



**CUMBERLAND COUNTY  
HIGH SCHOOL**

*Student  
Handbook*

**2025-2026**



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## WELCOME

The Faculty and Staff of Cumberland County High School would like to take this opportunity to extend a welcome to all students entering the 2025-26 school year. The information provided in this handbook is for your understanding of the policies and procedures that must be followed for a successful high school experience. Our entire school program at Cumberland County High School is geared to providing for the development of the physical, academic, moral, and psychological skills/social growth of each student. The school is designed to meet the educational and social demands of a diverse population. Our staff goal is to make each of you feel welcomed and safe on a daily basis. We also encourage you to get involved in school activities. The high school years will be among your fondest educational memories. Please take the extra effort in making sure that you are part of the spirit that is so vital to the foundations of Cumberland County High School. Parents and community members are always encouraged to visit and share in the many educational activities of our students. Please do not hesitate to offer suggestions and volunteer so that the high school continues to move forward in the best interest of all concerned.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Cumberland County High School is to produce a community of learners and leaders who are academic, technical, and citizenship ready.

## VISION STATEMENT

CCHS Learners will be held to high expectations that will lead to an enhanced educational experience where success is expected.

### Office Staff

Tabatha Moons – *Principal*  
Kristen Anderson – *Assistant Principal*  
Katie Smith – *Guidance Counselor*  
Loretta Gilbert – *Bookkeeper*  
Jennifer Duvall – *Receptionist*

### SBDM Council

Tabatha Moons – *Principal/Chairman*  
John McCloughan – *Parent*  
Dennis Sells – *Parent*  
Diane Poindexter – *Teacher*  
Heidi Smith – *Teacher*  
Melissa Flowers – *Teacher*  
Andy O'Dell – *Teacher*

<h2>CLASSIFICATION</h2>
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Sophomore 5 Credits  
Junior 11 Credits  
Senior 18 Credits  
*Graduate 22 Credits*

No changes in classification will be made during the school year, with the exception of juniors who have shown by April they will graduate.

### Honor Graduate Recognitions

Beginning with the Class of 2021, Honor Graduates will be recognized as Summa Cum Laude (3.8-4.0+ GPA), Magna Cum Laude (3.6-3.79 GPA), and Cum Laude (3.5-3.59 GPA). **GPA is based on weighted grades.**

**Honor Graduates**-In order to be designated an Honor Graduate, a student must complete the curriculum for the Comprehensive Diploma. Calculations for honor graduates will be made at the end of the third nine weeks of the student's senior year using weighted cumulative average.

## COURSE OFFERINGS

<p><b><u>English</u></b>  <i>English I</i>  <i>English II</i>  <i>English III</i>  <i>English IV</i>  <i>**English 111</i>  <i>**English 112</i>  <i>**English 210</i></p> <p><b><u>Math</u></b>  <i>Algebra I</i>  <i>Geometry</i>  <i>Algebra II</i>  <i>Technical Math</i>  <i>Pre-Calculus</i>  <i>College Ready Math</i>  <i>**College Algebra</i>  <i>**Statistics</i></p> <p><b><u>Social Studies</u></b>  <i>Global Issues</i>  <i>World Civilization</i>  <i>US History</i>  <i>Law and Justice</i></p> <p><b><u>Southern Kentucky Early College and Career Academy</u></b>  <i>Course Offerings Provided Upon Request</i></p>	<p><b><u>Science</u></b>  <i>Earth &amp; Space Science</i>  <i>Intro. to Chemistry &amp; Physics</i>  <i>Biology</i>  <i>Chemistry</i>  <i>Science Explorations</i>  <i>Anatomy &amp; Physiology</i>  <i>**Biology 103</i>  <i>**Biology 200</i>  <i>**Biology 221</i></p> <p><b><u>Arts &amp; Humanities</u></b>  <i>Arts &amp; Humanities</i>  <i>Multimedia Production</i>  <i>Visual Art I</i>  <i>Visual Art II</i></p> <p><b><u>Health &amp; Physical Education</u></b>  <i>Health &amp; PE</i>  <i>Advanced PE</i></p> <p><b><u>Foreign Language</u></b>  <i>Spanish I</i>  <i>Spanish II</i>  <i>**Spanish III</i></p> <p><b><u>Music</u></b>  <i>Band</i></p> <p><b><i>**Dual-Credit Course</i></b>  <b><i>*Courses offered if sufficient interest is given</i></b></p>	<p><b><u>Agriculture</u></b>  <i>Principles of Ag Science Tech</i>  <i>Agribusiness</i>  <i>Agriscience</i>  <i>Ag Employability</i>  <i>Animal Technology</i>  <i>Ag Construction Skills</i>  <i>Greenhouse Tech</i></p> <p><b><u>Family &amp; Consumer Science</u></b>  <i>FACS Essentials</i>  <i>Foods &amp; Nutrition</i>  <i>Culinary Skills I</i>  <i>Culinary Skills II</i>  <i>Relationships</i></p> <p><b><u>Wood Manufacturing</u></b>  <i>Engineering I</i>  <i>Wood Products Manufacturing</i>  <i>Furniture Technology</i>  <i>Cabinet Making Design</i>  <i>Advanced Wood Processing</i></p> <p><b><u>Other Electives</u></b>  <i>ACT Preparation</i>  <i>Multimedia</i>  <i>Yearbook</i></p>
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**Advanced Coursework:** Advanced courses will be available to all students through various options, including but not limited to dual credit, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, APEX courses, and individualized acceleration.

**Class of 2026**

**STANDARD DIPLOMA**

- 4 – English (English I, English II, English III, English IV)
- 4 – Math (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, & two additional mathematics credits aligned with ILP)
- 3 – Science (Introduction to Chemistry & Physics, Earth & Space Science, Biology)
- 3 – Social Studies (Global Issues, World Civilization, U.S. History)
- 1 – Health & PE
- 1 – Arts & Humanities
- 4 – Career Pathway Courses
- 11 – Electives

**TOTAL 22 Credits (Minimum)**

**COMPREHENSIVE DIPLOMA  
(PRE-COLLEGE CURRICULUM)\***

- 4 – English (English I, English II, English III, English IV, English 111, English 112, or AP English)
- 4 – Math (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, College Algebra)
- 4 – Science (Introduction to Chemistry & Physics, Earth & Space Science, Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry, Dual Credit Chemistry, Dual Credit Biology, or Dual Credit Anatomy & Physiology)
- 3 – Social Studies (Global Issues, World Civilization, U.S. History)
- 1 – Health & PE
- 2 – Foreign Language
- 4 – Career Pathway Courses: (FACCS, Foods and Nutrition, Relationships, Culinary I)
- 3 – Rigorous Electives (Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry, Dual-Credit Courses) *Non dual-credit courses taken in online setting will not count as a rigorous elective*
- 5 – Electives

**TOTAL 26 Credits (Minimum)**

**Class of 2027**

**STANDARD DIPLOMA**

- 4 – English (English I, English II, English III, English IV)
- 4 – Math (Algebra I, Geometry & two additional mathematics credits aligned with ILP)
- 3 – Science (Introduction to Chemistry & Physics, Earth & Space Science, Biology)
- 3 – Social Studies (Global Issues, World Civilization, U.S. History)
- 1 – Health & PE
- 1 – Arts & Humanities
- 4 – Career Pathway Courses
- 12 – Electives

**TOTAL 22 Credits (Minimum)**

**COMPREHENSIVE DIPLOMA  
(PRE-COLLEGE CURRICULUM)\***

- 4 – English (English I, English II, English III, English IV, English 111, English 112, or AP English)
- 4 – Math (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, College Algebra)
- 4 – Science (Introduction to Chemistry & Physics, Earth & Space Science, Biology, Anatomy & Physiology)
- 3 – Social Studies (Global Issues, World Civilization, U.S. History)
- 1 – Health & PE
- 2 – Foreign Language
- 4 – Career Pathway Courses
- 3 – Rigorous Electives (Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry, Dual-Credit Courses) *Non dual-credit courses taken in online setting will not count as a rigorous elective*
- 6 – Electives

**TOTAL 26 Credits (Minimum)**

<u><b>Class of 2028</b></u>	<u><b>Class of 2029</b></u>
<b>STANDARD DIPLOMA</b>	<b>STANDARD DIPLOMA</b>
4 – English (English I, English II, & two additional English Language Arts credits aligned with ILP) 4 – Math (Algebra I, Geometry & two additional mathematics credits aligned with ILP) 3 – Science (Introduction to Chemistry & Physics, Earth & Space Science, Biology) 3 – Social Studies (Global Issues, World Civilization, U.S. History) 1 – Health & PE 1 – Arts & Humanities 6- Additional credits aligned with ILP including 4 career pathway courses 10 – Electives	4 – English (English I, English II, & two additional English Language Arts credits aligned with ILP) 4 – Math (Algebra I, Geometry & two additional mathematics credits aligned with ILP) 3 – Science (Introduction to Chemistry & Physics, Earth & Space Science, Biology) 3 – Social Studies (Global Issues, World Civilization, U.S. History) 1 – Health & PE 1 – Arts & Humanities 6- Additional credits aligned with ILP including 4 career pathway courses 10 – Electives
<b>TOTAL 22 Credits (Minimum)</b>	<b>TOTAL 22 Credits (Minimum)</b>
<b>COMPREHENSIVE DIPLOMA (PRE-COLLEGE CURRICULUM)*</b>	<b>COMPREHENSIVE DIPLOMA (PRE-COLLEGE CURRICULUM)*</b>
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<b>TOTAL 26 Credits (Minimum)</b>	<b>TOTAL 26 Credits (Minimum)</b> Beginning with the Class of 2029, students must complete one full credit of Personal Finance.

**Other Graduation Requirements**

All students **must complete** ILP for graduation.  
 All students **must pass** a Civics Exam for graduation with 70%.  
 Receive instruction in essential workplace ethics  
 Demonstrate competency in technology.

**Comprehensive Diploma Requirements**

- All final grades must be at least a 70
- Non dual-credit courses taken in online setting will not count as a rigorous elective

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GRADING SYSTEM:**

- A 90-100
- B 80-89
- C 70-79
- D 60-69
- F Below 59

- All grades will be 100% standards-based summative assessment.
- To retake any allowed summative assessment, students must do so before or after school hours with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Homework Help or at the discretion of the teacher.
  - Dual Credit summative assessments are not subject to retakes.
- Mid Term Assessments and Finals Assessments will be given at the end of each grading period applicable. Midterms and Finals **are not** subject to retakes. Midterms will calculate as 5% and Final 10% of final grade calculation
- Grade Reports will be issued to the student each nine weeks.

- Progress Reports will be issued each mid-term of the 9 weeks.
- Credit will be awarded only upon the **completion** of an entire class.
- Transfer credits will be determined on an individual basis.

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION:** Students who earn all A's will be named to the All "A" Honor Roll each nine weeks. At the beginning of each semester we will recognize students for this achievement.

**ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION:** All student athletes at Cumberland County High School must be passing 4 of 6 classes on the Friday of the week of participation. The grade average would be a cumulative average for all work done during the year. (Possibly add in attendance or defer to athletic handbook)

**ACADEMIC TEAM:** The Academic Team is open to all students who are passing every subject and who enjoy academic and technical competition in written and/or oral form. The Academic Team participates in the Kentucky Academic Association Governor's Cup & Lake Cumberland Academic League.

**COMMENCEMENT:** Regulations pertaining to commencement exercises:

- Students *may not be allowed* to participate in the exercises unless **all** requirements for graduation have been met.
- All students will be expected to participate in all practice sessions on time and with appropriate attire.
- Students may be barred from participation for disciplinary code violations prior to commencement.
- The principal and/or his/her designee will proofread and approve the final copy of all speeches at graduation.

**CAREER PATHWAY:** Students may explore career options with Career and Technical Classes during their Freshman and Sophomore years. At the conclusion of their Sophomore year, a career pathway or pathways are required to be locked in for completion of the pathways. Students must complete 4 pathway courses in the same area.

**CLUBS:** Cumberland County High School believes that club activities should be established for the learning experience, development of leadership, and advancement of the curriculum. Also, we believe that these activities should be enjoyable for the student. The following is a list of clubs available to students:

<i>STLP</i>	<i>Civics Club</i>
<i>Beta</i>	<i>TSA</i>
<i>Sources of Strength</i>	<i>Elevate</i>
<i>FFA</i>	<i>Pep Club</i>
<i>Champions</i>	<i>Educators Rising</i>
<i>FCA</i>	
<i>FCCLA</i>	

**EXTENDED SCHOOL SERVICES (ESS):** Extended school services include tutoring sessions geared to meet the educational needs of students. All aspects of ESS have been successful in meeting the needs of at risk students. The extent of ESS provided will be determined by the state budget.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** All students are encouraged to participate in the extracurricular activities of the school. Students participating in or observing extracurricular activities on campus or off school property are subject to the same discipline procedures as during the school day.

**FINAL EXAM EXEMPTION QUALIFICATIONS:** Final exam exemptions will be based on student attendance. • Students with perfect attendance will be exempt from the final exam of each course in which they have at least a 70 average. • Students with 3 or fewer excused absences will be exempt from the final exam of each course in which they have at least a 90 average. • No student with an unexcused absence will be exempt from any final exam. Students may also qualify for (1) exemption from a final exam if he/she receives a distinguished or proficient score on a KSA exam in the spring. If a student receives multiple proficient/distinguished scores, he or she will receive an exemption totaling the number of proficient or distinguished scores. A 10th grade student entering 11th grade has the possibility of receiving a maximum of 2 exemptions. An 11th grade student entering 12th grade has the possibility of receiving a maximum of 4 exceptions.

**RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RTI):** Cumberland County High School will provide additional education services (Response to Intervention) to struggling students to help them be successful in the classroom. RTI will be based upon a diagnostic assessment, given twice each year, and teacher recommendation.

**SPORTS:** We encourage all students to participate in the athletic programs of the school. CCHS currently offers the following athletic teams for the 2025-26 school year: S3DA Archery, Cross Country, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Basketball, Track, Tennis, Softball, Baseball, Bass Fishing, and Golf.

It is the purpose of the athletic program to make a positive contribution to the development of a student's physical, mental, social, emotional & moral well-being. Though winning is important, we realize that this is not our main goal.

## GENERAL SCHOOL REGULATIONS

**CHROMEBOOKS/INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:** The CCHS Council has adopted a policy for chromebooks that are damaged or not returned to the school. The policy is as listed below.

- 100% retail cost for one and two-year-old chromebooks
- 75% of retail cost for three-year-old chromebooks
- 50% of retail cost for four-year-old chromebooks
- If a chromebook is damaged beyond use, 100% will be charged

**COMMUNICATION:** Teachers and staff will use traceable communication to communicate with students.

**DRESS CODE:** CCHS students are expected to demonstrate maturity and use proper judgment to determine appropriate clothing worn to school. Any dress by students in any manner that presents a health hazard, safety hazard, or disruption to the educational process will be handled at the discretion of the administration.

Any student determined to be in violation of the dress code will be offered the chance to change into clothing to meet the dress code.

The following is a list of *infractions* concerning students' dress which are considered in violation of the student dress code:

1. Bare feet. Wearing appropriate footwear is required.
2. See-through clothing.
3. Bare midriff.
4. Shorts and miniskirts that are revealing in nature.
5. Alcoholic, drug advertisements, or profanities.
6. Hats, caps, or stocking caps worn inside the building.
7. Clothing that shows disrespect for the American Flag.
8. Tank tops with large arm holes.
9. Clothing that reveals undergarments.
10. Inappropriately ripped and/or torn clothing.
11. Bagging/sagging pants.
12. Low cut shirts that are revealing in nature.
13. Clothing or accessories depicting racially derogatory items, such as the Rebel flag.
14. Clothing or accessories depicting gang affiliations.
15. Plunging necklines that reveal cleavage.
16. Off-the-shoulder tops.

**DRIVING:** Students are expected to drive in a careful and courteous manner while going to and from school as well as while being on school property. Speeding, reckless driving, excessive acceleration, improper parking, improper entry, etc. will not be tolerated. There is a speed limit of 10 mph in the school parking lot. Violations may result in loss of driving privilege in addition to disciplinary action. • Vehicles are to be parked in appropriate parking places. • Vehicles on school property can be searched.

**EMERGENCIES:** When the school must be closed, opened later than usual, or dismissed early, a radio announcement will be broadcast, a Parent Square text message will be made, and an alert banner will be displayed on the school district webpage. On weekday mornings during bad weather, local radio stations will receive closure notices prior to 6 a.m. To keep phone lines open, please do not call the station, the school, or school officials' homes. No announcement will be made when the school is operating on schedule except to announce the re-opening of school following an extended closure because of emergency conditions.

- When a student is seriously ill or injured at school, the parent/guardian will be called as soon as possible.
- In case of a family emergency, the parent/guardian should contact the principal's office to make arrangements for the student to leave school.

**EMERGENCY DRILLS:** Fire, tornado, earthquake, evacuations, lock downs and bus evacuation drills will be held in accordance with state regulations. **Silence and cooperation** are expected during drills.

**FIELD TRIPS:** In order to participate in general class field trips, students must be passing at least five classes, must not have had any suspensions, ISD, or ASD assignments within the current semester, and must not be considered habitual truant with the attendance policy. Reward field trips and competition field trips will be at the discretion of the administration.

**PROM:** Prom is a spring event for juniors and seniors. Juniors and seniors may have one guest attend with them to the event. The guest must not be younger than 14 and not older than 25 years old. All attendees are subject to a possession search before entry to Prom. Attendees and guest to Prom must have the following qualifiers in order to attend:

**CELL PHONES, Earbuds, Etc.:** These items are not to be visible or in use during instructional time. Cell phones are prohibited by law. Staff may confiscate devices, if they become a disruption to the learning environment. These devices will be taken to an administrator and parents will be called to come to school to get these devices. Failure to cooperate is not an option and will be deemed as insubordination from the student. CCHS is not responsible for theft, loss, or damage. The decision to have these devices at school is that of the student and parent.

**LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER:** The school's library hours are 7:35 a.m. until 2:40 p.m. Extended time is available upon request. Students will be held responsible for all materials checked out to them.

**LOCKS AND LOCKERS:** Students will be assigned a locker each year. Students are encouraged to keep lockers locked. All students are required to use school locks. Lockers are jointly accessible to the student and to school officials and may be subject to search at the discretion of school officials. If a dog is used as part of a drug detection program, lockers in the vicinity of the dog's alert will be opened and searched. A student being asked to open a locker is not necessarily an implication of guilt. It is within the jurisdiction of the school authorities to search lockers to ensure compliance with school regulations regarding possession of illegal contraband, drugs, or weapons. If such items are found, the matter is the subject of school disciplinary procedures.

**LUNCH AND BREAKFAST:** Our school food service provides a nutritious, well-balanced breakfast and lunch. Extra food may be paid for daily or paid in advance. Students are expected to be polite and quiet while going to, eating in, and coming from the cafeteria. Unless permission is granted by the principal, food is to be eaten in the school cafeteria.

- Areas such as gym, the Ag/Shop and other classrooms are off-limits during lunch and at other times when supervisors are not present.
- During lunch, students may leave the cafeteria only if given permission from a lunchroom supervisor. Permission to leave will be for one destination only.
- Students who wish to enter the cafeteria, but eat on a different lunch shift must state their purpose and get permission from a lunchroom supervisor.
- All students must report to the cafeteria during their designated lunch time.
- While in the cafeteria, students should be either in a line, en route to another location, or in a seat.

- Talking will be kept at a low volume in order to provide a peaceful setting.
- CCHS adheres to all state and federal regulations.
- Grab & Go Breakfast will be served between 1st and 2nd periods each day.

**MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- A student entering school must furnish a valid immunization certificate, a tuberculin test certificate, and proof of a medical examination.
- By law, no student may enroll in school without a proper immunization against diphtheria, measles, polio, rubella and tetanus.
- A student enrolling in school for the first time or transferring from another school must have a tuberculin skin test not more than one-year-old before entering school.

**MEDICATION:** No student should take medication at school without going through the school nurse. If medication must be taken at school, it is the student's responsibility to **leave the medicine with the school nurse in the original container**. This refers to all medications, prescriptions, and over the counter products. All medications will remain under lock until the student reports to the office and asks permission to take medicine.

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS:** Any student with an existing medical condition such as diabetes, epilepsy, etc. should inform the school administration of the condition and any special requirements. Students who are visually or hearing impaired should inform teachers so that necessary adjustments might be made.

**MEETINGS:** A staff member must be present for all student meetings. In any parent meeting, an administrator must be present as well.

**NO PASS/NO DRIVE LEGISLATION:** KRS 159.051

The "No Pass/No Drive" statute results in the denial or revocation of a student's driver's license for 1.) academic deficiency or 2.) dropping out of school as a result of unexcused absences. Academic deficiency is defined as a student who does not have passing grades in at least **four courses** in the preceding semester. A student is deemed to have dropped out of school when he/she has **nine or more unexcused absences** in the preceding semester. Any absences due to suspension shall be unexcused absences. This is checked at the end of Term 2 and Term 4.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CONFERENCES:** Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are encouraged to talk with teachers and administrative staff. Appointments must be made through the office.

**PARKING LOT:** Students who drive to school and park in the school parking lot must have a parking permit. Parking permits shall be given at the front office for qualifying students. A parking permit must be visible in the dash of a vehicle in order to park in the school parking lot. The parking lot is off limits to students between the hours of 7:35 a.m. and 2:40 p.m. Students are expected to vacate cars as soon as they arrive at school and are not permitted to leave campus without permission once they have arrived for the day.

**PDA:** Public Displays of Affection are not appropriate and will not be tolerated at school. PDA violations include kissing and the inappropriate holding of another person.

**PERSONAL BELONGINGS:** Cumberland County High School is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items and will not reimburse students for said items. Individuals responsible for the theft of student items at school, on school grounds or at school – sponsored events will be disciplined according to the student handbook and could face criminal prosecution. Responsibility of reimbursement for stolen items rests solely with students/ individuals determined to have stolen or taken said items. **Students are encouraged to be aware of theft, which, unfortunately, does exist in school.** Do not leave anything of value unprotected. In Physical Education classes turn in money or anything of value to your instructor while your class is in progress.

**RANDOM USE OF METAL DETECTORS**

Students are subject to random metal detector searches throughout the school year.

**INTERMITTENT CLOSURES:** In 2025-26, there is the possibility of intermittent closures for sickness or weather. All students will complete their assignments using SLED packets during these times. Assignments are checked daily and attendance is based on performance.

**SCHOOL HOURS:** All students should report to 1<sup>st</sup> period no later than 7:35 a.m. Being tardy to 1<sup>st</sup> period means you are tardy to school. Students will say the pledge of allegiance and have a moment of silence at the beginning of the school day.

**SoKy ECCA SCHOOL STUDENTS:** All students traveling to Southern Kentucky Early College and Career Academy from Cumberland County High School will ride the bus provided by the school district unless prior arrangements are made with the CCHS principal. If the student is approved by the principal or his/her designee to drive, required paperwork must be completed with proof of insurance.

**TELEPHONE:** Students are not allowed to answer telephone calls or make telephone calls during the school day, except in cases of emergency. The office will deliver necessary messages either at lunch or at the end of the day. If a student must call home during the day, he/she may make the call in the office.

**TOBACCO AND ANY NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEM:** All school buildings are tobacco free. Use/Possession of tobacco products by students on school grounds and school-sponsored events is prohibited. This includes any electronic nicotine delivery system. Any electronic nicotine device that is confiscated can be tested for illegal substances.

**VISITORS:** School policy is to accept only those visitors who have legitimate business at the school. All visitors are expected to sign in at the office and leave promptly when the business is completed. Each visitor will sign in to be given a visitor pass.

**WITHDRAWING FROM SCHOOL:** If you and your family are going to be moving out of our area, please notify the school office as soon as possible. This will help us gather all necessary records and information for you and will make entering your new school much easier. Your records will be mailed to your new school as long as you check in all textbooks and library books and pay all fines and fees before you leave.

**COOPERATIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCE:** Seniors are eligible to participate in a cooperative learning experience during the school day. Students must have academic or technical ready status in order to participate in co-op. Exceptions can be made on an individual basis with administrator approval. Students placed in work based experience programs must provide an evaluation form from their employer twice per year for a grade each semester.

## Cumberland County Schools Student Technology Acceptable Use & Internet Safety Policy

### Overview:

The Cumberland County Schools District recognizes technology skills as an essential part of a student's educational experience. The district provides students access to technology and the internet to develop skills and knowledge to be successful in school and in life after school. A responsibility exists on the part of students and parents to use the technology resources in a manner protecting themselves, others, and the equipment from harm.

### Ownership:

**All computers and equipment are the property of Cumberland County Schools and all data stored on this equipment is the property of the school system. District or administrative personnel have the right to turn any inappropriate files over to the proper authorities.**

### Digital Citizenship:

The safety of our students is very important. Students are expected to be good digital citizens. Our district will educate minors on a variety of **Internet Safety** topics which include *online behavior on social networking sites, chat rooms, cyber bullying awareness and response to cyber bullying*. Other digital citizenship activities include: keeping passwords private, not providing personal information to sites on the Internet, and respecting others. Digital Citizenship lessons and activities are presented at each school.

### Education:

Technology access is provided to students for educational purposes only. Any other use is considered a violation of the Acceptable Use Policy. Accessing Internet sites offering objectionable material, social networking sites and personal use of district resources are considered violations of the acceptable use policy.

### Community:

Computer networks are communities. All users must respect the rights of others. The use of any software/equipment that consumes an unjustifiable amount of technology resources is considered a violation of the Acceptable Use Policy.

### Student Email and Internet:

*Prior to the student being granted independent access privileges, the following section must be completed for students under 18 years of age:*

As the parent or legal guardian of the student (under 18) signing above, I grant permission for my child to access networked computer services such as electronic mail (provided by Gmail) and the internet. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes; however, I also recognize that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, and I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use by setting and conveying standards for my child to follow when selecting, sharing, researching, or exploring electronic information and media.

**CONTENT FOR USE: By signing the attached form, you hereby accept and agree that your child's rights to use the electronic resources provided by the District and/or the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in District policy/procedure. Please also be advised that data stored in relation to such services is managed by the District pursuant to policy 08.2323 and accompanying procedures. You also understand that the email address provided to your child can also be used to access other electronic services or technologies that may or may not be sponsored by the District, which provide features such as online storage, online communications and collaborations, online "cloud" services and instant messaging. Use of those services is subject to either standard consumer terms of use or a standard consent model. Data stored in those systems, where applicable, may be managed pursuant to the agreement between KDE and designated service providers or between the end user and the service provider. Before your child can use online services, he/she must accept the service agreement and, in certain cases, obtain your consent.**

**Google Earth and Google Maps are not covered by the Google Workspace Agreement. Additional written permission must be obtained to use these tools within our Google Domain. We have the option to turn these apps off and on. Periodically teachers will complete a project using Google Maps and Google Earth. During registration an additional permission will be asked for your child(ren) to be allowed access to these tools ONLY for an assigned school project.**

### Infinite Campus:

Infinite Campus is a student information management system. Infinite Campus Parent Portal allows parents and students access to view class schedules, grades, attendance, and assessment information. It is a privilege to access this database of information. By signing the acceptable use policy, users are agreeing to the rules for the use of the portal:

- Students will act in a responsible, ethical and legal manner when accessing the site.
- Students will not attempt to harm or destroy the school, district's data, or network information.
- Students will not attempt to access information on any other student in the district.
- Students will agree to not use the portal in any illegal activity.
- Students must notify the school immediately of any errors that occur when accessing the site.
- Students will not share their username or password with any other student.
- Students will not set any computer to automatically log into the portal.
- Students will log off of the portal before walking away from a computer.
- Students identified as a security risk will be denied access to the portal.

A separate username and password will be generated for access to this site.

### Personal Devices

Personal network devices are allowed when requested for educational purposes but must be submitted to the technology department for scanning for inappropriate and malicious files and for inventory. Devices must have appropriate and current antivirus software. Devices must use the district computer network and internet

content filtering program. Violations will be subject to conditions in the student discipline code. Use of cellular or web devices are subject to conditions in the student discipline code.

**Legal Obligations:**

Users must adhere to all federal, state, and local laws regarding the use of technology. These include but are not limited to:

**701 JAR 5L120** Prevention of Objectionable Material Transmitted to Schools via Computer, **KRS 434.520** Unlawful Access to a Computer, **KRS 434.845** Misuse of Computer Information, Plagiarism and violations of copyright laws, and Destruction of district equipment and/or data

**Care of Resources:**

**All users will demonstrate proper care/use of district technology equipment. Users should log-on using their unique ids and passwords. Users should log-off when finished. Users should not leave the computer while logged-on. Users should not allow others to use a computer they are logged-on. Computers and monitors should be turned off at the end of the day.**

**Other:**

The Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy is intended to work with other district/school policies. Violations of school discipline codes and/or other policies where technology is used can be considered a violation of the Acceptable Use Policy.

Students **are not** permitted to do the following:

- Harass, insult, or attack others
- **Intentionally Damage computers, Chromebooks, iPads, computer systems or computer networks**
- Violate copyright laws
- Trespass in another's folders, work or files, *or district network*
- Intentionally waste limited resources
- Use equipment/network for commercial purposes
- Intentionally load malicious software on computers or network devices
- Intentionally load **inappropriate** files such as games, music, photos, or video on to the network
- Searching for pornography or other inappropriate materials
- Extending or creating your own network

**Consequences:**

Actions taken as the result of violations of the Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy will follow the guidelines contained in the school/district Code of Conduct/Discipline Policies and as deemed appropriate by the school Principal and/or district Superintendent. **This may include paying the cost to repair or replace the vandalized device.**

**Procedures:**

Student network accounts are activated when a signed permission form is returned to the school. Students and parents/guardians must sign the form. **A new permission form must be completed each school year.** This form gives parents/guardians the opportunity to designate if their student may have Internet access, an email account, both or neither. The form is a binding document that student use of district technology will be appropriate and the consequences of inappropriate use.

**Summary:**

The Cumberland County School District implements internet safety measures that address:

- **Controlling and restricting access by minors to inappropriate content**
- **Providing Safety and security measures for minors when they are using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications**
- **Preventing unauthorized access**
- **Maintaining logs of user Internet activity, network activity, and other software to filter inappropriate material.**
- **Unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal information regarding minors.**

Access to computers, Internet, and remote systems is a privilege for our students, not a right. Violations of these policies may result in restricted technology privileges, suspension of all technology privileges or other consequences deemed appropriate.

**Data Security:**

As a district, we follow the "Data Security and Breach Notification Best Practice Guidelines (April 2015 v. 2.1) as published by the Kentucky Department of Education; in addition, we have identified what additional safeguards the district has in place to protect personal information. The three major goals are Protection and Prevention, Preparation for Notification, and Notification. As a district, we are obligated to notify all vendors who handle our personal information and request that they follow our security policy and procedures as well as state and federal laws (such as HB 5, HB 232, and COPPA\*). All district employees will have basic awareness training to understand the importance of personal information and to be able to identify what is and what is not personal identifiable information. For additional information, a document with our practice will be at [www.cland.k12.ky.us](http://www.cland.k12.ky.us), >Departments>Technology.

\*HB 5-- AN ACT relating to the safety and security of personal information held by public agencies.

\*HB 232-- AN ACT relating to the security of personal information.

\*COPPA—Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act

<b>DISCIPLINE CODE</b>
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**Philosophy**

It is the ultimate aim of Cumberland County High School to develop within the students respect for others, self-discipline, and skills for interacting in a socially acceptable manner throughout life. The discipline of this system is based on the belief that learning takes place best under conditions of optimum behavioral patterns of pupils as controlled by authorized personnel. The idea of good behavior is effectively fostered by encouraging the students themselves and by calling upon them to share progressively in the responsibility for the learning environment. Discipline is a prerequisite to good teaching

and is an absolute must for the classroom. Therefore, all students are expected to observe the accepted forms of good behavior and respect the rights of others. Students who deviate from acceptable behavior will be disciplined in a firm but fair manner.

#### **Procedure for Annual Review**

The discipline code will be reviewed annually by the School Based Decision Making Council.

#### **Procedure for Annual Orientation**

All students and teachers at Cumberland County High School may access the discipline code at the beginning of each school year or at such time when they enroll. These copies shall be taken home by each student to be read by his/her parent or guardian. Also, an additional attached sheet is to be signed and returned to verify the fact that they have read and do understand the policies stated in the discipline code. In addition, class orientations will be conducted as soon as practical after the beginning of school in order to emphasize rule changes, new opportunities, discipline, attendance matters, etc.

#### **Notification of Nondiscrimination And Awareness of Complaint Procedure**

The Cumberland County Board of Education and Cumberland County High School does not discriminate regarding participation or membership in any class, club, athletic team or extra-curricular school-related activity on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex, political opinions or affiliation and/or disability in title IX, title VI and section 504. Cumberland County School district is a provider of equal educational and employment opportunities.

#### **Harassment/Discrimination**

Harassment/discrimination is intimidation by threats of or actual physical violence; the creation, by whatever means of a climate of hostility or intimidation, or the use of language, conduct, or symbols in such a manner as to be commonly understood to convey hatred, or prejudice or to have the effect of insulting or stigmatizing an individual. Harassment/discrimination due to an individual's race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, political beliefs, sex, or disability is prohibited at all times on school property and off school grounds during school-sponsored activities. This prohibition also applies to visitors to the school who may come into contact with employees and students. District staff shall provide for a prompt and equitable resolution of complaints concerning harassment/discrimination. Students who engage in harassment/discrimination of an employee or another student on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, political beliefs, sex or disability shall be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension or expulsion. Students who believe they have been a victim of an act of harassment/discrimination or who have observed other students being victimized shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, inform their teacher, guidance counselor or principal of the incident.

## **DISCIPLINE**

Forms of corrective measures depend upon the severity of the offense. Discipline problems of a common or minor nature are handled by the classroom teacher, who may use a variety of methods including, but not limited to, the following:

- A. Verbal reprimand
- B. Individual conference
- C. Parent/guardian conference
- D. Temporary isolation within classroom
- E. In School Detention
- F. Temporary withdrawal of privileges

Discipline problems that are of a serious nature must be referred to the principal or his designee. Disciplinary problems referred to the principal are usually handled by in-school measures, and only the extreme problems result in suspension and/or expulsion. Options open to the principal or his designee include but are not limited to the following:

- A. Individual conference
- B. Parent/guardian conference
- D. Lunch Detention
- E. After School Detention (ASD)

Students may be assigned After School Detention by the principal or the assistant principal for 20, 40, or 60 minutes. Detention is held after school on the schedule the principal determines.

1. When a pupil is detained at school beyond the normal dismissal time, appropriate consideration shall be given to factors of pupil transportation, weather and any other extenuating circumstances.
2. If a student rides the bus, he/she will be given 24 hours notice if circumstances permit.
3. Precautions shall be taken to see that a student who is dependent upon bus transportation is not left without a way home.

#### **E. In School Detention**

1. Students may be assigned In School Detention by the principal or the assistant principal. When a student is assigned In School Detention, he/she is expected to complete all class work and will not have access to their cell phone.

#### **F. Suspension or Expulsion of Pupils KRS 158-150.**

1. All pupils admitted to the common schools shall comply with the lawful regulations for the government of the schools. Willful disobedience or defiance of the authority of the teachers or administrators, use of profanity or vulgarity, assault or battery or abuse of other students or school personnel, the threat of force or violence, the use or possession of alcohol or drugs, stealing or destruction or defacing of school property or personal property, the carrying or use of weapons or dangerous instruments, or other incorrigible bad conduct on school property as well as off school property at school sponsored activities constitutes cause for suspension or expulsion from school.
2. A pupil shall not be suspended from the common schools until after at least the following due process procedures have been provided:
  - a) The pupil has been given oral or written notice of the charge or charges against him which constitute cause for suspension.
  - b) The pupil has been given an explanation of the evidence of the charge or charges if the pupil denies them; and
  - c) The pupil has been given an opportunity to present his own version of the facts relating to the charge or charges.

These due process procedures shall precede any suspension from the common school unless immediate suspension is essential to protect persons or property or to avoid disruption of the ongoing academic process. In such cases, the due process procedures outlined above shall follow the suspension as soon as practicable, but no later than three (3) school days after the suspension.

**Students who are on suspension from school are banned from all school property and all school functions during that time period. Students who are suspended on a Friday or the day before a break are considered suspended during the weekend or the break and are not to be on school property or at school functions during any of that time. Administration will make the final decision.**

The superintendent, principal, assistant principal or head teacher of any school may suspend a pupil but shall report such action in writing immediately to the superintendent and to the parent/guardian or other person having legal custody or control of the pupil. The board of education of any school district may expel any pupil for misconduct as defined in subsection (1), but such action shall not be taken until the parent/guardian or other person having legal custody or control of the pupil has had an opportunity to have a hearing before the board. The decision of the board shall be final.

#### G. Alternative School for Students Grades 5 - 12

**PROGRAM GOAL:** To provide a daily instructional program for students grades 5 - 12 as an alternative to dropping out of school and/or school failure.

**DESCRIPTION OF ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL:** The alternative school is designed to serve at risk students who are unable to function in the regular school setting. The school is located within the Cumberland County School District. Any student who is attending the alternative school may not attend school-sponsored events.

**PROGRAM COMPONENTS:**

- **Education:** An individualized approach is used by teachers for instruction. Students may earn certified high school credits.
- **Counseling:** A combination of individual counseling and group discussion may be used. Students work through the program, learning to accept responsibility for their academic performance and consequences for their behavior. They are encouraged to develop appropriate study and social skills that may lead to improving their academic performance and developing appropriate behaviors.

#### **APPEAL**

If a student and/or a student's parent(s)/guardian(s) are not satisfied with a disciplinary response, an appeal should be made to the person(s) at the supervisory level most directly involved who may give immediate relief, that is: teacher/teacher's aide, Assistant Principal, Principal, Superintendent

#### **SEARCH AND SEIZURE**

The Cumberland County School System is concerned with the rights of every student and at the same time concerned with the responsibility of safeguarding the rights of the school, its teachers and its administrators. It is not a common practice to search students, but if a teacher or administrator has reasonable cause and if that cause bears a relationship to a legitimate educational interest, then a student will be searched. Also, students' lockers, cars, and/or belongings may be searched by either school personnel or law enforcement. Students who are searched due to reasonable suspicion and found to have contraband and/or illegal substances (items) through reports by school employees, students or other parties are subject to penalties imposed by school officials and/or law enforcement officers as the school handbook and/or criminal laws apply.

#### **CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS**

Students who commit acts which are clearly criminal in nature at school or on school property will be dealt with according to school board policy. Misdemeanors will be referred to authorities at the discretion of school officials. Felonies will be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The school will assist the appropriate law enforcement agency in investigating and prosecuting the offender of such offenses.

#### **BEYOND CONTROL OF THE SCHOOL**

A student is deemed beyond control of the school after he/she receives the 10<sup>th</sup> office discipline referral.

#### **ABUSE OF TEACHER/STAFF**

At Cumberland County High School, a student is considered to have abused a teacher when what he/she does undermines the authority of the teacher/administration, and disrupts the educational flow/progress of the classroom. This can include profanity directed towards staff, inappropriate body language, aggressive behaviors, extremely disrespectful comments, and/or treating the teacher like the student is in charge of the classroom and doesn't need to participate/comply.

#### **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

A school resource officer (SRO) will be on campus to help ensure the safety of our students, building, and campus; build positive relationships with students; and work with faculty and staff with safety issues.

#### **BULLYING: SB 228**

Definition is codified in KRS 158.148, subsections (1) (a) and (b): (1)(a) As used in this section, "bullying" means any unwanted verbal, physical, or social behavior among students that involves a real or perceived power imbalance and is repeated or has the potential to be repeated: 1. That occurs on school premises, on school-sponsored transportation, or at a school sponsored event; or 2. That disrupts the education process. (b) This definition shall not be interpreted to prohibit civil exchange of opinions or debate or cultural practices protected under the state or federal Constitution where the opinion expressed does not otherwise materially or substantially disrupt the education process.

Types of Bullying that are prohibited include, but are not limited to:

**Verbal** where someone says or writes mean things about another individual. Examples include: teasing, name-calling, threatening to cause harm to another and taunting.

**Physical** hurting a person's body or their possessions. Examples include: hitting/kicking/pinching, spitting on someone, tripping/pushing, taking or breaking someone's things, making mean or rude hand gestures.

**Social** (relational bullying) causes harm to someone's reputation or relationships. Examples include: leaving someone out on purpose, telling other peers not to be friends with someone, spreading rumors about someone or embarrassing someone in public.

**Cyber Bullying** occurs via electronic devices where students send mean text messages, starts or sends rumors about another peer, sends embarrassing pictures, etc.

Students who feel like they are a victim of bullying or know of bullying taking place should take one more of the following processes to report the issue.

#### **PROCESS FOR STUDENTS TO REPORTING BULLYING**

1. Directly tell an administrator or teacher.
2. Access the Cumberland County School District's website (<http://www.cland.k12.kv.us/>). Click on the red, STOP safety tip-line located in the top left corner of the page under Quick Links. This will give you access to report bullying.

Once a report is made, administration will promptly respond to the situation and action will be taken in accordance with the District Administrative Procedures Manual.

#### **House Bill 91:**

Kentucky House Bill 91, sometimes referred to as the “Golden Rule Bill” or the Bullying Bill,” was enacted during the 2008 legislative session. Through the provisions of HB 91, it will be possible for school and district employees to report serious safe-school incidents, including bullying (rising to the level of a felony offense), to the principal so that quick and effective actions can take place to ensure the safety and well-being of all students. Specific school requirements for completion for HB 91 include the following:

All school employees shall be informed of the requirements of the code as well as receive any necessary training.

If encountered, any school employee shall report to the principal any suspected felony offense listed below. If the principal is in doubt if the offense under consideration is a felony, he/she will consult with local law enforcement and the school board attorney.

Within 48 hours, the principal will file a written report to the local board of education through the superintendent. If when investigating the principal finds evidence of a felony offense, ONE of the following will be contacted: a local law enforcement agency, the Kentucky State Police or the county attorney. (If a principal does not find evidence of a felony offense, he/she does not have to file a report to the agencies listed.) The principal will notify parents or guardians of the alleged victim and alleged perpetrator. Law enforcement agencies receiving the principal’s report will conduct an investigation. In order to effectively participate in the democratic process as adults, students must learn to respect the rights of others and to interact with them in a civil manner. Therefore, students are required to speak and behave in a civil manner towards students, staff, and visitors to the schools.

**Actions Not Tolerated**

The use of lewd, profane or vulgar language is prohibited. In addition, students shall not engage in behaviors such as hazing, bullying, menacing, taunting, intimidating, verbal or physical abuse of others, or other threatening behavior.1 this policy extends to any/all students language or behavior including, but not limited to, the use of electronic or online methods. Such behavior is disruptive of the educational process and interferes with the ability of other students to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered.

These provisions shall not be interpreted to prohibit civil exchange of opinions or debate protected under the state or federal constitutions where the opinion expressed does not otherwise materially or substantially disrupt the educational process or intrude upon the rights of others. Students who violate this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary actions.

**Reports**

As provided in the District Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline, students that believe they are victims of bullying/hazing shall be provided with a process to enable them to report such incidents to District personnel for appropriate action.

Other Claims: When a complaint is received that does not appear to be covered by this policy, administrators shall review other policies that may govern the allegations, including but not limited to 09.426 and/or 09.42811. Harassment/discrimination allegations shall be governed by Policy 09.42811. References: 1KRS 158.150; KRS 158.148; A New Section of KRS Chapter 158; KRS 160.290; Bethel School District No. 403 v. Fraser 478 U. S. 675, 106 S. CT. 3159, 92 L.Ed.2d 549 (1986); Tinker v Des Moines Independent School District, 393, U. S. 503, 89, St. Ct. Ct. 733, 21 L. Ed.2d 731 (1969)

**CCHS DISCIPLINE CODE AND CONSEQUENCES**

Levels of Misconduct	Examples of Offenses	Disciplinary Options
<p><b>Level I</b></p> <p>Includes minor offences that may impede orderly classroom and/or school activities, or may interfere with the orderly operation of school.</p>	<p>The list below is not exclusive and may be moved to Level II by persistent offenses of two (2) or more violations or repeated occurrences of the same offense.</p> <p><u>School Disturbances:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disregard for dress standard</li> <li>Academic Dishonesty</li> <li>Obscenity/Profanity</li> <li>Public Display of Affection</li> <li>Parking lot violation</li> <li>Reckless Driving</li> <li>Pocket Knife Possession</li> <li>Electronic device misuse: Cell phone, Camera, iPods, AirPods, Chromebook</li> <li>Minor Hallway Misconduct</li> </ul> <p>Not following posted rules/school rules</p> <p>Cafeteria Disturbances</p> <p>Tardiness</p> <p>Rudeness</p> <p>Failure to complete class assignments</p> <p>Failure to follow directions</p> <p>Sassing</p> <p>Horseplay: Classroom, Hallway, and/or Restroom</p> <p>Throwing objects</p> <p>Bus rule violation</p>	<p><b>Level I</b></p> <p>Verbal reprimand/warning</p> <p>Parent Notification</p> <p>Lunch Detention</p> <p>After School Detention</p> <p>In-School Detention</p> <p>Counseling</p> <p>Can lead to Level II Disciplinary Option</p>
<p><b>Level II</b></p> <p>Includes offenses whose frequency or seriousness tends to disrupt the learning climate, but do not represent a threat to health and safety of others, but whose consequences are serious enough to require action.</p>	<p>The list below is not exclusive and may be moved to Level III by persistent offenses of two (2) or more violations or repeated occurrences of the same offense.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crude language to: Teachers, Administration, Staff, and/or Students</li> <li>Use/Possession of tobacco products</li> <li>Skipping class</li> <li>Distribution of unauthorized printed materials</li> <li>Bullying</li> </ul> <p>Cheating/lying</p> <p>Forged notes/excuses</p> <p>Disrespect to: Teachers, Administration, Staff, and/or Students</p> <p>Defiant</p> <p>Failure to complete assignments</p> <p>Failure to follow instructions</p>	<p><b>Level II</b></p> <p>In-School Detention Lunch Detention</p> <p>After-School Detention</p> <p>Suspension</p> <p>Parent notification</p> <p>Counseling</p> <p>Can lead to Level III Disciplinary Option</p>

	<p>Failure/refusal to fulfill detention assignment</p> <p>Possession of knives/tools</p>	<p>Gambling</p> <p>Petitions</p> <p>Unauthorized sale or distribution</p> <p>Computer tampering/damage</p> <p>Possession of an electronic nicotine device</p> <p>Use of an electronic nicotine device</p>	<p>Tobacco Possession/Use</p> <p>Disciplinary Actions: Parent notification</p> <p>Court citation (1st offense)</p> <p>Tobacco Class</p>
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<p><b>Level III</b></p> <p>Includes offenses directly against persons or property.</p>	<p>The list below is not exclusive and may be moved to Level IV by persistent offenses of two (2) or more violations or repeated occurrences of the same offense.</p> <p>Fighting</p> <p>Vandalism</p> <p>Threats to: Students, School personnel, and/or</p> <p>Others</p> <p>Stealing</p> <p>Sexual Harassment toward: Students, Teachers, Administrators, and/or Staff</p>	<p>Hazing</p> <p>Vulgar/profane/abusive language</p> <p>Skipping school</p> <p>Sexual misconduct</p> <p>Verbal assault</p> <p>Intimidating acts</p> <p>Bullying</p> <p>Fireworks</p> <p>Inciting others to violence, including use of social media and technology devices</p>	<p><b>Level III</b></p> <p>In-School Detention</p> <p>Restitution from loss, damaged, or stolen property</p> <p>Suspension</p> <p>Alternative placement</p> <p>Fighting will result in mandatory 3 day suspension.</p> <p>Can lead to Level IV Disciplinary Option</p>
<p><b>Level IV</b></p> <p>Include acts, which violate the law.</p>	<p>Extortion</p> <p>Threats to: Students, School employees (death, physical assault - written or verbal)</p> <p>Vandalism</p> <p>Theft/possession/sale of stolen property</p> <p>Arson</p>	<p>Alcohol</p> <p>Weapon possession/usage</p> <p>Pornography</p> <p>Gambling</p> <p>Gang behavior</p> <p>False alarms/Bomb Threat</p> <p>Drug Paraphernalia or use.</p>	<p><b>Level IV</b></p> <p>Suspension</p> <p>Expulsion</p> <p>Alternative School placement</p>
<p><b>Cell Phone Inappropriate Usage</b></p>	<p>Inappropriate usage of a cell phone</p>		<p>Teacher Managed with Parent Contact</p> <p>Office Referral, device confiscated the remainder of the day.</p> <p>ISS, parent pickup device</p> <p>ISS, confiscated 2 days</p>

<b>Bullying</b>	<u>Level I</u>	<u>Level II</u>	<b>Level I</b> Office meeting with school administrator Bullying Intervention and Accountability Form Parent Contact After School Detention  <b>Level II</b> Office meeting with school administrator Bullying Intervention and Accountability Form Parent Contact Assignment to In-School Detention  <b>Level III/IV</b> Office meeting with school administrator Bullying Intervention and Accountability Form Parent Contact Assignment to In-School Detention or Suspension from School or Alternative School Placement
	Teasing	Continuation of Level I behaviors	
	Name Calling	More than 3 incidents	
	Gossiping	Pushing	
Spreading or starting rumors	Shoving	Name calling with profanity	
Purposely embarrassing another student		Purposeful exclusion	
Humiliating another student		Slander	
Throwing objects at other students		Verbal cruelty	
Hiding objects owned by other students		Spitting	
	<u>Level III</u>	<u>Level IV</u>	
	Continuation of Level II behaviors	Continuation of Level III	
	More than 3 incidents	More than 2 incidents	
	Battery	Extortion	
	Verbal threats	Assault	
	Hazing	Battery	
	Racial, gender, or religious slurs/insults	Sexual harassment (physical contact)	
	Sexual harassment (verbal)		
	Intentional destruction of property		

***IN-SCHOOL DETENTION MAY BE SUBSTITUTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRINCIPAL OR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL.***

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

**PHILOSOPHY**

We believe that **time on task** is critical to the teaching/learning process and the progress of a student depends on punctuality and regularity of attendance. In education there is a teachable moment, a science experiment, an activity, physical education, a cooking unit in home economics, or the opportunity to listen to a guest speaker, which can never be recaptured. Teachers may not be able to recreate the teachable moment for absent students. Due to the nature of some classroom activities, work cannot always be made up.

**702 KAR 7:125. Pupil attendance.**

Section 1. Daily Attendance. (1) Daily attendance of pupils in elementary schools shall be determined by taking attendance one (1) time each day prior to the start of instruction and maintaining a pupil entry and exit log at each school.

(2) Daily attendance of pupils in middle and high schools shall be determined by taking attendance by class period and maintaining a pupil entry and exit log at each school.

**CHECK -OUT POLICY FOR 18-YEAR-OLD-STUDENTS**

A student who is 18 years of age or older and is still living at home with a parent or guardian, is required to have a parent or guardian, or a person they designate on the emergency card, check them out each time they need to leave the school. Only those students who have reached age 18 and are living alone and are self-supporting can check themselves out and **only** if that student's parent or guardian first come to the school and fill out a paper stating the student is actually living alone and self-supporting.

**Tardiness**

A. Students reporting to school after 7:35 a.m. report to the office and sign in.

B. Students not in their first period class by 7:35 a.m. are marked tardy and **must** have an admit slip from the office. An unexcused tardy to first period will be considered a tardy to school, which will be an attendance/truancy issue.

**CCHS TARDY POLICY**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> tardy Teacher documentation with parent contact

- 4<sup>th</sup>tardy 20 Minute After-School Detention
- 5<sup>th</sup>tardy 40 Minute After-School Detention
- 6<sup>th</sup>tardy 60 Minute After-School Detention
- 7<sup>th</sup>tardy 1 Day ISD
- 8<sup>th</sup>tardy Administrator meeting with parent and student to write a corrective action plan. The plan can include but is not limited to loss of ALL field trips, no assemblies, club activities, extracurricular events, Prom, Class Night activities, driving and parking on campus (8<sup>th</sup>)

### Absenteeism

Absences from school are classified as excused or unexcused.

#### **A. Excused absences include, but are not limited to (based on prior attendance records):**

- Illness with a doctor's excuse.
- Illness with a parent/guardian excuse (3 per semester)
- Death in the immediate family.
- Prior approval through the guidance office.
- Medical/dental appointments
- Family emergency (must be approved by principal)
- Natural disasters
- Court appointments
- Approved school activities
- Driver's test if accompanied by parent/guardian
- Approved field trips
- Late bus
- Educational Trip (must fill out EHO form 3 days prior to trip)
- College Day (1 per student)
- Seniors who are visiting a college, pre-arranged, and documented.
- Moral Instruction (1 hour per week)

#### **B. Unexcused absences include, but are not limited to:**

- Truancy
- Skipping school
- Suspension
- Missed the bus
- Trouble with automobile
- Babysitting
- Overslept
- Vacations
- Personal business
- Lunch
- Family reasons
- Skip Days

### Doctor Excuses

Please make every effort to schedule doctors' appointments outside of school time. A doctor's form must be completed by the doctor's office and given to the school within three school days following the absence. Those forms are located in the front office and at local doctors' offices.

### Policy Concerning Number of Absences

#### **A. Attendance Policy**

1. The classroom teacher will keep an accurate daily attendance record for each of their classroom assignments. All absences SHALL be recorded daily by the classroom teacher.
2. After a student has been absent (6) times in a class period, the parent/guardian and student will be reminded of the truancy policy (KRS 159.150) and the adverse effect absences will have on classroom performance.
4. Absence from class by a student involved in extracurricular activities or school-related functions shall not be counted as an accumulated absence from school.
5. Please contact the school if you know in advance that your child will be absent.

#### **B. Procedure for Make-up Work**

1. According to the Cumberland County Board of Education policy, the number of days allowed to make up work is to be equal to the number of days absent. It is, however, the responsibility of the student to make arrangements with the teacher to make up the work.

#### **C. Procedure for Returning to School After an Absence**

1. Students who are absent from any class (es) must upon return to school, bring a note to the main office stating the date(s) absent and the reason(s) for the absence(s). This must be in the office within **THREE** days of return.
2. **Students must bring the note to the office early enough so that they can be in first period by the tardy bell.**
3. Students who do not bring a written excuse to the office will be given an unexcused absence regardless of the reason for the absence.

#### **D. Truancy**

The Compulsory attendance law (KRS 159.150) states that a student is considered to be a "habitual truant" once they have accumulated 6 unexcused absences. The law does not distinguish between an absence and a tardy. This means that a student will be defined as a habitual truant once they have accumulated 6 unexcused tardies, 6 unexcused absences, or any combination of absences/tardies equaling the number 6. This may result in court proceedings against the parent and/or the student, depending on the age of the child.

The law expands to cover students who are 18 years old. A fine ranging from \$100.00 for the first offense to \$250.00 for the second offense will also be in effect. The Cumberland County School System is required to enforce the compulsory attendance law. We ask that as a matter of safety, for you to call Cumberland County High School (864 – 3451) any time your child is to be absent from school. The schools' administration will be responsible for determining whether your child's absence will be excused or unexcused. Our main purpose is to ensure that your child receives the best education possible in order to prepare them for the adult world and a productive life.

1. *Any student 18 years of age or older who accumulates 12 or more unexcused absences or tardies may be suspended and/or expelled from school.*

#### **E. Early Dismissal**

1. The school asks that early dismissals be limited and that doctor, dental, and other appointments be made after or before school if at all possible. Early dismissals from school will require a parent/guardian to sign the student out or a note designating a person from their emergency card to sign them out. A reason must be stated for dismissal and a contact number provided.
3. Students must sign out in the office

prior to leaving campus for an approved early dismissal.

4. Students, who leave school grounds for class assignments must check out in the office prior to leaving, then check in upon returning to school.
2. Any time away from school will result in a tardy (absent 60 minutes or less), the percent of the day actually absent, or a full day absence. The time is based on state attendance laws and is available upon request.

#### **F. Call Back**

Daily communication between the school and parent/guardian of all absent students does more to prevent truancy and to ensure the best possible attendance than any other single activity. This daily contact also serves to alert parents/guardians who are unaware of their child's absence from school, thereby diminishing the possibility of abduction, a run away, or an accident.

1. Parent/guardian telephones the school by 9:00 a. m. on the day of the student's absence and sends a written excuse of absence upon the student's return.
2. The school will attempt to call the homes of those absent students whose parent(s)/guardian(s) have not contacted the school by an appointed time. Home and emergency phone numbers for each student are required.

#### **G. Perfect Attendance Awards**

For awards and recognition purposes, perfect attendance means NO tardies or absences (excused or unexcused). A student who receives an excused absence under Senate Bill 80 (Educational Enhancement Opportunity, EHO) will be counted as present; therefore, perfect attendance will not be affected. Students are not eligible for an excused absence under the EHO if the absence occurs during the KCCT testing window or during a district-wide or school-wide assessment.

#### **H. Education Enhancement Opportunity (EHO)**

1. The EHO form must be completed and returned to principal at least five days prior to absence.
2. The activity must have a significant educational value.
3. A student may be approved for up to ten (10) days per year.
4. EHO cannot be used during state assessments.
5. Upon return to school the student must present the principal with documentation from the event in order to complete the EHO.

#### **Cumberland County Schools Energy Policy for Students**

*Each student is expected to use energy and resources wisely. Please don't waste them.*

1. At the end of the class day, all student computers must be turned off before leaving the classroom.
2. At the end of the class day, all student monitors and speakers must be turned off before leaving the classroom.

### **NOTIFICATION OF FERPA RIGHTS**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the [Name of school ("School")] receives a request for access.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.
3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the [School] to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

More details available at [www.ed2.gov](http://www.ed2.gov).

If you have questions about what rights are available to all stakeholders, please contact the DPP for Cumberland County Schools, Dr. Tim Parson at 270-864-3377.

#### **CUSTODY NOTICE**

School personnel assume that a child's natural parents have full custody rights and privileges unless they receive official documentation otherwise. *If There Are Special Custody Situations Please Inform The Office In Writing So That Those Responsible For The Child May Be Made Aware.* Either a natural parent or any legal guardian of a student has the authority to pick up or sign out a student unless school records indicate there is a legally binding instrument, which provides the contrary.

#### **ANNUAL NOTICE FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN**

The McKinney-Vento Act defines children and youth who are homeless (twenty-one years of age and younger) as: Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and includes children and youth who are:

- sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as double-up);
- living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations; • living emergency or transitional shelters;
- abandoned in hospitals; or
- awaiting foster care placement.

Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.

Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances above.

*If you are personally aware of or are acquainted with any children who may qualify according to the above criteria, the Cumberland County School*

*District provides the following assurances to parents of homeless children:* The local district staff person (liaison) for homeless children is Mr. Jason Dodson, DPP, 864-3377, e-mail address is [jason.dodson@cumberland.kyschools.us](mailto:jason.dodson@cumberland.kyschools.us). There shall be immediate enrollment and school participation, even if educational and medical records and proof of residency are not available. All educational opportunities and related opportunities for homeless students (preschool to age 21), including unaccompanied youth, shall be the same as for the general student population. Meaningful opportunities for parents to participate in the education of their children. These shall include: special notices of events, parent-teacher conferences, newsletters, and access to student records.