on campus. Be aware of pedestrians and surroundings.

Rigor

Students will:

- Arrive to school and to every class on time. Make class time a priority.
- Challenge yourself, strive for success, and believe it is possible.
- Be ready to learn, remain on task, and be attentive.
- Complete and turn in assignments on the due date.
- Enroll in and complete college courses. Explore career and college pathways.

Relationships

Students will:

- Conduct themselves in a manner that allows the teachers to teach and all students to learn.
- Be tolerant of viewpoints different from their own. Disagree without insulting, harmful language or personal attacks.
- Conduct yourself like a responsible student.
- Positively represent Middle College.
- Meet with teachers, school counselors, and administrators for academic advisement and assistance.

Relevance

Students will:

- Plan for your future.
- Make decisions that benefit you academically.

- Continuously monitor academic progress and set short and long term goals. Strive to meet academic goals.

Students are expected to also follow the AB Tech Code of Classroom conduct for all classes <https://www.abtech.edu/student-handbook/code-classroom-conduct>

Academic Policy:

Course Loads:

Middle College students must be enrolled in at least two courses to be a full time student. This can include a combination of high school and AB Tech courses.

Grading:

Grades at BCMC should give students and their families accurate and meaningful feedback that supports and encourages student learning. According to state Board of Education policy, the scale for high school course grades will be:

- A: 90-100
- B: 80-89
- C: 70-79
- D: 60-69
- F: Below 60

Progress Reports and Report Cards

Teachers will regularly maintain student grades in the PowerSchool system. At the mid-point of each nine-week grading period, progress reports will be provided to all students in each class through PowerSchool. Teacher/Parent communication is expected when a student is not progressing satisfactorily. Students and parents can check grades at any time with a code for online access to their grades. Parents may also request a paper copy of progress reports.

Final nine weeks grades are posted in PowerSchool at the end of the grading period. At the end of each semester, a final semester exam grade and a final semester grade will also be reported.

Reports cards for students who have earned a D or F in any class will also be mailed to the home address on file. Parents are welcome to pick up a copy of their student's report card in the main office or call us to request that we mail a copy home.

Testing and Assessments

All courses require a comprehensive exam at the end of the term. High school students are required to take North Carolina End-of-Course Tests in Math I or Math III, Biology, and English II. Students must also take NC Final Exams in other high school courses. Final tests or exams count as 25 percent of a student's final grade in each high school course. There are no exam exemptions in Buncombe County high schools.

According to state requirements, each tenth grade student is required to take the pre-ACT (the state-mandated test for assessing college readiness) during the Fall semester. According to

state requirements, each eleventh grade student will be required to take the ACT test during the Spring semester.

College Placement Test

Middle College students have the opportunity to participate in college placement testing. Students with qualifying PLAN, PSAT, ACT or SAT scores can use these for placement.

Graduation Project

All graduates in Buncombe County Schools are required to complete a culminating Graduation Project, which includes a research paper, mentor experience, product, and oral presentation. Students complete the graduation project as a component of their English IV course. Grading for the project follows the Buncombe County Schools rubric.

Student Academic Grievances

According to Buncombe County Board of Education Policy #3432, students and parents should have redress for grievances regarding the evaluation of academic performance in high school courses. Therefore, at any time a student believes he/she has a grievance regarding the evaluation of an academic assignment, the student may report the grievance to the principal. The student should provide his or her name and a description of the grievance giving rise to the complaint. The principal will investigate the incident and reach a decision within three (3) school days. The principal is empowered to change the grade if, after investigation, the principal determines that the evaluation was arbitrary and capricious. A written copy of the decision will be sent to the student and parent/guardian.

Course Withdrawals

Students will not be allowed to drop any college courses until they have met with the school counselor and have completed our course withdrawal form, including required signatures. Unless the withdrawal occurs within the first 10 days of school, students who withdraw from a college course will receive an "F" for that course on their high school transcript. The failing grade will be replaced when the student retakes the course and passes it.

If withdrawing from a course will leave a student with fewer than two courses, he or she will be not be allowed to drop the course.

Summer Courses

Students in good academic standing may enroll in Summer courses at A-B Tech. Currently, tuition for these courses is covered through BCMC. Students are still responsible for textbook rental costs. All course policies, including withdrawals and failures, apply to courses taken in the Summer.

Textbooks/Laptops

Textbooks and materials, including calculators and laptops, for high school classes are provided for student use. If any items are lost, stolen, or damaged, students are responsible for any fees or replacement costs.

Buncombe County Middle College is currently able to greatly subsidize the cost of college textbooks for our students. Students are only required to pay a \$10 per course rental fee. At the beginning of each semester, students will be issued the textbooks for their courses when they have paid the rental fees and have submitted the required forms.

Students must return all textbooks, laptops, and materials at the end of each semester. If a student loses a book or does not return materials, they cannot be issued textbooks for their courses the following semester until they have paid the associated fines.

Students who fail or withdraw from a course may be re-enrolled in that course the following semester. Also, if a new textbook or access code is required for the course they are repeating, students will be responsible for those costs. As always, we will consider special circumstances as the need arises.

A-B Tech Fees and Fines

Most A-B Tech fees and labs for specific courses are paid by BCMC. However, if students are taking a course that we do not recommend or if they are retaking a course that they have failed or withdrawn from, students will be responsible for these fees.

Students are responsible for any fines they incur from the A-B Tech Library, including overdue fines and usage fees. Students are also responsible for any parking fines they receive from A-B Tech Police.

Academic Integrity

Buncombe County Middle College is a school of high expectations. We believe in academic integrity, honesty, and trust. Students should do their work so they can do their own learning. Cheating, including plagiarism, of any kind is not tolerated. Students found to be cheating or plagiarizing work, or assisting another student to cheat, will receive a failing grade for the assignment and the incident will be documented with a discipline referral. A second incident of academic dishonesty could lead to failure of the course or dismissal from Buncombe County Middle College and/or A-B Tech.

Attendance:

The Buncombe County Board of Education believes that regular school attendance is of crucial importance for educational achievement, that learning experiences that occur in the classroom are essential components of its learning process, that time lost from class tends to be irretrievable in terms of opportunity for instructional interaction, and, therefore, that each student should attend school every day. Further, the Board affirms that the primary responsibility for regular attendance resides with the parents/guardians and the individual student. Attendance at Middle College is vital to your success in academic classes. Buncombe Co policy # 4400 states:

Students in grades 9-13 in semester-long courses may only have a maximum combined total of five (5) excused and unexcused absences per semester per class. Absences are calculated for each class. Absences over five (5) days may be made up in accordance with the school's Attendance Make-up Program (see 4400-R) in order to receive credit

Excused and Unexcused Absences

In order for an absence to be excused, a signed note from a parent/guardian explaining the absence is required within **two** days of the absence. These notes must be turned in in the main office. We cannot accept email notifications. Absences are coded as unexcused until documentation is received. Documentation will not be accepted after thirty days of the absence.

Excessive and unexcused absences may jeopardize a student's enrollment in Middle College. In addition, it is each student's responsibility to meet attendance guidelines for A-B Tech classes and adhere to the [A-B Tech Attendance Policy](#)

The North Carolina State Board of Education accepts the following as reasons for excusable absences:

1. Illness
2. Quarantine
3. Death in Family
4. Medical Appointments
5. Court Proceedings

6. Religious Observances
7. Family Emergency
8. Educational Opportunity
9. Out of School Suspension

The following are examples of unexcused absences (and tardies):

1. Inclement weather unless the school bus schedule is altered
2. Car trouble
3. Power Outage
4. Missing the bus
5. Oversleeping
6. Work
7. Vacations
8. Educational Opportunities not sponsored by school

When a student misses school, the parent or legal guardian should supply documentation regarding the reason for the absence to the school upon the student's return to school. Attendance is taken for each class, not each day. Absences are listed as unexcused until documentation is received. Documentation will not be accepted after thirty (30) days without prior approval from a school administrator or the attendance team.

When a student misses **more than five (5)** days, excused or unexcused, the student must make up the days in excess of five. For example, if a student missed eight (8) days in a class, the student would need to make up three (3) days for that class. Students may make up a class by making up one hour of time in attendance make up.

When a student misses **ten days (10)** in any class, a parent conference will be scheduled so that an attendance contract can be created and a plan of support can be implemented for the student.

When a student misses **ten consecutive days (10)** in all classes consecutively, with no notice or communication to the school, the student may be dropped from enrollment and withdrawn due to non attendance.

***Excessive and unexcused absences will jeopardize a student's enrollment in Middle College. In addition, it is each student's responsibility to meet attendance guidelines for A-B Tech classes:**

<https://www.abtech.edu/student-handbook/code-classroom-conduct>

Attendance Make-Up

A student who has a passing average in one or more courses but has exceeded the maximum allowed absences of five must complete attendance make-up. We encourage students to

make up time as soon after the absence as possible so that the work is more relevant. It is the student's responsibility to frequently check PowerSchool and with each of their teachers to determine how many absences they have accrued for each class. Parents are asked to monitor student attendance regularly through the PowerSchool parent portal.

At BCMC, students have two options for making up absences:

1) Schedule a time with the teacher of the course that you have missed to make up time. The teacher will document that you have completed the make-up time. Students may not make up time when they are scheduled to be in a class. There is no cost for this option.

2) Attend a Saturday Attendance Make-up Session, which are scheduled each semester from 8:00 to 12:00. You must arrive at 8:00 am and can stay in one-hour increments depending on how much time you need to make up. The cost is \$10.

Students are expected to make up excessive absences within the semester that the absences occurred. Fall semester absences that are not made up in the fall semester will have to be made up in Saturday school in the spring semester and Saturday school fees will be charged. Spring semester absences that are not made up in the spring semester will have to be made up in summer school and summer school fees will be charged.

Attendance Failures

Any student who has missed more than 5 days and has not made up required absences will receive an "FF" for the final grade. If the student does not satisfactorily complete the required make-up sessions for each course, no credit will be given and a grade of "F" will be recorded as the final grade for the course. All FFs must be cleared prior to admittance to Middle College, graduation, or transfer to another school.

Absences and Course work

Students are responsible for any and all course work missed when absent for any reason.

Students have one week from their return to school to make up any course work missed with the opportunity to earn full credit.

If a student has course work not made up within a week after the student's return to school, the student will have until the end of the grading period to make up course work with the opportunity to earn reduced credit of up to 70%.

Students are not exempted from course work when absent. Students are expected to make up all course work for full or partial credit during the semester.

Attendance Waivers

There may be medical and other extenuating circumstances that allow the administration to waive absences for students. Circumstances include: chronic illness, acute illness, hospitalization, court subpoenas, or death in the family. A waived absence does not require attendance make-up but students are still responsible for all work missed.

In order for an attendance waiver to be considered by the principal, students must bring supporting documentation, with specific dates and times, to the main office within 10 days of the absence. A doctor's note does not guarantee a waiver. The reason for the absence must meet the waiver criteria stated above. ALL documentation for waivers must be received PRIOR to the last week of each semester except for qualified absences occurring during the last week.

School Calendars

BCMC operates on a different calendar than Buncombe County Schools. Students are responsible for being familiar with the BCMC calendar as well as the A-B Tech calendar:

<https://www.abtech.edu/calendar>

<https://www.buncombeschools.org/common/pages/UserFile.aspx?fileId=5479989>

Late Admittance to Class

You are expected to be on time for class and remain in class the entire class time. Do not enter late or leave early. If you are late to a class, please wait outside the door for the teacher to let you in. You should be prepared to explain your tardiness to the instructor after class.

***Excessive and unexcused tardiness to class will jeopardize a student's parking privileges and enrollment in Middle College. Students are expected to arrange personal commitments (work, appointments) so that they do not interfere with class.**

Tardies of more than 30 minutes are considered an absence from the class.

The same guidelines for excused and unexcused absences apply to tardies. There may be times when a student must arrive late to class or leave school early due to medical, dental, or other appointments. Appointments are coded as excused tardies if documentation is provided. A note documenting any appointments needs to be turned in to the main office immediately upon return to school in order to have the tardy excused.

After three, four, and five unexcused tardies, the teacher will assign the student 30 minutes of detention each time and contact the parent. Beyond five tardies will result in an referral to an administrator to determine additional disciplinary action, including possible revocation of a students' parking privileges on campus.

Policies for Student Drivers

Driving and parking on campus are two important privileges for BCMC students, and this privilege may be revoked if driving leads to issues that are getting in the way of the students' success or violations of our safety policies, including but not limited to excessive tardies, excessive absences, or skipping class.

Students are subject to all A-B Tech, Buncombe County Schools, and Buncombe County Early College rules and regulations while in their cars on the A-B Tech campus. Violations of A-B Tech, BCS, or BCEC rules may result in the parking permit being revoked and/or disciplinary action. School administrators may search cars driven by students if the administrator determines that there is "reasonable suspicion" a school policy or state law is being violated.

Parking -- Student drivers are responsible for applying annually for a parking permit through the A-B Tech business office. An initial one week grace period will be granted to allow time for the permit to be obtained and the driver's contract to be turned in with required signatures. After this time, parking tickets will be issued. A-B Tech parking permits must be placed on the left corner of the back window or left bumper of the vehicle before parking on the A-B Tech campus. Students may park on A-B Tech's campus in designated student spaces only. Drivers are responsible for paying for parking tickets. Failure to do so may jeopardize future A-B Tech course registration and future parking permits.

Leaving Campus -- Student drivers are allowed to leave campus, including for lunch, if their class schedule permits. Again, parents and students should establish if and where students may drive off campus during non-class time. If students leave for lunch, they are not allowed to bring food or drink to the classrooms. Parking and traffic difficulties are not legitimate reasons for being tardy or absent to any class. If leaving campus leads to any issues with tardies, skipping class, absences, or other discipline incidents, students are in jeopardy of losing their driving and parking privileges.

Also see [A-B Tech's Traffic and Parking Regulations](#).

NC Driver's License Laws

Students are subject to revocation of driver's license or permit pursuant to two North Carolina laws. Students must remain enrolled in school and make required progress toward a high school diploma, including passing 75% of enrolled courses per semester. Also, students who are given a suspension or placement in an alternative educational setting of longer than 10 days for possession/sale of alcohol or controlled substances on school property, bringing/possessing/using a weapon on school property, or assault on school personnel on school property will forfeit driving privileges.

Cell Phones

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Cell phones and some electronic devices are allowed at Middle College and on the A-B Tech campus. However, cell phones and other personal electronic devices must be put away during class time unless otherwise instructed by the teacher for instructional purposes. All electronic devices are subject to Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) regulations and disciplinary action. Students may not video or audio record a teacher, classmate(s) or a class without prior consent from the teacher. All students are expected to follow teacher rules concerning cell phones and devices. The following steps will be taken if students have their phones or other unapproved devices out in class:

- 1st offense: Verbal warning, student will be reminded to put phone/device away
- 2nd offense: Teacher will ask student to hand over phone/device for the teacher to hold until the end of class.
- 3rd offense: Referral to administration for Code of Conduct Violation

Repeated violations of the cell phone/device policy and/or students that create significant classroom disruptions with use of phones/devices may be asked to leave class for the day, suspended from school, and/or forfeit enrollment in Middle College.

Dress Code

Middle College students are in an adult environment and are expected to dress maturely and in a neat and clean manner. The Buncombe County School Board believes that the dress and personal appearance of students greatly affect their academic performance and their interaction with other students. All Middle College students should dress for school in attire appropriate for an academic setting. If a student's dress is substantially disruptive, obscene or provocative, or endangers the health and safety of the student or others, the student will be considered in violation of dress code. Appropriate clothing for a school environment is modest and should demonstrate a respect for oneself and the learning environment.

- Excessive skin, abdomen, and cleavage should not be exposed.
- All clothing must cover undergarments; loose-fitting pants should be worn with a belt.
- No garments may be worn that are shorter than fingertip length with arms down at sides.
- Accessories or articles of clothing that are disruptive, obscene, provocative, or endanger the health and safety of the student or others are not allowed.
- Pajamas are not allowed.
- Students must wear shoes for their health and safety.

TOBACCO, e-CIGARETTES, Vape devices

AB Tech and Buncombe County Schools are tobacco free campuses. Students may not use tobacco of any form, use e-cigarettes, or vaporizing devices on an AB Tech or Buncombe County campus or at any College-affiliated or school sponsored activity, sites, or events. Students in violation of the tobacco-free rules will be subject to discipline from both the high school and the college, including short-term suspension and a search of the individual student and his/her possessions.

Weapons and Threats to Safety

It is illegal to possess, or carry, openly or concealed weapons or weapon-like items of any kind on school property or to a school-sponsored event or activity. Anyone that finds a weapon, sees another person with a weapon, or becomes aware that another person has a weapon must notify a school staff member immediately. It is illegal to communicate threats or make statements of mass harm. Students are prohibited from engaging in behaviors that create a threat to the safety of others. Students that bring weapons to school, make statements to harm, and or create a threat to the safety of others will be removed from school for as long as is necessary to provide a safe and orderly learning environment. Students in possession of weapons/firearms will be removed from the school campus, and suspended with a recommended long-term suspension up to 365 days and prosecuted. Possession by a student of a firearm of any kind anywhere on school property is a felony.

Alcohol and Illegal Drugs

The use or possession of controlled substances or possession of paraphernalia as defined by North Carolina Law, including alcohol, is prohibited on school property at all times, which includes school sponsored activities or events. Possession of substances that simulate controlled substances is also prohibited. Students in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline from both the high school and the college, including possible legal action.

Sale or distribution of drugs, narcotics, or alcohol on campus or within 1000 yards of campus is a violation of federal and state law, and will result in up to 10 days out of school suspension, legal action, and possible long-term suspension.

Student Search and Seizure

It is the policy of the Buncombe County Board of Education to allow school officials to conduct reasonable searches of student's person, lockers, automobiles, and other belongings within the school premises. All Buncombe County School Board policies apply. For more information, see school board policy # 4342.

Discrimination, Harassment, and Bullying

BCMC and the Buncombe County School Board acknowledges the dignity and worth of all students and employees and strives to create a safe, orderly, caring and inviting school environment to facilitate student learning and achievement. The board will not tolerate any form of unlawful discrimination, harassment or bullying in any of its educational or employment activities or programs. See BCS Board Policy 1710/4021/7230. Bullying, taunting, personal or sexual harassment, racial slurs or intimidation will result in immediate disciplinary action. Per BCS Board Policy:

It shall be unlawful for any student in any college or school in the State to engage in what is known as hazing, or to aid or abet any other student in the commission of this offense. For the purposes of this section hazing is defined as follows: "to annoy any student by playing abusive or ridiculous tricks upon him, to frighten, scold, beat or harass him, or to subject him to personal indignity." Any violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500), imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. (1913, c.169,ss.1,2,3,4:C.S., s4217; 1969, c. 1224, 2.1.)

Upon conviction of any student of the offense of hazing, or of abetting in the commission of this offense, he shall, in addition to any punishment imposed on the court, be expelled from the college or school he is attending. The faculty or governing board of any college or school charged with the duty of expulsion of students for proper cause shall, upon such conviction at once expel the offender, and a failure to do so shall be a misdemeanor. (1913, c. 109; ss. 5,5; C.S., s. 4218). Any violation of the aforementioned will result in disciplinary action within the school, criminal charges, and/or possible civil penalties being incurred.

If a student believes that he or she has been subjected to forms of bullying, hazing, or discrimination whether verbal, written, visual, or physical, the student should immediately report the situation to the school administration. If for any reason, the student is not comfortable reporting to the school officials, then the complaint should be reported to the Anti-Bullying Hotline: (828) 225-5292 or by selecting the [Report Bullying](#) link on the BCS website.

Gang and Gang-related Activity

Buncombe County Schools defines a “gang” as any ongoing alliance or association of three or more individuals, formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of criminal acts or purposeful violation of school policy. Inherent to the gang’s structure is a common set of identifying traits including names, signs, colors, and symbols. The following conduct or activity is prohibited and subject to consequences ranging from an initial warning accompanied by parent contact to assigned periods of short-term suspension to administrative recommendation for long-term suspension:

- Displaying, possessing or distributing any clothing, jewelry, emblem, visible body marking, or literature that communicates or symbolizes affiliation with a gang.
- Communicating gang affiliation through either verbal or nonverbal methods including, but not limited to, hand gestures, drawing, and electronic texting.
- Tagging school or personal property with gang related symbols.
- Harassment, intimidation, or solicitation directed toward a student or staff member relative to gang activity.

Student Supervision

Middle College students are not directly supervised by Middle College staff unless attending a high school class. Middle College students are expected to conduct themselves as young adults. Parents and students are encouraged to discuss family expectations for safe and orderly behavior on the college campus.

AB Tech Code of Conduct

In addition to the Middle College expectations, students must also follow all A-B Tech guidelines for student behavior as outlined in the A-B Tech student handbook. The handbook can be accessed here: [A-B Tech Code of Student Conduct](#)

A-B Tech Code of Classroom Conduct

Use of A-B Tech Classrooms, Common Spaces and Lobby areas

Middle College students are welcome to use designated common spaces on campus if they do so in an appropriate manner and in a way that reflects positively on our school community.

It is important to know that all lobbies and common space is shared with other A-B Tech students and staff.

The following rules apply to our use of A-B Tech space, including lobby areas, library, cafeteria, etc:

- Students should take care to treat all areas on campus with respect, including picking up after themselves and disposing of trash in the appropriate manner.
- Students must make sure the volume of conversations is kept at an appropriate level and that language, including gestures, is appropriate at all times.
- Students may not play group games, including video games. Students who have time to play video games or watch videos must use headphones. Video games or videos must be school-appropriate. (No M or R rated materials.)
- Students may not engage in public display of affection in any area on campus.
- Students should not bring pillows/blankets and use these areas for sleeping.
- ALL AB Tech code of conduct rules apply. Smoking is prohibited in all areas on campus.

Buncombe County School Board Policies

Board Policy pertaining to students may be found here

https://buncombeschools.org/about/administration/district_policies/series_4000_-_students/

Any student conduct not addressed in this handbook that distracts from the learning environment or jeopardizes the health or safety of others will be addressed on an individual basis.

Middle College is here to help you reach your goal of graduating from high school and being prepared for career and college goals following high school. Attending Middle College is a choice that you have made on your pathway to success.

Failure to comply with policy in this handbook will jeopardize enrollment in Middle College.

