

Ruben Yancy Alternative School

Rules and Regulations

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Dress Code/Expectations/Procedures

- An intake will be held at RYAS. A parent/guardian and the child will be required to attend.
- Students are required to wear a plain white shirt, blue jeans with no rips or tears, a belt, socks, and tennis shoes. Athletic shorts and sweatpants should not be worn under blue jeans.
- No hoodies or jackets with hoods will be permitted. Jackets and sweatshirts should be plain in color.
- Hair must be pulled back away from the face in a ponytail. Hair should be a natural color. Males should have hair cut above the eyebrows. Males who do not wish to trim their hair must have it pulled back from the face. Etchings are unacceptable. Facial hair must be well-groomed. No hair accessories (beads, bows, ribbons, ect.) are allowed.
- Makeup is not allowed. This includes foundation, blush, eyeliner, lipstick, lip gloss, ChapStick, and mascara.
- False eyelashes, false nails, nail polish, and extremely long nails are not allowed.
- Wigs, weaves, and hair extensions should be natural in color.
- Visible tattoos should be covered.
- Jewelry and visible body piercings are not allowed. This includes earrings, nose rings, tongue rings, necklaces, bracelets, watches, and rings.
- Bookbags, backpacks, and purses are not allowed.
- Feminine products may be brought in a small bag and checked in at the front office. These are also available in the office and from female staff members.
- Cell phones are not allowed.
- **No gum, candy, ect.**
- All students will be screened daily with a metal detection device.
- All students must be signed in by 7:45. After 7:45, the students are tardy.
- RYAS times are 7:30-2:30 (Monday-Friday). All car riders should be picked up at 2:30.
- RYAS follows the St. Clair County Schools calendar.
- Students are expected to follow the St. Clair County Code of Conduct.
- **Attendance is expected. All unexcused absences will result in additional days added to the stay at RYAS.**
- Students are not allowed to communicate with each other. This includes verbal, written, and electronic communication.
- Behavior is tracked using a demerit system. (Additional information will be provided during intake.)

- Breakfast, lunch, and a snack will be served. Students may not bring their lunch.
- Sleeping in class is not allowed.
- Assignments and tests will be sent from the base school and should be completed promptly.
- Grades are checked weekly.
- While assigned to RYAS, students may not be on any other property owned by the St. Clair County Board of Education. They may not attend athletic events or any other extracurricular activity.

Transportation and Bus Rules and Regulations

- Students who are picked up or dropped off at any transportation location must be supervised by an adult. The parent/guardian should arrive at the designated location 5 minutes prior to the scheduled pickup/drop off time. If a student is not picked up, the student will be transported back to RYAS for parent pickup.
- Students who are granted permission to drive to the bus pick-up points agree to the following:
 - Students must remain in their own vehicle until the bus arrives
 - Understand the privilege to drive may be revoked at any time
- Students who are granted permission to drive to RYAS facility must adhere to the following:
 - Previously obtained a parking decal from their base school
 - Be a Senior and enrolled in Co-op
 - Have a signed Student Drug Testing Form on file at their base school
 - Arrive at RYAS by 7:25
 - Depart after the buses leave campus at 2:30
 - Understand the privilege to drive may be revoked at any time
- Students who return to RYAS during the same school year will not be allowed to drive to the pickup locations or to RYAS.
- Students are not allowed to communicate with others on the bus.
- Students will have assigned seats.
- Failure to follow bus rules and regulations will result in suspension from the bus.
- Students may be screened with a metal detector at the bus stop. If the wand “alerts”, students will be sent back to their parents' car and should be transported to RYAS.
- Students who are not picked up on time will be suspended from the bus:
 - 1st time – 1-week suspension from the bus
 - 2nd time – 2-week suspension from the bus
 - 3rd time – 1 month suspension from the bus
 - 4th time – permanent removal from the bus
- Students who return to RYAS will be required to earn the right to ride the bus.
 - 2nd referral to RYAS
 - Students must have 5 consecutive days without a demerit to earn bus transportation.
 - 3rd referral to RYAS
 - Bus privileges are permanently revoked.