

“No-Smoking” Policy

It is the mission of Nassau BOCES / Center for Community Adjustment (C.C.A.) to provide the best possible education for all students. As such, we are committed to promoting ethical, healthy, and legal lifestyle choices for our students and, therefore, maintain a **Zero Tolerance Policy** for tobacco/vape use at C.C.A. The 1994 Pro-Kids Act prohibits tobacco use on school grounds, vehicles, and during school sanctioned activities, such as school trips. **Continuing with this policy, any tobacco/vape use by students is prohibited.** These infringements will be tied to our school-wide behavior management program. Continued violation will necessitate a parent being summoned to a school meeting with Administration.

Dress Code

Students may not wear:

- tank tops or tops with skinny spaghetti straps or clothing that show undergarments.
- halter tops, tube tops or any short shirts that show the naval (belly button/midriff).
- short shorts, dresses, skirts, or pants that expose a student’s rear or undergarments.
- any headwear that covers the ears, especially hoods.
- clothing or attire which appears to anyone as vulgar, obscene, libelous, or denigrating to others due to their race, color, religion, creed, national origin gender, sexual orientation, or disability.
- items that promote or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs, or gang-related affiliation, or that encourages other illegal or violent activities.

In addition:

- Students must turn their cellphones and iWatch (or iWatch-like) devices in each day to their homeroom teacher. (*Reference Personal Electronic Devices below.*)
- Students may not use blankets, pillows and/ or stuffed animals.
- Flip-flops are frowned upon because they may present a danger of falling or other injury.

Guidelines will be enforced for ALL students. Each incident of inappropriate dress will be handled with discretion and respect, in our effort to sustain an overall environment that is free of distractions and conducive to learning. Parental cooperation and support are requested to avoid having to take disciplinary action against a student for refusing to abide by the school rule for appropriate dress.

Personal Electronic Devices (including cellphones, smartwatches, iPads, etc.)

Personal electronic devices interfere with the academic operation of any school, and are, therefore, not permitted at C.C.A., which is also supported by Nassau BOCES Code of Conduct. At C.C.A. **all electronic devices must be turned into the student’s homeroom teacher at the start of each day.** Such devices will be labeled, locked up and secured. These items cannot be in students’ possession during the school day until they board the bus in the afternoon. This includes all school trips and activities as well. If this is violated, the student will be given a verbal warning. A second infraction will result in the item being confiscated by school administration and returned at the end of the day. If this pattern continues, a parent/guardian meeting will be held to review these exceptions and retrieve the item(s) in question. *We strongly encourage* that these items be left at home. In addition, as per NYSED, electronic devices are not allowed during state testing administration. If present on a student, their score may be invalidated.

“No-Driving” and “No Uber or Other Transportation Service”

No students are permitted to drive to/from C.C.A. or campus. In addition, Nassau BOCES is not permitted to transport students in Uber, Lyft, or any other transportation service.