

# FIRESTONE COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

## STUDENT HANDBOOK

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### **MISSION**

It is the mission of the Firestone CLC learning community to prepare our students to attain their highest degree of academic success.

Dear Student:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year at Firestone CLC. We are dedicated to academic excellence and offering a challenging personalized educational program for each student that ensures that all are college and career ready. Our immediate goal is to assist you to master course objectives, to become responsible, self-directed and self-disciplined. Further, we wish to instill in each student a desire to be a lifelong learner, think independently and critically, ready to function effectively in a constantly changing world and community.

Your responsibility is to contribute to the Firestone CLC community by taking advantage of the many opportunities offered. Working up to your academic potential, participating in one or many of the extracurricular activities offered, and providing service to your community are some ways that you will contribute.

This handbook has been prepared to help you succeed at your school. Please read it carefully so you will be informed of your privilege and responsibility. Also, all District policies and the student code of conduct apply.

On behalf of the entire staff of Firestone Community Learning Center, I wish you the very best this school year.

Sincerely,

Tina Loughry  
Campus Principal

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### ***Absence/Attendance Policy***

Compulsory attendance laws come from the State of Ohio. According to these regulations and the policy of Akron Public Schools, a student may receive an excused absence from school for the following reasons:

- Personal illness or injury
- Illness in the family
- Medical and dental appointments confirmed by a note from the doctor
- Funerals (of immediate family or relatives)
- Quarantine
- Recognized religious holidays
- College visits – a maximum of 3 (Juniors and Seniors) [Prior approval must be obtained from the counselor and the student must provide documentation from the college/university.]
- Appointment at the Board of Education Administration Building, Child Guidance Center, court, or State driving tests
- Emergency (judged as sufficient by the principal)

A student is considered present if he/she is absent as a result of the following:

- School-sponsored activities
- Field trips (authorized by principal)
- College visits (school sponsored)

However, excused and unexcused absences are recorded and generate truancy notifications.

When a student is absent or tardy, it is the obligation of the parent or guardian to report the absence and reason for the absence or tardiness to the school by 9:00 AM the same day. The phone number is (330) 761-3270. Students who are absent from school and do not have a parent call the school the day of is considered unexcused. Teachers are not required to give credit for work when an absence is unexcused. A parent, guardian, or legal custodian **must, within ten school days** of the date of the absence, submit a written explanation of the reasons for the absence. Students who are absent (*excused and unexcused*) may not attend any school activities that same day.

On the basis of state regulations and the items on attendance, the following circumstances constitute some examples of grounds for NOT EXCUSING student absence from school: oversleeping, shopping trips, weather, car or transportation problems, flicking or truancy, failure to report a reason for an absence.

## ***Academies***

Freshman Academy -all 9th grade Students

Kent State University Academy of Advanced Technology and Engineering

Pathways:

- Project Lead the Way Aerospace
- Project Lead the Way Architecture
- Project Lead the Way Digital Science
- Project Lead the Way Mechatronics

Kent State University Academy of Design

Pathways:

- Educational Leadership
- Entrepreneurship
- Fashion and Interior Design
- Visual Arts

Kent State University Academy of Performing Arts

Pathways:

- Dance
- Theatre
- Music

## ***Academics***

All students are required to put forth effort and complete work for all classes. All students are required to take four years of math regardless of the student's earned high school credit at the middle school level.

### ***Academic Dishonesty and Integrity***

Students at Firestone CLC are expected to do their own work in an honest and forthright manner. Students are required to rely on their own knowledge, skills, and resources when completing school work. Looking at another student's test paper, using crib sheets, obtaining, receiving or distributing test answers, copying homework, or plagiarizing (i.e. copying from a book, magazine or internet) or text messaging are dishonest acts. Students who compromise their integrity in these ways will be subject to disciplinary actions by the teacher and administration. Cheating on a test or quiz is an act of deceit and forgery and will result in a zero on the test or quiz and a possible conference with the assistant principal. Copying another's homework is considered cheating.

In order to ensure the integrity of the educational process and to promote fair and equal opportunities for all students, except as outlined below, the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) tools (collectively, "AI/NLP tools") is strictly prohibited for

the completion of school work. The use of AI/NLP tools, without the express permission/consent of a teacher, undermines the learning and problem-solving skills that are essential to academic success and that the staff is tasked to develop in each student. Unauthorized use of AI/NLP tools is considered a form of plagiarism and any student found using these tools without permission or in a prohibited manner will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. If a student has any questions about whether they are permitted to use AI/NLP tools for a specific class assignment, they should ask their teacher.

### ***Accidents***

Any accident in the school building, on school grounds, or at any event sponsored by the school must be reported immediately to the person in charge. An accident report will be completed immediately and turned in to the school office.

### ***Activities***

You are urged to participate in and attend the many after-school events and organizational activities. Proper behavior is expected and students are responsible to abide by the APS/Firestone CLC policies. Students under suspension or absent from school must not attend or participate in after-school events. **Appropriate behavior is expected at all extra-curricular activities.** With that stated, extracurricular events, such as dances, sporting events, assemblies, Talent Show, etc. are a privilege, and students who are tardy to school/class or have attendance or behavior issues or academic concerns will lose the privilege to attend extracurricular activities.

### ***Advanced Placement Classes***

Students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the AP test. Students who fail to take the test will be charged for the test. The current test cost is \$40.

### ***Aiding and Abetting***

“Aiding or Abetting” is the act of supporting, encouraging, or helping another carry out a wrongful act. Aiding or abetting any violation of the APS Code of Student Behavior will result in the same disciplinary action as the primary participant in most cases.

### ***Appointments***

Appointments should be scheduled, when possible, so as not to cause absence from school or class. For any excused appointment, the parent/guardian must **call the school and submit a note** to the Attendance Office before 8:15 a.m. on the day of the appointment **and a doctor’s note must be submitted when the student returns.** Students leaving for appointments must sign out in the Attendance Office. Persons picking up the student should report to the Attendance Office. Identification is required on the basis of Missing Child Legislation.

## ***Arrival to School and Metal Detectors***

**Building opens at 7:30 a.m.** Students MUST enter Door 1 and proceed through metal detectors. All items will be searched and students may be individually wanded after going through the detector. After clearing the metal detector, students will proceed to the Cafeteria for breakfast. Students with a signed pass from a teacher may report to that teacher's room using the 29 stairwell. All students must enter the building upon arrival after 7:30. Students are not to linger in the parking lot, on benches or other locations. They are to report through the metal detector lines and then wait in the cafeteria. **Warning bell rings at 7:55 a.m.** This is when you may proceed to class from the cafeteria. **Tardy bell rings at 8:05 a.m.**, signaling the start of class. Any student still in line for the metal detectors at 8:05 a.m. will be directed into the foyer and will have to sign in as tardy. All students are to report to class within five minutes of receiving a tardy pass. Students who arrive later will be considered flicking. Opening the door to let anyone in the building will result in OSS based on the safety risk.

## ***Attendance***

Perfect Attendance is defined as Zero Absences/Less Than Three Excused Tardies. Attendance is a most important factor in the establishment of a good school record and the first record requested by a potential employer. The expectation is that students will be present and on time each day. Credit for course work demands that students be regular in attendance.

Attendance is taken period by period. Attendance is attached to the scheduled class. A student tardy to the class will receive an unexcused tardy unless excused through the office. If a student is tardy for more than 15 minutes, they are considered absent from the class, and will be written up on a flick sheet. **Work will not be provided to students who have unexcused absences, including flicks.**

## ***Athletic Policy***

Student athletes who are excused by the principal, for a partial day-due to illness or injury which requires treatment-may participate in a practice or game (that day) provided they were in attendance for a minimum of four classroom periods. Said provisions shall apply Monday through Friday. Students participating in sports will also receive a "Grading Period Eligibility" check at the end of each grading period. Students must pass 2.5 credits and earn a minimum of 2.0 GPA during the preceding grading period. Physical Education (gym) is .25 credits and does not count towards eligibility. Students who have a 1.5 - 1.99 GPA may attend tutoring/study sessions 3 times a week to remain eligible. Failure to maintain the above criteria will result in the student's athletic eligibility being revoked for the entire next nine (9) week grading period.

## **Backpacks**

Students may carry backpacks throughout the school day. All backpacks need to be the standard size and not too heavy that a student could not carry it. Backpacks will be searched upon entering the building.

## **Cafeteria/Lunch**

Students should be in the cafeteria before the tardy bell. Students are responsible for following the posted cafeteria rules. All food and drink must be consumed in the cafeteria. **Fast food carry out orders may not be delivered, this includes DoorDash, UberEats, etc.** Students are responsible for disposing of refuse in the containers and cleaning his/her table. Violations of the cafeteria/lunch rules may result in a restricted lunch period, exclusion from the cafeteria, or other disciplinary action. Students will receive consequences if outside doors are opened for food delivery. Students are to remain in the cafeteria and not in other parts of the building.

**Students may not leave the school grounds during lunch.** Students leaving the building in vehicles or on foot will receive a 3 day out-of-school suspension. **Firestone CLC does not have an open campus lunch policy.** Students are to remain in the cafeteria during the lunch periods unless signed out by the primary guardian.

## **Cell Phone Policy**

**Phones are not to be used during school.** Each student will be assigned a personal Yondr Bag. While the Yondr Bag is considered school property, each student will be responsible for and must bring their Yondr Bag to school daily and keep it in good working condition. Upon bringing a cell phone into the building, each student will place all such devices into their Yondr Bag, secure/lock, and present their Yondr Bag for inspection during the daily safety and security entry check-in.

Additionally:

- Students that do not have their Yondr Bag with them upon entering the building must either leave their devices at home/car or give them to the building administration for safekeeping until dismissal. These occurrences will result in the following procedures:
  - 1st occurrence - Students will pick their phones up at the Attendance office at dismissal.
  - 2nd occurrence - Students will pick up their phones in the Attendance office at dismissal.
  - 3rd occurrence and all subsequent violations - The Building Administration will notify parents/guardians who will pick up their child's device at the building's Attendance office.

### **DAILY PROCESS**

**Students Arrive at School and, upon entry, will:**

- 1) Power their phone **OFF** and place the device inside of their Yondr Bag.
- 2) Secure/Lock the bag prior to school security staff inspection.
- 3) Store their Bag in their backpack or locker for the day.
- 4) Students may leave their devices in their car.
- 5) All students enter at the appropriate door via the safety/security line.

**Students are Dismissed at the end of the school day and will:**

- 1) Use the unlocking devices located at student exit points.

- 2) Maintain responsibility for their Yondr Bag. Students must bring their Yondr Bag each school day.

\*Students arriving late or leaving early must secure/unsecure their Yondr Bags in the Attendance Office upon arrival/dismissal.

#### VIOLATIONS OF AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS YONDR BAG POLICY

##### Yonder Bag Damage/Lost Bag

1. If a student damages their Yondr Bag:
    - 1) Students will be assessed a \$20 fee for replacement.
    - 2) As determined by the building administration, Yondr Bags that are damaged due to normal wear and tear will not be assessed a fee and will be replaced.
  2. If a student loses their Yondr Bag:
    - Parents will be notified, and the student will be assessed a \$20 fine to replace their Yondr Bag.
- Deep scratches on the globe and on the green ring around the globe.
  - Intentional pen marks on the inside of the Bag.
  - Bent locking pins.
  - Locking pin and button not fully recessing due to pin damage.

##### Forgotten Yondr Bag

1. If a student forgets their Yondr Bag and notifies security upon entry, **their phone will be collected, and the Building Administration will call home to remind the Parent/Guardian of the policy.** The phone will be returned to the student at dismissal.
2. If a student forgets their Bag on more than five (5) occasions, the Yondr Bag will be considered Lost. **Refer to the Lost Pouch policy above.**

##### STUDENT USE OF CELL PHONE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

- 1st violation: One (1) day of in-school suspension (ISS).  
2nd violation: Two (2) days of in-school suspension (ISS).  
3rd violation: Three (3) days of in-school suspension (ISS).  
4th violation: One (1) day of out-of-school suspension (OSS).  
5th violation: Two (2) days of out-of-school suspension (OSS).

##### ***Electronics District Policy (Not cell phones) See above for cell phones***

Students may not have personal communication devices (such as personal computers, iPads, watches, handheld games) at FCLC. In specific circumstances, these devices may only be used in a classroom when explicit permission is given by the teacher. We will enforce the Akron Public Schools cell phone use policy when they are seen.

The use of PCDs that contain built-in cameras (i.e., devices that take still or motion pictures, whether in a digital or other format) is prohibited in any area where a reasonable expectation of

privacy exists and includes, but is not limited to, gymnasiums, locker rooms, shower facilities, rest/bathrooms and/or swimming pool.

Except as authorized by a teacher, administrator or IEP team, students are prohibited from using PCDs during the school day, including while off-campus on a field trip, to capture, record and/or transmit the words or sounds (i.e., audio) and/or images (i.e., pictures/video) of any student, staff member or other person.

Students may not use a PCD in any way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed or intimidated. See policy 5517.01. Students are prohibited from using PCDs to threaten and/or engage in sexting. Such actions will be reported to law enforcement and child services as required by law.

If multiple offenses occur, a student may lose his/her privilege to bring a PCD to school for a designated length of time or on a permanent basis and face progressive discipline as a result.

Students are solely responsible for the security of their PCDs. The Board of Education assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage to, or misuse or unauthorized use of PCDs brought onto its property.

### ***Change of Address***

Any change of address or phone number must be reported to the Attendance office immediately.

### ***Chromebooks***

All students in APS are issued a chromebook. Chromebook repair and support is available daily from Mr. McKinney in room 221 during his office hours. Fines will be assessed according to District policy for damaged or lost chromebooks that are the result of negligence or intentional destruction.

### ***Classroom Conduct***

*Each teacher is charged with the responsibility and given the authority to make and enforce classroom rules that will provide for an effective, orderly, and productive learning environment. Students are expected to come to class prepared to work and to abide by classroom rules.*

Substitute teachers should be treated as regular classroom teachers. Disruptions and insubordination will not be tolerated and the discipline plan may be bypassed in favor of a more serious consequence for the first offense.

### ***College Visits***

College visits are considered excused when they are verified in advance with the appropriate form obtained from the counselors. The following will apply:

1. Freshman and Sophomores are permitted to take 2 college visits/auditions per year.
2. Juniors and Seniors are permitted to take 3 college visits/auditions per year.

### ***Conferences with Staff***

Each staff member has an assigned daily conference period and may be available either before or after school to meet with students. Students should email the counselor, academy principal, or the campus principal. To avoid any inconvenience, parents are asked to call/email to the school office to schedule appointments with school personnel. Meetings will be scheduled within 24 hours of the request but the meeting may be delayed due to availability. If after meeting with the teacher and principal your complaint/concern has not been addressed to your satisfaction please use the following email address to file a concern/complaint at the District level. [SchoolConcerns@apslearns.org](mailto:SchoolConcerns@apslearns.org) or please call Melissa Hawkins at 330.761.3076.

### ***Counseling Services***

The counseling center is in Room 106 for grades 9-12. The counseling services are designed to facilitate the interpersonal, educational, and career development of each student. Students must complete a "request form" to meet with their counselor. These forms are located in Room 106. Once the form is completed, please leave the form with the secretary. The counselor will call students in during lunch and study halls when possible.

### ***Credit Recovery***

Students who have previously failed a class can take credit recovery online through Edmentum. The cost of this course will be \$50 per half a credit (semester). Students must have a signed contract and follow all the rules and guidelines of credit recovery in order to recover credit.

### ***Deliveries***

To minimize the disruption of classes and promote safety in the halls, no food or gifts will be delivered to students during the school day. **FOOD OR PIZZA DELIVERIES BY STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE RETURNED.** Parental deliveries can be picked up after school.

### ***Detentions***

When a detention is assigned by school personnel, the student must sign the detention slip to acknowledge receipt. Students are obligated to serve detentions on the designated day and time. Excused absence is the only acceptable reason for not fulfilling the detention obligation. In that situation, the student is to serve the detention the next day of school attendance. Failure to serve a detention will result in a referral to the assistant principal and may result in a longer after school detention and/or In School Suspension.

## ***Discipline***

Firestone CLC follows the Code of Student Behavior set forth by the Akron Board of Education. In addition, the school has established rules and regulations. The Code of Student Behavior and school rules are enforced to ensure that all students may obtain the best possible education in the best possible environment. **Discipline in this handbook is considered to be the minimum.** Any infraction for violating the rules/code of behavior which requires discretionary action is the decision of the appropriate assistant principal, not the individual student. In the event of repeat offenders and /or violation of a combination of offenses, penalties may be increased at the discretion of the principal. Due to restrictions by the Federal Laws pertaining to IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), consequences for students with IEPs (Individual Education Plans) may be adjusted to meet the requirements of IDEA.

### ***Dress Code: Basic Guidelines***

All grooming and all apparel worn at Firestone CLC must continue to meet the basic guidelines set forth by the APS Dress Code: As a general rule, all garments must be neat, clean, and properly sized. Students may not wear anything that promotes gangs, tobacco, drug and alcohol use, sexual activity or anything illegal or immoral.

- Shirts:** Shirts must be properly sized. Underwear, shoulders, chest, back and midsection may not be visible. Shirts cannot be longer than the wrist level of a student's arm. If the shirt is longer than the wrist length, the shirt must be tucked in.
- Hoodies:** All hooded apparel must be properly sized. Hoodies cannot be longer than the wrist level of a student's arm. Hoods must be removed from the head upon entry into all APS facilities, and shall remain down at all times.
- Bottoms:** All lower garments must be anchored at the natural waist and cannot drag on the ground. Tight-fitting, oversized, drooping and garments exposing more than mid-thigh are not permitted. Pant waistbands may not be more than one (1) inch bigger than the student's actual waist size. Pants cannot be gathered or drawn together at the waist and must be worn at the natural waist.
- Shoes:** All footwear must be secure on the foot and not present a safety hazard. Slippers, flip-flops, stilettos and shower shoes are not permitted.
- Belts:** A belt must be worn if the pants will not stay at the student's measured waistline.
- Other:** All clothing designed as outerwear, worn to and from school, cannot be worn indoors during the regular school day. Clothing designed for sleepwear is prohibited.

**Accessories:** Sunglasses cannot be worn in the building. All jewelry and accessories must not be distracting or create a safety hazard.

Students in violation of the dress code policy may be subject to discipline and be required to change into compliant clothing before being permitted to attend classes or school activities.

### ***Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco and Vaping***

Any student possessing, concealing, or using intoxicating substances such as drugs, alcohol, tobacco (including “look-alike” drugs), or paraphernalia designed for use with any of these substances, will be referred to the Board of Education with a recommendation for expulsion and/or suspended. The smell of marijuana or alcohol is sufficient to result in this action. These infractions may be reported to the police. This includes the possession or use of vapes and vape products

Smoking, using, or possessing any substance containing tobacco (including snuff, vape pens, and chewing tobacco) while in school, on school grounds, at school-sponsored events, or being transported in APS vehicles will result in suspension. Smoking/vaping in the building or on school grounds will result in a 3 day out of school suspension.

Any student selling, attempting to sell, or giving controlled substances, dangerous drugs, counterfeit drugs, intoxicating substances or alcohol to another will be referred to the Board of Education with a recommendation for expulsion and reported to APD.

### ***Eligibility***

Eligibility requirements apply to ALL student activities. This includes Homecoming Court, Student Council, and all other extracurricular programming unless the individual programs/clubs have more stringent guidelines. To be eligible to participate in an extracurricular activity the following requirements must be met:

- Student must maintain a 2.0 grade point average. Students with a grade point average between 1.4 - 2.0 will remain eligible on a weekly basis if Study Tables are attended.
- Student must pass a minimum of 5 one-unit courses.
- Student must be in attendance for a minimum of four class periods to participate in an activity that day.

### ***False Alarms***

Setting a false alarm, filing a false bomb report, or making false reports to any agency, which provides emergency services will result in a mandatory suspension and/or referral to the Board of Education.

### ***Falsification***

Falsification may include any one of the following: forgery, using a forged document, changing or altering a document, misrepresenting a signature, misidentification for attendance or

attendance phone calls and plagiarism. Falsification will result in a mandatory 3 day out of school suspension and/or referral to the Board of Education.

### ***Failure to identify oneself***

Students must identify themselves to staff members when asked. This is a safety procedure. Failure to identify yourself to any staff member is insubordination and a security issue and will result in a disciplinary action

### ***Fees***

Many courses require a minimal fee for material and supplies. Failure to pay will result in a Hold on the report card and/or diploma. This will also result in not being able to purchase tickets to events such as homecoming, buy-outs and prom.

### ***Field Trips***

Students participating in APS sponsored field trip/off campus activities are subject to all rules and regulations outlined in the student handbook of Firestone CLC and the Code of Student Behavior.

### ***Fighting***

Fighting will result in an immediate out of school suspension (up to 10 days) for all participating parties with a possible referral to the Akron Board of Education. Students may be arrested for fighting (disorderly conduct, assault, as applicable by law). Students not actually fighting, but whose behavior contributes to a fight situation, may receive the same penalty. Verbal arguments between students that include the use of threatening, vulgar, obscene, or use of other improper language and/or disruptive to the school environment may result in an out of school suspension.

### ***Fire Drills***

The State of Ohio requires every school to have fire drills. When the fire alarm sounds, it is imperative that all staff and students leave the building quietly by the nearest exit. Silence is expected during fire drills.

### ***Fireworks and Fires***

Students who possess or explode any type of fireworks will be immediately referred to the Board of Education and/or suspended. Any student involved in the setting of a fire will be referred to the Board of Education and recommended for expulsion.

### ***Flicking***

Students must report to their assigned classes including lunch and study hall. Violation of this policy will result in the following:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - 1 After School Detention
- 2nd - 1 Day ISS
- 3rd - 2 Days ISS
- 4th - OSS - Progressive

Students caught in hall sweeps who are flicking will be sent to ISS for the remainder of that period. If you are caught multiple times, discipline will be progressive.

### ***Food and Beverage***

No food may be consumed in the halls or classrooms. Failure to comply may result in confiscation of the food and/or beverage and referral to the assistant principal. Beverages are permitted in the classroom at the discretion of the teacher. **Only beverages that can be sealed and stowed in a book bag are permitted during the school day. No Polar Pops or Styrofoam or plastic cups will be allowed.**

### ***Fundraisers***

Only school approved fundraisers will be permitted at Firestone CLC. No other fundraisers may be conducted during the school day.

### ***Gambling***

Gambling of any type is forbidden anywhere on school property before, after or during school. Playing cards, rolling dice, pitching coins and any other games in which money may be exchanged (virtually or in person) is not permitted at school under any circumstances. Teachers will confiscate all cards and gambling devices as soon as they are observed and will refer the students to the administration for appropriate discipline. Violation may result in 3 days out of school suspension.

## **Graduation**

### **Requirements for graduation from high school are:**

1. To earn a minimum of 21 credits in the following areas:

English	4
Science	3
Mathematics	4
Social Studies	3
Health/PE	1
Electives	6

\*Students entering 9th grade after July 2022 will need to earn a half credit of financial literacy

2. Show competency on Ohio State Tests in English II and Algebra I or meet competency through an alternative pathway.
3. Show readiness through earning two Ohio Seals, of which one is Ohio-designed.

More information is available through our School Guidance Department and [the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Website](#).

Graduation rehearsal is mandatory. **In order to walk the stage at graduation, students must participate in the graduation rehearsal.**

## **Grading**

Academic grades encompass an evaluation of homework, test grades, classwork, quizzes, reports, projects, participation and attendance; citizenship grades: (1-Excellent, 2-Above Average, 3-Average, 4-Needs to improve, 5-Very Poor) encompass courtesy, participation, attitude, dependability, trustworthiness, effort, initiative, and general behavior.

**Interim reports are now available digitally on Home Access for parents and students.**

### **Akron Public School Grading Scale**

A	93-100	4.0
A-	90-92	3.8
B+	87-89	3.2
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.8
C+	77-79	2.2
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.8
D+	67-69	1.2
D	63-66	1.0
D-	60-62	0.8
F	0-59	0.0

### ***Hall Passes***

Students must have a pass after class change to be in the hall. Hall passes are restricted for emergency use. No hall passes will be issued the first or last 15 minutes of class unless the teacher notes the need for an exception or emergency. **A teacher specific hall pass, or an office call slip is the only valid hall pass.** Students found in the halls without a valid hall pass will be considered “flicking.”

### ***Hall Sweeps***

Hall Sweeps will occur randomly and regularly throughout the school year, and may be announced or unannounced. Students who are in the halls without a pass during the hall sweep will be issued an after school detention. If a student is caught multiple times a day in a Hall Sweep, discipline will be progressive, and students may be placed on an attendance plan.

### ***Harassment Policy***

It is the policy of the Board of Education to maintain an education and work environment which is free from all forms of harassment, including sexual harassment. This commitment applies to all School District operations, programs, and activities. All students, administrators, teachers, staff, and all other school personnel share responsibility for avoiding, discouraging, and reporting any form of unlawful harassment.

The Board will vigorously enforce its prohibition against harassment based on sex, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, genetic information, or any other basis, and encourages those within the School District community as well as third parties, who feel aggrieved to seek assistance to rectify the problems. The Board will investigate all allegations of harassment and in those cases where harassment is substantiated, the Board will take immediate steps to end the harassment. Individuals who are found to have engaged in unlawful harassment will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

### ***Sexual Harassment***

Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual or physical conduct of a sexual nature. The Board prohibits sexual harassment of or by any student. This prohibition encompasses sexual harassment which may occur between students (peer-to-peer), and between a student and an employee. This policy applies to conduct which occurs during or is related to school and/or school sponsored activities, regardless of whether it occurs on or off school property.

### ***Hazing and/or Bullying***

Hazing is acting, or coercing another to act (including the victim), in a manner that causes or creates a substantial risk of mental or physical harm to any person. Hazing/and or bullying should immediately be reported to an assistant principal. Students and families may also use the District bullying reporting form to report incidents of bullying. These behaviors may result in up to 10 days out of school suspension and/or possible referral to the Board for expulsion.

### ***Hold Slip Policy***

Holds are issued for failure to return a textbook; loss or destruction of school property; failure to pay a class fee; withholding fundraising items, payments, or profits; etc. Holds will prevent the release of report cards, school records, and transcripts. Students with outstanding Holds will not be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities, dances, or athletics.

### ***Honor and Merit Rolls***

Academic success is our tradition at Firestone. Focus on Excellence! Honor roll status is achieved by maintaining a 3.5 average or higher during any grading period. Merit roll status is achieved by maintaining a grade point average between 3.0 and 3.49.

### ***Illness At School***

Every student must have an emergency card on file in the main office. If a student becomes ill at school, he/she will get a note from the teacher to go to the nurse. If the nurse is not available, see your counselor or school secretary.

### ***In School Suspension (ISS)***

Students assigned to In-School Suspension are supervised by an ISS instructor and are expected to obtain and complete all assignments for each course. Students are not permitted to talk, sleep or otherwise disturb the quiet atmosphere of the ISS classroom. Students will be escorted to the cafeteria to purchase their lunches. Regular restroom breaks are scheduled. Removal from ISS for any rule violation will result in an out of school suspension. Students who refuse to serve ISS or walk out of the room without permission, will be issued an out of school suspension.

### ***Insubordination/Gross Insubordination***

Insubordination is defined as failure to comply with the directions of school personnel or otherwise acting in defiance of school authority. Insubordinate students will be referred to the appropriate assistant principal for disciplinary action that may include an out of school suspension. Gross insubordination is defined as insubordination that continues after the student has been warned in the presence of others. Gross insubordination will result in a mandatory suspension of three days out of school.

### ***Insurance***

Forms are available the first few weeks of school to purchase private accident insurance. Parents who have students involved in athletics, extracurricular activities, and vocational programs are encouraged to investigate this coverage.

### ***Internet Access***

The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The Firestone administration will deem what is appropriate use and their decision is final. Students are given internet access guidelines and must have a signed parent/guardian consent form to access the internet on file in the school office. This privilege will also apply to the student use of laptops and electronic notebooks.

### ***Locks and Lockers***

Locker assignments are made by the 1st period teacher and a copy of the locker registration is kept in the office of the assistant principal. A student is expected to use only the locker assigned to him/her. A fee of \$6 is assessed if the student loses his/her lock. It is the sole responsibility of the student assigned to a locker to secure and be responsible for personal possessions and school property on loan to him/her. Lockers used by students remain the property of the Akron Public Schools and the Search and Seizure section of the Code of Student Behavior applies. Students enrolled in physical education classes should provide locks for their gym lockers. Firestone CLC will not be held responsible for lost or stolen items.

### ***Loitering***

Students found loitering in neighborhood businesses or properties will be issued 5 days out of school suspension. Students are not to loiter in halls, at lockers, restrooms or any common areas on school grounds. Students are to report directly to school and home from school.

### ***Lunch***

Students are restricted to the school building/campus during lunch.

### ***Makeup Work***

The points earned by daily work, participation, and recitation account for a major portion of the nine-week grade. The first day a student returns from an excused absence, it is his/her responsibility to see each teacher to arrange for make-up work. The days needed for make-up work may be equal to the number of days missed. Students are not permitted to make up work for unexcused absences.

Parents may request homework/make-up work for a student who will be absent due to illness a minimum of three consecutive school days. All work is expected to be completed when the student returns to school. Make-up work for suspension will be issued when the student returns from suspension. It is the student's responsibility to request the work.

Students absent during a semester exam will not be permitted to make up the exam without a physician's statement of illness or a parent note that can be presented to the academy principal.

### ***Messages***

Students should not receive messages at school. If a parent/guardian has an emergency, and needs to contact a student, the attendance office will see that the student receives a message. Emergencies will be determined by the assistant principal/counselor.

### ***National Honor Society (NHS)***

Membership in the National Honor Society is one of the most prestigious honors bestowed upon a high school student. Membership is based on scholarship, service, leadership, character and honesty. Juniors and seniors who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher are eligible for consideration. Entrance is by application, signed and received by staff members and submitted to the NHS advisor. Final acceptance is determined by a team composed of faculty members who determine acceptance.

### ***Parking***

A student driving to school is a privilege. All vehicles driven to school must be registered with the Leader of Campus Support Services and display a parking permit on the rearview mirror. Students must present a valid driver's license and proof of insurance to purchase a parking permit. A \$10.00 fee will be charged for the permit. Permits are issued on a first come, first served basis. Vehicles must be parked in the student parking lot and within the white parking spaces. Vehicles are subject to search by school officials. Reckless operation of any vehicle on or around school property will result in the loss of parking privileges. Parking off school grounds is not permitted. Vehicles illegally parked may be fined or towed at owner's expense. Complete rules and regulations can be found on the permit form.

### ***Plagiarism - see Academic Dishonesty and Integrity***

### ***Profanity***

Spoken or written profanities and obscenities and/or gestures are in poor taste and are inappropriate in the educational setting. Use of profanity or obscenity may result in disciplinary action.

### ***Positive Behavior Intervention/Falcon Talons***

The Board of Education is committed to the District-wide use of Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports ("PBIS") with students, and the establishment of a school environment focused on the care, safety, and welfare of all students and staff members. Students will have incentives based on earning Falcon Talons.

### ***PTSA***

Firestone CLC has an active and interesting PTSA. It meets monthly, alternating afternoon and evening meetings, and all parents are invited to attend. Contact information is available in the main office.

### ***Public Displays of Affection***

Shared, mutual physical or emotional affection between students is personal and should not be displayed in public. Fondling, rubbing, touching, kissing, or engaging in sexualized contact on school grounds, at school related activities or while on buses transporting to and from school-related events is prohibited. Students engaged in public displays will be out of school suspended.

### ***Restrooms***

Students should utilize time before school and during their lunch period for restroom use. Lost class time for restroom use may be required to be made up at the discretion of the classroom teacher. Students are expected to use the restroom closest to their class location. Students should not loiter in the restroom and only one student per stall. Loitering or multiple students in the same stall will result in in school or out of school suspension.

### ***Schedule Changes***

When there is a conflict with your schedule, please make an appointment to see your guidance counselor within the first two weeks of the semester. Complete a counselor request form and leave it with the secretary in Room 106. You will be called to the office by your Academy counselor. Students must carry three blocks of academic classes (or equivalency with CCP) per day.

### ***Schedule Changes/Dropping a Class***

**Course Add:** Courses may not be added after the first 3 weeks of the class. Schedule changes are final as of the first Friday of each semester. Students cannot change a year-long course. Students cannot drop a core class.

The Master Schedule is built upon student requests entered in the spring. Students are expected to complete the requirements of the selected program. Staffing considerations, room assignments and course sections are all determined by course selection decisions made in the spring. Therefore it is assumed that in making a course selection, a student has made a commitment to take that course in the fall. We will do everything possible to fulfill every student's course request. We do not drop courses so students can have a study hall. We also do not schedule students for study halls. Students request full schedules and study halls exist due to classes being full or conflicts within the schedule. Please plan your future carefully and choose your courses wisely based on your ability and the recommendations of your teachers. We will not change a student's schedule after the first Progress Report of the course, unless one of the following circumstances arises. No schedule change will be made based on teacher preference.

**Summer School:** A change is necessary due to successful completion of summer school classes.

**Academic Hardship:** The teacher initiates the request after determining that the student does not have the necessary background knowledge to be successful in the course.

**Physical or Emotional Disability:** The student has been medically excused or has an extended illness that required a review of the schedule.

**Failing a Required Class:** If a student fails a course that is required for graduation, the student may drop an elective if a spot opens up to retake the failed course.

**Course Drop:** If a schedule change is not granted under the above circumstances, the student will be monitored for the first 3 weeks. During this time, the student will be expected to (1) complete all homework, and (2) actively participate in class assignments, including asking and answering questions in class and taking part in discussions, and (3) meet with the teacher on a regular basis to seek assistance with the subject and allow the teacher to ascertain the student's ability level in the course. At the end of the 3 weeks a conference will be scheduled with the parent, student, counselor and principal to determine whether a drop is advised.

**Courses dropped after the first Progress Report of the semester that have not met the above situations will receive an F5 for the semester.**

## ***Search and Seizure***

The Akron Board of Education, or its designee, reserves the right to search the lockers, desks, person, personal belongings, and vehicles of a student when it is believed to be necessary for the maintenance of the educational process; to protect the health, safety, or welfare of other students, or whenever there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that such a search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating the law or rules of the school.

The Board has adopted a Weapon Detection Program permitting the use of metal detectors and drug dogs in secondary schools on a random basis.

## ***Sexual Harassment***

The Board of the School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its education program or activity, and is required by Title IX and its implementing regulations not to discriminate in such a manner. The requirement not to discriminate in its education program or activity extends to admission and employment.

Any inquiries about the application of Title IX and its implementing regulations to the District may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator(s), the Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, or both.

The Board has adopted a grievance process and procedures that provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee complaints alleging any action that is prohibited by Title IX and/or its implementing regulations. The grievance process and procedures are included in Policy 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, which is available at: [https://www.akronschools.com/departments/human\\_resources](https://www.akronschools.com/departments/human_resources) and [https://akronschools.com/departments/student\\_support\\_and\\_security](https://akronschools.com/departments/student_support_and_security)

The grievance process and procedures specifically address how to report or file a complaint of sex discrimination, how to report or file a formal complaint of Sexual Harassment, and how the District will respond.

## ***Tardiness to School/Class***

Students arriving after 8:05 a.m. are to sign in at the computer located at the Metal Detectors and will receive a pass to class. **A student who does not sign in will be considered truant.**

Students are expected to be to class on time and in his/her seat at the tardy bell. Tardiness to school/class will result in the following discipline:

- 1      *Verbal Warning*
- 2      *Teacher Consequence*
- 3      *Parent Contact*
- 4      *Office Referral resulting in after school detention progressing to ISS*

### ***Textbooks***

Each student is issued books and/or electronic access to textbooks. Be sure that your name is written in ink in each of your textbooks at the time they are issued. Book numbers are issued to individual students--you are responsible to return the book number assigned to you. Always return the book assigned you directly to the teacher

### ***Tornado Drills***

Instructions for Tornado Drills will be posted in each classroom. When the Tornado Drill signal begins, it is imperative that students and staff proceed directly to their designated area. Students should remain silent during these drills so that further instructions may be given.

### ***Trespassing***

Firestone students reported trespassing at another school will be issued a 10 day out of school suspension.

### ***Tutoring***

Tutoring may be offered before and after school by individual Firestone staff members. Also, students have 24 hour support through the TutorMe app in the APS Portal. Any student may take advantage of this service.

### ***Video Surveillance***

For your safety, the halls of Firestone CLC are monitored by video cameras.

### ***Vandalism***

Students participating in acts of vandalism including malicious destruction of school property and graffiti will be referred to the assistant principal for possible suspension or expulsion. Restitution will be made for damages in all cases and criminal charges will be filed when appropriate.

***Visitors***

All adult visitors must register in the main office and receive a visitor's name tag. Former students and students from other schools are not permitted to visit.

***Weapons***

Ohio law makes it a felony for any person to convey, attempt to convey, or possess any weapon or dangerous ordinance onto or on any property owned or controlled by the school. This includes any activity held under the auspices of the school. A weapon is any item which by its design may be used for offensive or defensive purposes and includes, as examples, small knives, any edged blade, any spray material such as mace or pepper spray, and choke chains or other heavy chains. Also, possession or use of a weapon will result in a recommendation for mandatory expulsion and charges will be filed with the police.

***Withdrawing From School***

The parent/guardian of a student withdrawing from school must contact the Enrollment & Records Secretary at 330-761-3270. A withdrawal form must be completed by a legal guardian. The form is available in the main office. To complete the form, a legal guardian must provide their photo ID and the name and address of the new school. Students need to turn in their school-issued Chromebook and any other school property such as athletic uniforms, costumes, textbooks, etc. Items not turned in may result in a fine.

## ALMA MATER

*Thy hallowed name is Firestone,  
We sing our praise to thee,  
Of all the days at Firestone  
We'll think eternally.  
Your faith we command  
As proudly we stand  
And pledge our loyalty  
For Firestone High, our love will not die,  
We give fidelity.  
For Firestone victorious,  
For sons both brave and bold,  
For love of Alma Mater,  
All hail to the Green and Gold*

## FIRESTONE CLC CLUBS/SPORTS/EXTRACURRICULARS

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>ADVISOR/COACH</u>
Academic Challenge	TBA
ACE (Architecture, Construction, Engineering)	Mrs. Hackett-Boykin
Ambassadors (10, 11, 12)	Mrs. Hanna
Anime Club	Ms. Wilson
Basketball, Boys	Mr. Neugebauer
Basketball, Girls	Mr. Mitchell
Baseball	Mr. Sloan
Bowling	Mr. Westphal/Mr. Persinger
Catalina Club	Ms. Tausz
Cheerleading	Mrs. Johnson/Ms. A. Cowan
Chess	Ms. Halasa
Colorguard	Ms. Bradshaw
Cross Country, Boys	Ms. Schaefer
Cross Country, Girls	Ms. Schaefer
DECA	Mrs. Cooper
Ecology	TBA
Engineering (PLTW)/Robotics	Mr. Wallen
Esports	TBA
FCCLA	Mrs. Chadbourne/Mrs. Powell
Flagline	Ms. Bradshaw
Football	Mr. Mitchell
Game Club	Ms. Wilson
GLASS	Ms. Saal
Golf, Boys	Mr. Westphal
Golf, Girls	Mr. Persinger
Gospel Choir	TBA
J.O.G.	Mrs. Dent/Mrs. Lind
Journalism (Focus)	Mrs. Hanlon
Literary Magazine (Voices)	Mrs. Hanlon
Marching Band	Mr. Kennedy
Musical	Mr. Zimmerman
National Art Honor Society	Mr. Sienerth
National Honor Society	Mrs. Sommers
National Honor Society for Dance Arts	Mrs. Ruffin
Orchestra	Mr. Stakeff

FIRESTONE CLC CLUBS/SPORTS/EXTRACURRICULARS (continued)

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>ADVISOR/COACH</u>
Soccer, Boys	Mr. Van Riper
Soccer, Girls	Mr. Van Riper
Softball	Ms. Williams
Stage Crew	Mr. Zimmerman
Student Council	Mrs. Stecz
Swim Team	Mrs. Dial
Tennis, Boys	Mr. Jones
Tennis, Girls	Mr. Jones
Thespians	Mr. Zimmerman
Track, Girls	Mrs. Lane
Track, Girls	Mrs. Harris
Vocal Music	Mrs. Meyer
Volleyball	Ms. McMillan
Wrestling	Mr. Elkins
Yearbook (Volplane)	TBA



# FALCONS TAKE FLIGHT



FIRESTONE CLC	BE RESPONSIBLE	BE RESPECTFUL	BE SAFE
<b>CLASSROOMS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrive at your seat before the bell rings</li> <li>• Have your Chromebook charged</li> <li>• Bring all necessary materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow individual teachers' routines</li> <li>• Listen when the adult in the class is speaking</li> <li>• Focus on the idea of task at hand</li> <li>• Appreciate the ideas, opinions, and cultures of others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be self-directed in doing what makes your school safe and welcoming</li> <li>• Consider the purpose of what you say</li> <li>• Keep personal items secure</li> </ul>
<b>COMMON AREAS (INCLUDING AUDITORIUM, OFFICES, GYM, LRC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay engaged in your purpose</li> <li>• Follow adult directions and accept feedback respectfully</li> <li>• Make sure no food is present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect others and their personal property</li> <li>• Be kind to others</li> <li>• Accept the differences in others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow the rules for each area</li> <li>• Be self-disciplined</li> <li>• Lead others in keeping spaces clean</li> </ul>
<b>HALLWAYS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel only at designated times or with a pass</li> <li>• Walk with a purpose</li> <li>• Be on time to class</li> <li>• Follow locker rules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk quietly</li> <li>• Respect bulletin boards and signs</li> <li>• Use appropriate language</li> <li>• Follow instructions given by any adult</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report any unsafe conditions to an adult</li> <li>• Report conflicts with other students to an adult</li> <li>• Give others their personal space</li> </ul>
<b>CAFETERIA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be considerate of others in line</li> <li>• Find a seat quickly</li> <li>• Stay in your seat</li> <li>• Keep correct number at tables</li> <li>• Keep food on your tray and clean up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome others to your table</li> <li>• Talk quietly</li> <li>• Use polite words with adults and peers</li> <li>• Give others their personal space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sanitize hands</li> <li>• Walk to avoid accidents</li> <li>• Keep personal items out of the aisle</li> <li>• Keep floor free of trash and spills</li> </ul>
<b>RESTROOMS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use facilities quickly and return to class</li> <li>• Use proper hygiene</li> <li>• Keep area clean</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give others privacy</li> <li>• Keep walls graffiti free</li> <li>• Treat facilities with care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report vandalism to an adult</li> <li>• Report problems or concerns to an adult</li> </ul>
<b>ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrive to class on time daily</li> <li>• Exit the building or report directly to after school activities</li> <li>• Account for needed materials to take to class or home</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow adult directions and accept feedback politely</li> <li>• Enter and exit cars quickly</li> <li>• Give others their personal space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure your locker</li> <li>• Walk in an orderly fashion</li> <li>• Stay in your scheduled area</li> </ul>

