

THE STUDENT HANDBOOK & CODE OF CONDUCT

Guide for Elementary School Students
School Year 2026-2027

St. Mary's County Public Schools



Student Handbook & Code of Conduct

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[2026-2027 STUDENT HANDBOOK & CODE OF CONDUCT](#)

Want a printed copy? Contact your school administrator.

SCHOOLS HELP YOU LEARN...

When you are at school, the school acts in place of your parent(s)/legal guardian(s).

Your teacher, principal, and other school personnel are here to help you learn and develop good personal habits.



REMINDER

Cell phones shall not
to be used at anytime
during the school day.

Cell phones should be
OFF and AWAY.



No Phone Zone

Please remember to

Turn cell phones

OFF

&

Put cell phones

AWAY



THIS SCHOOL YEAR

If you use your cell phone in school, your administrator will keep it in the office and call your parent to pick it up.



ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED

- All children beginning at the age of 5 years old are required to attend school.
- Attend school every day to get ready for the next grade.
- You are expected to be at school for the whole school day and on time.



ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED

If you are sick, your absence is lawful.



Sleeping late and not coming to school, your absence is unlawful.

Taking vacations during school, your absence is unlawful.

- Your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) must notify the school when you are absent:
 - write a note, email, use the school website portal, call the school
- Do your parents have questions? They can call the school for help.

MAKE-UP WORK

If you “lawfully” miss school, you need to ask your teacher for make-up work **within five (5) school days upon returning to school** .



NEED MEDICINE IN SCHOOL?

- Do not bring any medicine to school
- Only your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) can bring medicine to the school nurse
- Your doctor has to sign a school form and your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) need to talk to the nurse



DO YOU NEED HELP?

You can ask these adults:

- Principal
- Assistant Principal
- Counselor
- Nurse
- Teacher



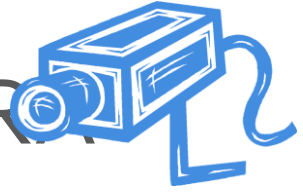
WHAT ARE YOU WEARING ?

Know the STUDENT DRESS CODE

- School is a place for learning
- Dress comfortably and neatly
- Make a good impression and feel good about yourself!



SMILE: YOU MIGHT BE ON CAMERA



Cameras on the bus record your words or take pictures of your actions.

Stay in your seat and talk quietly.

Cameras in your school building take pictures of your actions.

Obey all school rules.

SCHOOLS ARE DRUG-FREE ZONES

- No drugs are allowed on school property
- Let your teacher/school counselor know if you think there are drugs in your school
- Keep your school safe and drug free





BULLYING/HARASSMENT



- If someone bothers you and does not stop, let your teacher or school counselor and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) know.
- Your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) may want to talk with someone at school, too.



NO WEAPONS AT SCHOOL



Schools need to be safe places.

Tell an adult if there is a weapon or something dangerous at school RIGHT AWAY.

On the bus...let the bus driver know RIGHT AWAY.

Let your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) know if you feel unsafe at school or any place.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!

WEAPONS



A weapon is anything that could be used to hurt someone, like...a knife, gun, firecracker, or razor.

Leave toy guns
and weapons at home!



TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Be healthy - stay away from
cigarettes and vaping.

NO ONE is allowed to smoke or
vape on school grounds.



OOPS! I brought something to school that I should not have...



- Tell any adult at school right away!
- If you are on the bus, give it to the bus driver right away!

ENJOY SCHOOL COMPUTERS

Follow directions and work carefully.

Your teacher will monitor your computer activity.



Every year, please update your SMCPs Acceptable Use Policy
[Form](#)

WE WANT YOU TO DO WELL IN SCHOOL

- What should your behavior look like in your classroom?
- What should your behavior look like in your school cafeteria, hallways, bathrooms, nurse's office, counselor's office, on the bus?

Do you know?





and think

**Good
Choice**

or

**Bad
Choice**



Will this be
your **BEST**
school year
ever?



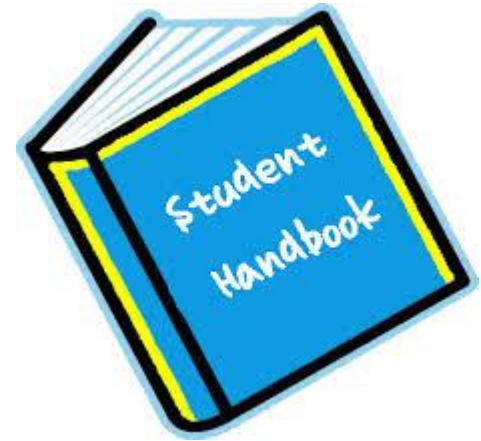
Tips for Success

- Stay Positive
- Establish a routine
- Stay on track
- Set goals
- Make the most out of your resources
- Ask for help if needed



REVIEW YOUR HANDBOOK WITH YOUR PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

**If you have
questions, ask
your teacher.**



HAVE A WONDERFUL
SCHOOL YEAR!

