

2025-2026 Student Handbook

East Davidson High School

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Information for the 2025-2026 Calendar

Exams

High School Exams will be given the last 5 days of each semester. (December 15-19 and May 22-29)

Attendance is expected during exams. Do NOT plan vacations during these times.

Prom

Prom will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at RCR from 7:00 pm-11:00pm

Save the Dates

Homecoming: October 10

Spring Fling: April 18th from 9am-1pm

Spring Fling "Rain Date": April 25th from 9am-1pm

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Welcome to East Davidson High School,

This student handbook is provided to outline the responsibilities and expectations of all students at East Davidson High School. The core values at EDHS are centered on teachers having the right to teach and students having the right to learn in a safe and orderly environment.

Administration

Jennifer Woodrum, Principal

Christopher Jessup, Assistant Principal

Vision Statement

To prepare students to be lifelong learners and to be productive and positive forces in the communities in which they live.

Mission Statement

Preparing students who not only succeed but....

S how a positive attitude

O bey school rules

A ccept responsibility

R espect others

East Davidson High School Bell Schedules 2025-2026

Regular Bell Schedule		
1 st Period	8:00-9:30	
Advisory Period	9:35-10:05	
2 nd Period	10:10-11:40	
3 rd Period	11:45-1:30	
1 st Lunch	11:45-12:05	
2 nd Lunch	12:20-12:40	
3 rd Lunch	1:10-1:30	
4 th Period	1:35-3:05	

1 Hour Delay Schedule		
1 st Period	9:00-10:15	
2 nd Period	10:20-11:35	
3 rd Period	11:40-1:35	
1 st Lunch	11:35-11:55	
2 nd Lunch	12:25-12:45	
3 rd Lunch	1:15-1:35	
4 th Period	1:40-3:05	

3 Hour Delay Schedule		
1 st Period	11:00-11:45	
2 nd Period	11:50-1:30	
1 st Lunch	11:50-12:10	
2 nd Lunch	12:20-12:40	
3 rd Lunch	1:10-1:30	
3 rd Period	1:35-2:20	
4 th Period	2:25-3:05	

2 Hour Delay Schedule		
1 st Period	10:00-11:00	
2 nd Period	11:05-1:05	
1 st Lunch	11:05-11:25	
2 nd Lunch	11:40-12:00	
3 rd Lunch	12:45-1:05	
3 rd Period	1:10-2:05	
4 th Period	2:10-3:05	

Regular Bell Schedule w/o Advisory Period		
1 st Period	8:00-9:35	
2 nd Period	9:40-11:15	
3 rd Period	11:20-1:20	
1 st Lunch	11:20-11:40	
2 nd Lunch	12:10-12:30	
3 rd Lunch	1:00-1:20	
4 th Period	1:25-3:05	

Assembly Schedule		
1 st Period	8:00-9:30	
2 nd Period	9:35-11:05	
3 rd Period	11:10-1:00	
1 st Lunch	11:10-11:30	
2 nd Lunch	11:50-12:10	
3 rd Lunch	12:40-1:00	
4 th period	1:05-2:15	

Early Release Schedule		
1 st Period	8:00-9:00	
2nd Period	9:05-10:05	
3rd Period	10:10-11:10	
4th Period	11:15-12:45	
1st Lunch	11:20-11:40	
2nd Lunch	11:50-12:10	
3rd Lunch	12:20-12:45	

HOCO 2025 Schedule		
1 st Period	8:00-8:55	
2nd Period	9:00-9:50	
HOCO Parade	9:50-12:10	No dismissals
3rd Period	12:35-1:25	
1st Lunch	12:15-12:35	
2 nd Lunch	12:40-1:00	
3 rd Lunch	1:05-1:25	
HOCO Activities	1:25-2:50	No dismissals
4th Period	2:50-3:05	

Parent and Student Information Section

Arrivals

Once you arrive on school property, you are to remain on school property. Doors to the school building will open at 7:30. Students can enter the building from the cafeteria parking lot, or the gym commons. Students are not to assemble/socialize in the parking area, nor are non-students permitted to visit during this time. **ALL STUDENTS MUST REPORT TO THE CAFETERIA IF THEY ARRIVE BEFORE 7:40.** After the 7:40 bell students may remain in the cafeteria or report directly to their first period class.

Buses

- **Buses are provided for your use with safety as our first priority. Riding the bus is a privilege.** Those students that prove to be a danger to others and/or to the safe operation of the bus can and will lose this privilege.
- In order to prevent disciplinary action or suspension of school bus privileges, it will take a combined effort on the part of students, parents, and school administrators.
- A school bus driver has complete authority over and responsibility for maintaining order and good conduct on the bus. A driver does not have the authority to punish or suspend a student's riding privilege. The driver, upon observing an infraction, makes a written report to an administrator. Needed disciplinary actions are handled by the school's administrator.
- A suspension of school bus privileges does not imply suspension from school and attending classes unless deemed necessary by the principal. Therefore, any students suspended from the bus who do not attend school during those days are subject to the provisions of the attendance rules. Any unauthorized person who boards a school bus to settle a problem is trespassing and will be turned over to Law Enforcement.
- A student may not ride a school bus until a ridership form has been completed at EDHS and processed at the DCS Transportation Department. This process may take up to 10 days.
- Students are only allowed to ride on the bus they are assigned to. Under no circumstances is a student allowed to ride a bus they are NOT assigned to.

Cafeteria

East Davidson has been designated to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2025-2026 school year, which means every student will be able to receive a breakfast and/or a lunch at no cost for the year. Because meals will be available to all students at no cost, free/reduced meal applications do not need to be completed for the 2025-2026 school year.

We expect behavior in the cafeteria that reflects high school maturity. Please note the following:

- High school students are expected to walk to the cafeteria, to remain in line, to order lunch quickly, and to clean their areas after eating and place trays and trash in proper receptacles.
- Food and drink should not be taken outside of the cafeteria. The patio area is for SENIORS ONLY.

Underclassmen will be subject to consequences if they are found outside on the patio.

- Students may not leave school for lunch nor have visitors during this time.
- Students are to remain in the cafeteria during lunch. Any other area is off-limits during lunchtime, unless permission is granted by an administrator. Students should not be eating in teacher's classrooms.

Checks to EDHS

Worthless Check Program: Worthless checks received by Davidson County Schools will be turned over to the District Attorney's Office. The criminal process will be issued if needed in order to collect restitution for the amount of the check. Penalty fees will apply.

Conferences

When parents/guardians wish to ask for more information about a student's progress, the first step is to contact the individual teacher. All teachers have access to email: addresses are available on the school website. Teachers may accept phone calls before school, during their planning periods, or after school. We strongly encourage open communication between parents and teachers.

Deliveries for Students

East Davidson will NOT accept deliveries of flowers or balloons for students at school.

Dress Code

In addition to the items listed in the district student handbook regarding student dress and appearance (Policy 6.37) the following are also prohibited at East Davidson High School:

- Any item that covers the head and/or face. However, students may wear head coverings in the building as an expression of sincerely held religious beliefs (e.g., hijabs or yarmulkes) or to reasonably accommodate medical or disability -related issues.

Emergency Information

A fire and tornado evacuation plan is posted in each room in case of an emergency or a drill. Please be aware of exits and adhere to instructions from the staff in the case of an emergency. You are expected to follow the procedures for any drill as if it is a real emergency. Drills will occur on a monthly basis.

Food, Drinks, and Gum

It is the decision of each individual teacher whether to allow food, drinks, and/or gum in the classroom. You are required to respect each teacher's rules regarding this matter. However, if you choose not to abide by a specific teacher's policy, the matter becomes a discipline issue.

Fund Raising

The principal must approve all fund raising activities. Non-school sponsored items are not to be sold at school. Door-to-door selling must be approved by the principal.

Hall Passes and Hall Activity

You are expected to be in class during instructional time. Remember the following:

- Permission to leave class must be granted by your teacher. STUDENTS MUST SIGN IN AND OUT EACH TIME THEY LEAVE THE CLASSROOM. Students are not permitted out of the classroom in the FIRST and LAST 10 minutes of the class period.
- You are to go directly to the area for which you have permission to go and return immediately upon completion of your business there.
- Roaming, roving, being in other areas, interrupting classes, etc. will result in disciplinary action and loss of the privilege. We value instructional time and, therefore, must protect it.
- Bathroom Zones
 - English, World Language, and Health Science Classes: English Hall Bathrooms
 - Business Classes and Media Center: Business Hall Bathrooms
 - Upstairs Math and Science Classes and Credit Recovery: Main Hall Bathrooms
 - Social Studies, FACS and Welding Classes: History Hall Bathrooms
 - Downstairs Science and PE Classes: Gym Commons Bathrooms

Illness at School

If you become ill and cannot stay in school, notify your teacher. You will then be sent to the front office to contact your parent or guardian for permission for you to leave school. Failure to follow this procedure will result in an absence from class.

Off-Campus Courses

Students who attend off-campus courses are expected to adhere to and abide by all policies, procedures and rules for that institution, as well as for East Davidson. This includes the need to meet all attendance requirements.

Should a student be removed from an off campus course, he/she will be placed in a course on East Davidson's campus in an audit situation and must attend daily. In order for students to be enrolled in off-campus courses they must have their own transportation.

Parking Lot and Driving - \$35 Fee

Parking is a privilege and allowed only if students purchase a permit. Please remember the following when parking and driving on campus:

- A parking permit may not be purchased until school fees and other debts have been paid or waived.
- Due to limited space, seniors and juniors will be given priority with regards to purchasing a permit. After seniors and juniors have been given the opportunity to purchase parking permits, sophomores will be allowed to purchase permits if permits and space remain; once all permits are sold, we will be unable to sell more due to space limitations.
- When purchasing a parking permit, students will be assigned to a specific lot and space.
- The permit must be visible any time your car is parked on campus.
- Parking permits are NOT transferable from one student to another. If this happens, the permit will be revoked from whom it was issued.
- Students are not allowed to go to the parking lot without permission from the SRO, principal or an assistant principal. A teacher may not give permission to go to the parking lot.
- Lock your car doors.
- Students found driving in an unsafe manner will lose their driving and parking privileges.
- The administration has the right to search cars when there is reason to suspect contraband materials.
- The school has the right to have your car towed at YOUR expense if you do not follow the expectations outlined by the school.
- Students should not park in reserved, visitor, or staff spaces at any time before, during or after school hours.
- Students are reminded to park correctly in the specific space allotted to them. No one is allowed to park on the grass or medians.

A ticket will be issued for the following violations:

1. Parking in restricted area (must park in marked spaces ONLY)
2. No current EDHS permit displayed
3. Occupying more than one parking space
4. Parking in spaces reserved for STAFF or other students.
5. Speeding/reckless driving on campus
6. A second violation of #4 will result in the permanent loss of parking privileges.

Prom Attendance and Guests Policies

Participation at prom is an extracurricular privilege. East Davidson students who are not in compliance with school attendance, behavioral, and/or academic expectations may be denied the privilege of participating in prom. Guests who are not students of East Davidson must meet the following criteria:

- Guests must be younger than 21 years of age.
- Guests who attend other schools must receive a positive recommendation from their school's administration.
- Guests must not have a record of illegal activities.

Signing In/Signing Out

We want you in attendance from 8:00-3:05. Signing in late or signing out early should be reserved for unavoidable or emergency situations only. Note the following:

- Students **MUST** be in attendance for a **MINIMUM** of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the class period to be counted present for that day. All questions regarding late arrival or early dismissal should be directed to Mrs. Kohler, our attendance clerk.
- Students arriving at school after 8:00 must go to the office to sign in to receive credit for attendance purposes.
- You must sign in even if you arrive during class change, break or lunch.
- A note for early dismissal must be turned in between 7:40-8:00 to the front office. The note **MUST** be written and signed by your parent/guardian, have the reason for early dismissal, have the place of appointment, have the time for dismissal, and have a phone number for the signing parent for verification purposes.
- We will not sign students out for dismissal after 2:35. In order to minimize the amount of early dismissals. After a third **UNLAWFUL** early dismissal, both students and parents/guardians will be given a verbal warning. In the event a 4th **UNLAWFUL** early dismissal is recorded a student will be suspended. Only for the following reasons will an early dismissal be **EXCUSED**: doctors/dentist appointment, college visit, death of immediate family member, and/or court hearing. In addition, if a student does need to be signed out early they must be signed out prior to 2:35.
- Students should not sign out to go home for lunch, homework, etc. These types of sign-outs will be coded as unexcused and could result in disciplinary action.
- Students **MUST** sign in with the office if they return to school before the school day ends, even if this occurs during class change or lunch. Administration may request that a student present a doctor's note, court documentation, or other form of documentation in order to sign back into school.
- Students or parents must physically sign the sign-in/sign-out log themselves. School personnel will not sign the log for students.
- Even if a student is 18 years of age, he/she must still acquire parent/guardian permission to sign out.
- Leaving campus without permission will be grounds for suspension from school.
- It is important to be on time to class. Tardies are recorded by class period and reset at the end of each nine weeks. East Davidson enforces the following consequences for tardiness to class.

EDHS Tardy Policy

1st Tardy	Verbal Warning from Teacher
2nd Tardy	Verbal Warning from Teacher and Parent Contact
3rd Tardy	ISS for a Class Period
4th Tardy	Full Day ISS
5th Tardy	2 Days ISS and Administrator Parent Contact
6th Tardy	Overnight Suspension and Admin Conference
7th Tardy +	OSS

Tardies Reset Every Quarter

School Closing (Weather)

In the event weather dictates a delay or closing of school, please listen to the local media for notification or go to the Davidson County Schools' website. The decision to close or delay school is made by the superintendent and is not a local school decision. Please do not call the school or County Office, instead, listen to the radio, TV, or go on the Internet for this information. Efforts are also made to inform students and parents of school delays and closings via phone and text messages. It is important to make sure that our school has accurate contact information so that parents and guardians will have access to this information.

School-Sponsored Events

The school staff maintains jurisdiction at all school activities whether they are on campus or another site. You are representatives of your family, community and school at such events. Thus, you shall not engage in any activity that is detrimental to the progress of, or which hinders the normal rights of other spectators at any game or school-sponsored activities. We wish for you and others to enjoy these events and encourage your support. Language, signs, cheers, taunts, harassment of players/coaches or officials, and/or similar

actions that infringe on the enjoyment of the event by others will result in your removal from the event. Good sportsmanship is the expectation at East. You will forfeit your opportunity to attend school-sponsored events for a length of time to be determined by the school staff if you disrupt any school event. If needed, legal authorities will be called to assist.

If you are part of a group representing the school and must leave from East, you are to leave and return with the group by the means provided. Exceptions to this travel arrangement must be discussed with your parents and staff member responsible PRIOR to the event. You are to follow the requests of the staff member(s) in charge and adhere to the expectations of the school and group. Failure to follow the school and group's expectations will result in your forfeiture of the opportunity to attend away school activities and/or field trips.

School Telephones & Messages

- We cannot interrupt classes for students to receive phone calls or deliveries during the day. Please make the necessary arrangements prior to arriving at school.
- Phone calls for other reasons (athletic arrangements, assignments left at home, detention, etc.) may be made in the front office and should be kept to a minimum for emergency situations.

Student Services

Your school staff will be glad to provide assistance concerning educational plans, career choices, and personal issues. The student services department will assist you with the following:

- Handling transcripts, college information, social work, attendance, homebound students, standardized test scores, health records, and numerous other community and special services.
- Counseling with students when the student has secured written permission from his/her teacher, if the student is missing instructional time.

Students may schedule appointments with student services before school, during class change, or during lunch.

Visitors

To further enhance the safety at EDHS, students are not allowed to have visitors during regular school hours, including their lunch period. All non-students who come to the school must enter the building at the main entrance and report to the office immediately upon arrival.

