



EASTERN SUFFOLK BOCES REGIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL 2026 STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

All students will be subject to the Eastern Suffolk BOCES's Code of Conduct available in the Regional Summer School Principal's office. This will ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to a quality education.

Students' Responsibilities

All student interaction and communication among themselves and with teachers, administrators, other employees, and visitors on ESBOCES property will be acceptable, civil, and respectful.

- Respect one another and treat others fairly in accordance with the Code of Conduct and the provisions of the Dignity Act
- Conduct themselves in a manner that fosters an environment of inclusivity that is free from intimidation, harassment, and discrimination
- Be familiar with and abide by all ESBOCES policies, rules, and regulations dealing with student behavior
- Contribute to maintaining a safe, healthy, supportive, and orderly environment that is conducive to learning and show respect to other persons and property

Community Expectations

At Eastern Suffolk BOCES Regional Summer School, we are committed to fostering a respectful, inclusive, and supportive learning environment where every student has the opportunity to thrive. The following expectations are in place to ensure safety, equity, and mutual respect among all members of our learning community:

Attendance

The summer semester is 22 instructional days with 2 examination days. Eastern Suffolk BOCES requires attendance in line with individual site policy. Poor attendance, especially over three unexcused absences, combined with a lack of class participation or incomplete work, may result in a failing grade.

- Lateness, 5 to 15 minutes, counts as half an absence.
- Lateness of more than 15 minutes counts as a full absence.
- The actual granting of credit must be made by the student's home school.
- After 3 full absences, students may be dropped from the course and will not earn course credit.

Tobacco, Vaping, and Substance Use

To support student health and well-being, the use of tobacco products or vaping devices is not allowed on school property, including in vehicles, parking areas, and adjacent streets or private property. If a student is found using or possessing these items, staff will engage the student in a conversation to understand the behavior and its impact, and appropriate restorative or educational steps will be taken. ***Violations may result in a review of the student's continued participation in the summer program.***

Driving and Parking

Student parking is limited and considered a privilege based on safe and responsible behavior. Students are expected to follow all traffic and parking guidelines while on school grounds. If concerns arise, staff will work with students to address the issue, reinforce expectations, and, if necessary, temporarily revoke parking privileges. School personnel will be present during arrival and dismissal to provide guidance and ensure safety.

Respect for People and Property

We uphold a commitment to respect the rights, dignity, and safety of all members of our school community. Behaviors that cause harm to others or damage property will be addressed promptly through restorative conversations and, when appropriate, involvement of school administrators or support staff. Our focus is on repairing harm, rebuilding trust, and ensuring accountability. In cases of serious misconduct, continued participation in summer school may be reconsidered.

Dress Guidelines

Students are encouraged to express themselves through clothing in a way that is appropriate for a focused learning environment. Clothing should not disrupt the educational process or create safety concerns. Garments that are overly revealing or contain offensive or dangerous elements (e.g., metal spikes, sharp accessories) are not permitted. Students wearing clothing that does not align with these guidelines will be respectfully asked to change or arrange for alternate attire. For health and safety reasons, students must wear appropriate footwear at all times while on campus. Repeated issues may result in a review of the student's continued participation in the summer program.

Building Access

To maintain a safe and orderly environment, students should use the designated entry and exit doors, except during emergencies or safety drills. Loitering on school property, including hallways and outdoor areas, is discouraged to ensure safety and maximize learning time. Students should remain in areas where their classes are scheduled. If a student is found in an unauthorized area, a conversation will be held to understand the reason and reinforce expectations; an unexcused absence may result.

Personal Belongings, Electronic Devices, and Prohibited Items

To maintain a focused, respectful, and safe learning environment, students are expected to manage their personal belongings responsibly and in alignment with school expectations.

Electronic Devices:

No unsanctioned use of smartphones and other internet-enabled personal devices on school grounds in K-12 schools for the entire school day (from “bell to bell”), including classroom time and other settings like lunch and study hall periods. This is in accordance with NYS Distraction Free Schools Law. Repeated issues may result in a review of the student's continued participation in the summer program.

Prohibited Items:

For safety and security reasons, the following items are **not allowed** on school grounds:

Weapons or objects that could be considered dangerous, any form of medication (unless administered through the school nurse in accordance with proper procedures), large sums of money or valuables that may be lost or stolen.

If any of these items are brought to school, staff will work with the student to address the concern, ensure safe handling of the item, and involve parents or guardians. Our approach emphasizes safety, accountability, and learning from mistakes while upholding clear expectations for community well-being.

We believe in creating a learning community rooted in trust, accountability, and care. When expectations are not met, our goal is to work with students to understand the impact of their actions, make things right, and support them in making positive choices moving forward.

I have been informed of the Code of Conduct of the Regional Summer School host district and understand that if I violate these rules, I must leave the program and will not be able to return.

Name (print)

Signature

Date
