2026-2027 School Calendar

Fulton County Schools
2780 Moscow Avenue
Hickman, KY 42050
270-236-3923

July 2026

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Aug 4,5,6,10	Professional Days - No Classes
Aug 11	Opening Day for Staff - No Classes
Aug 12	First Day of Classes for Students
Sep 7	Labor Day Holiday-No Classes
Oct 5-9	Fall Break - No Classes
Oct 19	Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov 23-27	Thanksgiving Break-No Classes
Dec 21-Jan 1	Winter Break - No Classes
Jan 4	Flexible Professional Day - No classes
Jan 18	MLK Jr. Holiday - No Classes
Feb 15	President's Day - No Classes
Mar 12	Flexible Professional Day - No classes
Mar 15	Parent Teacher Conferences
April 5-9	Spring Break - No Classes
May 21	Last Day of Classes for Students
May 24	Closing Day for Staff - No Classes

TEST DATES

State Assessment Window-Last 14 Days of Calendar
May 3 - May 14

9 Weeks Grading Periods

August 12, 2025 - October 16, 2025
October 20, 2025 - December 18, 2025
January 5, 2026 - March 5, 2026
March 8, 2026 - May 14, 2026

Weather/Emergency Makeup Days

If necessary will be added to the end of the year.

January 2027

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June 2027

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FYI

Total Instructional Days=170
Teacher Contract Days = 185

FYI

Start/End Times for School Day
All Schools 8:00 - 3:00
Doors open at 7:30 for car rider drop-off

Holidays (4)
Opening/Closing Day (teachers)
Parent Teacher Conf.
Flexible Professional Development
Professional Development (4)
Make up
Non-School Day
First & Last Day of School

Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year!

We are excited that you are here!
At Fulton County High School, our goal every day is to equip you to be a successful student and a successful adult. We strive to do what's best for students, whether it is through caring for your social-emotional well-being, ensuring your safety, or providing you with numerous opportunities to learn and grow.

This handbook contains information, policies, and procedures that apply to all students. Knowing correct policies and procedures will help you to be successful. Please read this handbook in its entirety. If you have any questions, please reach out to us. Together, we can make this a great year!

Sincerely,
Your F.C.H.S. Faculty and Staff

WE ARE PILOTS!

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Fulton County High School

School Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
Please Note: Car riders cannot enter F.C.H.S. until 7:30 A.M.

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!
F.C.H.S. faculty and staff are excited about all of the wonderful opportunities that await our F.C.H.S. students this year – in academics, sports, clubs, and numerous leadership, service, and volunteer opportunities.

F.C.H.S.
Phone Number
(270) 236-3923
(270) 236-9004 fax

Four Rivers Career
Academy [ATC]
Phone Number
(270) 236-3923
(270) 236-9395 Fax

SCHOOL VISION
"Striving to be Kentucky's Best"

DISTRICT VISION
"Relentlessly Pursuing Excellence"

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT:
"Compassion + High Standards = Growth for ALL!"

BELIEFS

- Student learning is the chief priority of the school.
- Students learn in different ways, and they should be provided with a variety of instructional approaches to support their learning.
- Students should be able to apply basic knowledge and skills to everyday problem-solving situations.
- Students are respected as unique individuals with different physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs.
- Student self-esteem should be enhanced by positive behavior and mutual respect among students and staff.

- Testing results should reflect the achievements of the students.
- The commitment to continuous improvement is imperative if our school is to enable students to become confident, self-directed, and lifelong learners.
- Teachers, administrators, students, parents and the community share the responsibility for advancing the school's mission.

ANNUAL ORIENTATION TO THE STUDENT HANDBOOK

During the first full week of school, ALL students and school personnel shall be presented with a complete copy of the student handbook. Students shall be requested to sign for the discipline code plan to assure parents that a copy was given to the student for him/her and the parent(s) to study and review.

At the time each student received his/her copy, the principal and/or teachers shall go over the discipline code in its entirety for student understanding and/or questions.

Students who enroll after the school year begins will be given a copy of the Student Handbook. The discipline plan will be explained to the student in the same manner as described above.

FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY STATEMENT

The Fulton County Board of Education shall not discriminate in employment or service delivery and program participation on the basis of race, color, age, religion, sex, national origin, disability or marital status in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the American with Disabilities Act of 1990, Executive Order No.11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, and all other applicable laws which prohibit discrimination and implementing regulations, guidelines, and standards lawfully adopted and promulgated under those laws. Inquiries and/or complaints concerning discrimination in employment or services may be addressed to, Mrs. Patrice T. Chambers, Superintendent, 2780 Moscow Ave. Hickman, Kentucky, 42050; telephone: 270-236-3923.

VISITORS/GUESTS

Parents are encouraged to visit Fulton County High School at their convenience. If parents wish to have a conference with individual teachers, they should arrange an appointment through the principal's office.

Students are not allowed to bring visitors to school with them.

Fulton County High School has a closed campus. **ALL visitors** must report to the office upon entering the campus. Visitors must enter through the front doors under the canopy and push the call button to enter through the single door directly into the office. All visitors must present their driver's license to the secretary and wear a visitor's badge at all times during their visit and drop the badge off at the office when leaving.
All staff members have been instructed to inform unannounced visitors that they must report to the office before going to any classroom or other area in the school.

Fulton County High School Title I, Part A School-Family Compact, 2026-2027

Section 1116(d) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) states that schools served under Title I, Part A, must jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written school-family compact. The compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve Kentucky's high standards. The term "parent" refers to parents, guardians, family members and caregivers. The Kentucky Department of Education requires the compact to be signed by all involved parties.

School Responsibilities

- Present materials and experiences to students and to inform students and families of achievement progress.
- Provide necessary assistance to parents so that they can help with assignments.
- Encourage students and parents by communicating regularly about student progress.
- Contact parents regularly to convey pertinent information about students.
- Provide high quality instruction in a supportive environment.
- Provide varied learning opportunities for students to enable them to meet academic expectations.
- Hold expectations high for all students
- Provide an environment that allows for positive communication between the teacher, parent, and student.

Parent/Family Responsibilities

- Require regular school attendance.
- Provide a quiet, well-lit study area at home.
- Establish routines and structure for home learning.
- Encourage a positive attitude about school.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences.
- Encourage academic honesty.
- Instill a sense of respect and responsibility.

Student Responsibilities

- Be responsible for his/her own conduct and for showing consideration for the rights and property of others.
- Refrain from fighting, creating disturbances or excessive noise, denying others the use of school facilities or buildings, using or carrying any weapon

on school premises, intentionally injuring another person, exposing others to harm, or issuing threats or intimidation against any other person.

- Refrain from using, possessing, or transmitting any tobacco, alcoholic beverage, vape products, or illegal substance.
- Refrain from gambling, extortion, gang affiliation displays, theft or any other unlawful activity.
- Show respect for the education process by taking advantage of every opportunity to further his/her education.
- Show respect for the educational environment by refraining from intentional or habitual tardiness or absences by attending school daily and being on time.
- Practice physical and verbal self-control at all times.
- Care for the equipment and physical facilities of the school, refraining from willful destruction and damage.

The compact was last reviewed and/or revised on October 2024.



SCHOOL CHECK IN/CHECK OUT PROCEDURE

Students arriving late must check in at the high school office and get an admit slip. Students arriving during a class change must check in before going to class. **Students cannot check out from the Four Rivers Career Academy;** they may only check out from the Fulton County High School main office. When checking in or when students have missed a day, a blue or white admit slip will be given to the student upon check in. The student should show the admit slip to each teacher for the classes missed.

Prior to checking out, the student's parent/guardian must talk to the principal or secretary. NOTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! Requests to leave school before 3:00 P.M. should be made prior to the beginning of the 1st class of the day. Leaving school grounds without an authorized check-out will result in assignment of I.S.S. and/or other appropriate disciplinary actions, including suspension from school.

TARDY TO SCHOOL POLICY [applies to 1st period or when a student checks in for school after the 1st bell]

Promptness to school is important. Students will receive a detention when they receive their 3rd – 6th unexcused morning tardy. After the fifth unexcused tardy, tardiness will be considered a flagrant violation of school policy. When a student has accumulated *7 unexcused morning tardies*, the student will be placed in ISS. ISS placement will occur from the 7th tardy to school onward.

TARDY TO CLASS POLICY (2nd-7th periods)

A student is tardy if he/she isn't in his/her seat and ready to proceed with the designated activity in the classroom when the tardy bell sounds. Teachers close their doors when the final bell sounds. On the 4th - 6th cumulative tardy to class, students will receive a detention. On the 7th and following cumulative tardy to class, students will be placed in ISS for one day. Cumulative tardies begin anew at the beginning of a new semester.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

F.C.H.S. will begin first period each day with a moment of silence. This moment will not be more than one minute in length.

COMMUNICATION WITH STUDENTS

F.C.H.S staff and coaches will only communicate with students through a traceable means of communication. The district will use "Parent Square" as the means of communication.

Parents can sign up for daily announcements called "What's Happening at FCHS." These announcements will be emailed daily. To sign up, contact the FCHS secretary or any staff member.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

State Policy: KRS 159.150: *Any student who has attained the age of six (6), but has not reached his/her eighteenth (18th) birthday, who has been absent from school without valid excuse for three (3) days or more, or tardy without valid excuse on three (3) or more days, is a truant*.

- Any student enrolled in a public school who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years, but has not reached his/her twenty-first (21st) birthday, who has been absent from school without valid excuse for three (3) or more days, or tardy without excuse on three (3) or more days, is truant. Any student who has been reported as a truant two (2) or more times is a habitual truant. Absence for less than sixty minutes shall be considered tardiness.
- **Students absent from the entire school day cannot attend nor participate in any extracurricular events after school.**
- **Students must attend school for ½ day to attend or participate in extracurricular activities. This is approximately 4 class periods.**

Senior Graduation Attendance Policy

Students who have reached the threshold of graduating seniors at Fulton County High School shall meet the following requirements to participate in Graduation Exercises. Student attendance will be required each school year.

- All students' unexcused absences for their high school career must not fall below ninety-five (95%) percent.
- Students must not have more than nine (9) unexcused absences during their senior year and their unexcused absences for their high school career must not fall below ninety-five percent (95%) of their total number of instructional days before prom and/or their graduation ceremony.
- Students not meeting the above requirements will not be able to participate in prom and the graduation ceremony.
- They will receive their diploma if they meet the graduation requirements but will forfeit the opportunity to go through commencement exercises.
- Suspensions are considered unexcused absences for purposes of this policy for graduation, graduation activities, and prom.
- The purpose of this policy is to encourage student attendance, which should increase knowledge, grades, punctuality, and school involvement.
- Any long-term illness will be referred to homebound instruction and will not result in absences being calculated into a student's attendance average.
- Tardiness accumulates into absences based on instructional minutes lost and will count toward a student's attendance average.

ABSENCES AND RETURNING TO SCHOOL

If a student is going to be absent from school, a parent or guardian should call (270)236-3904, ext. 3000, to report the absence before 8:00 A.M. or as early in the morning as possible.

A parent/guardian is required to send a note with the student upon his/her return, even if the parent called to explain the student's absence. (Students are considered unexcused until a written note with a valid excuse and the date of the absence are on file in the school office). The note (from a parent or doctor) must be presented **within 3 days of returning to school to be considered a valid excused absence.**

Upon returning to school (and before the first morning bell rings), students must check in at the office, present a written note from a parent/guardian and/or doctor, and receive an admit slip for classes. An unexcused or excused admit slip will be given to the student and should be shown to each teacher for classes missed.

Students in Fulton County Schools for the full year shall be allowed up to 5 absence events per year to be excused with a signed parent note.

Absence occurrences 6 and following are unexcused unless verified by a doctor's statement (or by administrative discretion).

For absence occurrence 9 (and subsequent absences), legal action may be taken, including a possible hearing for the student and parent(s)/guardian with the judge for truancy charges. Any exceptions are at the principal's discretion.

Examples of excused absences:

1. Illness of the student
2. Death or severe illness in the student's immediate family
3. Court summons
4. Dental or doctor's appointments
5. Driver's test
6. Other valid reason as determined by the principal or DPP

Examples of unexcused absences:

1. Transportation (missed bus)
2. Overslept
3. Out of town
4. Shopping
5. Other reasons as determined by the principal

MAKE-UP WORK

It is the student's responsibility to secure his or her make-up assignments from each teacher upon returning to school. Upon returning from an absence, students have the number of days they were absent to turn in make-up work. (For example, if a student was absent two consecutive days, the student will have two days to turn in all work missed during the absence.)

GRADING POLICY

Teachers shall state clearly, in each class, the evaluation process for determining student grades. The teacher shall determine the number and types of course assignments and methods of student evaluation for their respective classes.

Grade reports will be issued after the completion of each nine-week period. After the first and third grading periods, the parents will be given the grade report at a parent-teacher conference. After each semester, the grade reports will be given to the students. Mid-term progress reports will be given at four and a half weeks into the grading period. Grades received at the end of each class will become a part of the student's senior high transcript and shall be utilized when calculating the student's grade point average.

A 90-100 (Superior)
B 80-89 (Above Average)
C 70-79 (Average)
D 65- 69 (Below Average)
F Below 65 (Failure)
I Incomplete*

*Incomplete work must be completed by the deadline determined by the teacher or a score of zero will be assigned.

Procedures for Gradebooks
All teachers in the district will use the weight below for grading purposes.

60%- Summative Assessment Category (includes tests, final projects, papers, etc.)
40%- Formative Assessment Category (includes homework, classwork, bellringers, etc.)

MID-TERM POLICY, FINAL EXAM POLICIES, AND PROGRESS MONITORING

All students at Fulton County High School will participate in **mid-term exams** in December. No exemptions apply. Mid-term exams will count as a test grade.

All students at Fulton County High School will participate in all **final exams** in May unless they are exempt **in a specific class**.

- Students can be exempt from the final exam in a given class if they have 5 or fewer excused absences and have maintained an 85 average or above, with no ISS placement, no suspensions, and no more than 5 detentions for the year.
- Students can be exempt from the final exam in a given class if they have 10 or fewer excused absences and have maintained a 90 or above average, with no ISS placement, no suspensions, and no more than 5 detentions for the year.

All students will participate in State Testing and I-Ready progress monitoring testing. **Students can be exempt from I-Ready testing if they have met the ACT Reading (20) AND/OR Math (19) benchmarks (or SAT equivalents). If a student meets benchmark in only one area, he or she must take the progress monitoring test in the other area.**

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

- Final grade point average computation and class rank shall be calculated and finalized after completion of the fourth nine weeks of the student's senior year.
- The computation shall be calculated on grades achieved in all course work completed during the ninth, tenth, eleventh,

and twelfth grade years in school. (Credit earned for high school classes taken in 8th grade will also be included.)

- Grade point average shall be determined by dividing the total quality points by the quantity points.
- The grade point average shall be utilized when determining class rank.

The final grade in each course will be determined as follows.

First Nine Weeks Grade 25%
Second Nine Weeks Grade 25%
Third Nine Weeks Grade 25%
Fourth Nine Weeks Grade 25%

HONOR ROLL/ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

A student who receives only A's and B's for a given grading period shall be listed on the Honor Roll for the grading period.

ACADEMIC LETTERS

Any student in grades 9-12, may earn an Academic Varsity Letter "F" by achieving a minimum of 3.5 grade point average at the conclusion of any given year. Each additional year, in which a student achieves a 3.5 grade point average, the student shall receive an Academic Bar.

THE PILOT ACADEMY/DUAL CREDIT COLLEGE CLASSES

During the 2026-2027 school year, with the help of area colleges, the Four Rivers Foundation, and community sponsors, Fulton County High School students will have the opportunity to take a multitude of dual-credit courses through our program called the Pilot Academy. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to have a strong head start in a post-secondary education with the colleges in our area. It is also an effort to help ensure the success of our students as they pursue a diploma in the college of their choice through a more rigorous course schedule at a reduced expense for our families.

F.C.H.S. will provide time in the students' schedules for them to take the online courses in the library, on our campus, and/or at the Four Rivers Career Academy. The Fulton County Board of

Education has agreed to pay for all the textbooks for our students. Our goal is to help ALL of our students get a "jump start" on college classes, regardless of their economic situations. These classes will be paid for juniors and seniors at F.C.H.S. **If a student fails a college course, he or she will be expected to reimburse F.C.H.S. for the tuition. The student will need to re-take the failed class and will be responsible for the tuition and fees.**

In determining GPA, **all dual credit classes** shall be used on a 5.0 scale.

Pilot Academy classes taught on our campus for the 2026-2027 school year:

> English 101 **and** 102, College Algebra, Math 116, Psychology 180, Music 105, COM 181, and Welding. We also offer various online classes through our college partners, WKCTC and MSU.

STATE ASSESSMENTS

Kentucky Summative Assessments will be given at the end of the school year. The results of these tests measure the success of our school as compared to other high schools in Kentucky. The following grade levels are tested in the content areas listed:

Mathematics and Reading for Sophomores;
ACT or SAT for Juniors; and
Science and Social Studies for Juniors.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

26 credits (16 core classes required), including the following:
(A) Completion of state-mandated testing;
(B) 100% completion of Individual Learning Plan (Tassel Pathway) each year; and
(C) Pass a 100 question Civics Exam with a score of 70 or higher
Note: Students must complete all state and local graduation requirements in order to participate in commencement exercises.

Category	Course Names	# of Credits
English Classes	English I, II, III, and English IV OR dual credit English	4
Mathematics	Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II, and Pre-Calculus, College Prep Mathematics, or College Algebra or Math 116 (Algebra 1.5 and Calculus may also be offered.)	4
Sciences	Integrated Science, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science	3
Social Studies	World Civilization, Economics/Government/Geography, and U.S. History	3
Health & PE	Health and P.E.	1
Arts and Humanities	Arts and Humanities, Band, Chorus, or college music or art or theater	1
Electives*	Three classes in a chosen career pathway should be pursued. Two career pathway electives should be completed by the end of the junior year. Senior REQUIRED elective: Financial Literacy	*10
Total……		**26**

*Attending college? You must take and pass 2 consecutive foreign language courses in the same foreign language.

HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS

Students earn one (1) credit for one full year of satisfactory work per subject. In order to pass a class, students must earn an overall course grade of "D" or above.

Credit from Middle School
High school courses successfully completed in middle school will result in the awarding of credit towards meeting high school graduation requirements. To receive Algebra I credit in 8th grade, students must earn an A or B in the class and earn a C or higher on the final exam. Grades earned will be applied to the high school grade point average of the student. If a student were to receive four credits in math prior to the senior year because of high school credits earned in middle school, that student is still required to have a math course each year of their high school career.

PROMOTION & RETENTION REQUIREMENTS

For a student to be placed in a certain grade they must have the following credits at the beginning of the school year:

Grade 9: 0-5 credits must be earned
Grade 10: 6 credits must be earned
Grade 11: 12 credits must be earned
Grade 12: 19 or more credits earned

***Students not earning the above credits will not be promoted to the next grade level. Students who are not promoted are ineligible to play sports the following year.**

ACCELERATION

A district committee (appointed by the superintendent) including teachers, counselors, and administrators will collect and review student records when considering accelerated grade placement. Records shall include, but are not limited to, the following: assessment data (at or above the 8th or 9th stanine), attendance data, social rating scales, behavior reports, interviews, Iowa Accelerated Rating Scale with district assessments, etc. The building principals will inform the parent/guardians of placement decision. (Board Policy 08.22 AP.1)

VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN

Valedictorian and Salutatorian will be based upon the cumulative weighted grade point average (GPA) at the end of the eight semesters. **Students must have completed the last four semesters, in person, on**

the campus of FCHS, to be eligible for Valedictorian or Salutatorian. In order to be considered for Valedictorian or Salutatorian, a senior student must meet honor graduate requirements AND must have taken a minimum of 5 tuition-based Dual Credit classes from Common Core Requirements AND must have earned two full credits in the same Foreign Language. College lab courses are not included in meeting this requirement. The student's courses **MUST** include the following: (A) English 101 **and** English 102 **OR** English 105 **and** Humanities; and (B) College Algebra. The other two dual credit courses can be chosen by the student from the Pilot Academy options. Grades earned in dual credit courses will be posted on both the high school and college transcripts.

In calculating GPA, **all dual credit classes** shall be used and Infinite Campus will be used to determine Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

At F.C.H.S. a variety of college classes are offered to students who qualify:

- Choices from WKCTC: English 101 **and** 102; Technical Math, College Algebra, History, Music, Art, & Sociology.
- Choices from MSU: English 105 **and** Humanities, History, Agriculture, Education, Psychology, Public Speaking, and College Algebra.
- All college courses will be weighted in determining KEES money awards.

HONOR GRADUATES for the CLASSES of 2024, 2025, & 2026

Honor Graduate designation shall be based upon a cumulative eight-semester weighted grade point average of 3.25 or above.

HONOR GRADUATES for the CLASS of 2027 and thereafter:

For a student to graduate with honors, the student must successfully complete a minimum of 4 dual credit college courses and 2 years of the same foreign language and obtain an overall weighted grade point average of 3.40 or higher. This grade point average is based upon a cumulative eight-semester weighted grade point average.

To graduate with "high honors," a student's GPA will fall in one of the following three categories:

Suma Cum Laude	3.8 and above
Magna Cum Laude	3.6 - 3.79
Cum Laude	3.4 - 3.59

CLASS RANK

For class ranking purposes, students weighted GPA will be calculated at the end of the fourth nine weeks of the senior year. Infinite Campus will be used to determine class rank for any grade level at the end of the fourth nine weeks.

Gatton Academy or Craft Academy

Students at F.C.H.S. are encouraged to attend Gatton Academy on the campus of Western Kentucky University or Craft Academy on the campus of Morehead State University. These programs are very rigorous, and students must apply during their sophomore year. Students who attend one of these academies are also considered Fulton County students and are encouraged to participate in graduation exercises at F.C.H.S. Students who have attended one of the academies and would like to participate in our graduation will walk in order by their grade point average.

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SENIORS

In order to participate in the graduation exercises, a student must have completed 8 semesters of high school and earned 26 credits. The school will notify the parents of any student who is in jeopardy of not graduating as soon as a potential problem is noticed.

Students participating in the school's graduation activities must wear appropriate dress:

- Males should wear a dress shirt, tie, slacks, and dress shoes.
- Females should wear neat skirts or dresses with dress shoes. Light colored attire without patterns is recommended.
- Jeans, tennis shoes, and flip-flops are NOT allowed.

If for any reason, a student has a problem in securing the appropriate attire, he/she should notify the counselor or principal and assistance will be given. A student will not be presented a diploma until all

school-related financial obligations are met. A student will not be allowed to walk in graduation unless all school debts are paid.

COLLEGE DAYS

Juniors and seniors may be approved to take a maximum of two college days per school year. The purpose of college days is to visit colleges or universities in order to make a more informed decision of where to go to school after graduation.

The principal will approve college days in advance of the visit. If a student has already been admitted to a post-secondary institution, college days will only be approved if the parent/guardian is accompanying the student and the visit is for business reasons. The principal or designee will notify teachers when a student's college day has been approved and scheduled.

WORK-BASED LEARNING [Co-operative Education]

"Cooperative education" means a form of work-based learning consisting of in-school instruction combined with program related on-the-job paid work experience in a business or industrial establishment.

There are many requirements a senior must meet or have met to participate in cooperative education. At a minimum, a senior must have an established career pathway (and currently enrolled in a third course minimum OR as a completer by the end of his/her junior year), and it must be approved by the principal according to the CTE guidelines. Furthermore, all F.C.H.S. seniors who desire to participate in cooperative education must have consistent, reliable transportation daily from school.

Please see the *Career and Technical Education Manual* on the Kentucky Department of Education website for more information.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE CODE

Students at Fulton County High School are expected to dress appropriately and according to health and safety expectations. Students shall observe **modesty**, appropriateness, and neatness in clothing and personal appearance. The Personal Appearance Code applies to students during academic hours, field trips, and any school function/activity.

I. LOGOS, PICTURES, WRITINGS

a. Students may wear tops promoting academics, sports, and school clubs. Brand logos may be worn.
b. No apparel or accessory will contain logos, pictures, or writings that promote alcohol, drugs, tobacco, violence, or illegal behavior/gang behavior.
c. Apparel or accessories that depict vulgar, obscene, sexual, racial, religious, harassment, derogatory language, or illustrate gang names, sign names, or graffiti will not be permitted.

II. APPAREL

a. All tops must be appropriate. Tops shall not expose cleavage (line from armpit to armpit.)
b. Sleeveless shirts for girls and boys are allowed, but must fall in the 4-finger rule (no undergarments should be exposed.) Muscle shirts and tank tops are not permitted.
c. All tops must cover a student's midriff at all times. (Tops should be worn so that no part of the stomach or back shows if and when arms are raised.)
d. Cropped tops are not allowed to be worn by themselves. It is acceptable to wear a tank top underneath the cropped top.
e. All lower body apparel **must** be worn at the waist.
f. No holes, rips, tears, or frays may be above the knee of pants.
g. Dresses, shorts, and skirt length shall be worn **at the fingertip length or below.** (Slits in skirts shall be at fingertip length.)
h. No rolled waistbands on shorts or any other clothing will be allowed.

i. No blouse, top, pants, or shorts should be worn that are tight-fitting or stretched-to-fit the skin.
j. No blouse or top shall be worn if it is see-through material.
k. Zip-up shirts and jackets must have a shirt underneath.
l. No apparel shall be worn inside-out unless designated by the principal or teacher for dress code violation.
m. Pajama pants are not allowed.
n. Leggings, yoga pants, and flared yoga pants are not allowed.
o. No spandex or lycra-type pants or shorts are allowed.
p. **Sagging pants are NOT allowed**. The outermost garment must be covering at the waist. No under shorts or garment is to show. No underwear can be visible through holes in a garment.

III. FOOTWEAR
a. Students must wear standard public footwear. House shoes (including indoor/outdoor house shoes) are not allowed.
b. Footwear will not contain attachments (taps, blades, etc.).

IV. ACCESSORIES
a. **No hats or headgear** may be worn inside the building.
b. **Keep your head clear:** No night caps, shower caps, wave caps, head wraps, bonnets, scarves, or doo rags shall be worn. No wide sport headbands shall be worn. Head should be free of any coverings.
c. Hoods of sweatshirts shall not be worn in the building.
d. No blankets, Snuggies, or pillows are allowed in the building.
e. Sunglasses are not allowed unless prescribed by a physician.
f. No bath or hand towels or **bandanas** are to be carried or worn.

g. All grooming implements (hairbrushes, picks, and sponges) should be kept in the student's locker or backpack. Grooming should only take place in the restrooms.
h. No clothing or accessory may be worn that promotes or is used to promote gang affiliation. This could include clothing or accessories that otherwise would be acceptable.
i. No accessories may be worn on or around the body or on F.C.H.S. campus that disrupts student learning. Principal or designee can determine if the items are a disruption.
j. No clothing or accessories may be worn that could harm students.
k. Bulky coats and jackets must be placed in lockers during the school day and not worn to class.

Students who do not dress appropriately will be counseled and asked to change clothes and/or correct the violation**. Dress code violations-will result in disciplinary action.**

1st offense: The principal or designee shall remove the student from class and discuss the issue with the student. The student may then be referred to the school counselor for assistance to resolve the issue. Staff in the Youth Services
Center may be asked to assist. If unable to resolve the issue with the student, the principal shall call the parent/guardian. If the student is unable to correct the dress code violation, the student will be placed in ISS for the remainder of the day.

OR

1st Offense: Student will be asked to correct the violation, a detention will be assigned, and a parent will be contacted.

2nd Offence: Student will be asked to correct the violation, a detention will be assigned, and a parent will be contacted.

3rd offense: ISS

4th offense: ISS (or principal discretion)

STAFF DRESS CODE
School staff dress code is different from the student dress code. School staff dress is expected to be professional and is outlined in Board Policy 03.1326 and 03.2326.

LOCKERS

Each student is assigned a locker for the storage of books and personal belongings. It is that student's responsibility to see that his/her locker is kept closed and in order at all times. Since lockers are a permanent part of the building, students are expected to keep them in good condition. ***No stickers or tape are allowed on the lockers. Open food and drink should not be kept in lockers. Magnets are acceptable.***

Students may bring their own locks and give the extra key to the school secretary. The principal or his/her designee shall possess the authority to examine the contents of any locker when he/she has reasonable suspicion that the contents of the locker may include elements which do any of the following:

1. Present an immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of students or staff;
2. Are illegal to possess;
3. Would contribute to the disruption of the normal educational process; and/or
4. Have been reported stolen or lost.

The student is presumed to have no expectation of privacy in the locker or its contents. The decision to examine a student's locker will be made by the principal and/or her designee. The principal (or designee) who conducts the search shall, whenever possible, do so in the presence of the student and at least one adult witness. In the event of an emergency that threatens the safety of students or staff, lockers may be searched without students being present. Discovery of illegal or dangerous materials will be reported to the parent, the superintendent of schools, and, if necessary in the opinion of school officials, to law-enforcement officials. A general locker inspection of all lockers or a random sampling of lockers may be conducted periodically without probable cause or the presence of students.

ACCESSORIES BROUGHT INTO F.C.H.S.

(backpacks, purses, drawstring bags, etc.)

- Backpacks, large bags, and lunch boxes will not be allowed in classrooms or carried to the Four Rivers Career Academy.
- Students are required to keep backpacks and large bags (that will fit) in their lockers.
- Backpacks, purses, athletic bags and other items brought into the building will be checked when students first arrive in the morning.
- All athletic bags that are brought into F.C.H.S. are required to be placed on the cart near high school concession stand before 8 A.M. These bags will stay in this room for the entire school day. Students can pick up their bag when the bell rings at 3:00 P.M. This room will not be opened throughout the day.
- No trapper keeper binders are allowed.
- Small purses and small drawstring bags are allowed in classrooms.

SCHOOL PHONE USE

- Classroom phones are not to be used by students without teacher permission.
- The office phone is for emergency use only by students, and users must have the approval of the principal or school secretary.

CORRIDOR USE

- Students are not to be in the halls during class periods without a proper hall pass.
- Horseplay is prohibited.
- Students are not allowed to hug or kiss in Fulton County High School or on school grounds.
- Running and horseplay in the halls is prohibited.

HALL PASSES/LEAVING CLASS

- Students are expected to arrive to class on time and to be prepared.
- Expectations for leaving class to use the bathroom, go to locker, etc., will be covered during the first week of school by classroom teachers.
- **Students will leave their cell phone with the teacher before leaving class.**
- **Students will be given a limited number of hall passes from each of their teachers.**

INTERNET POLICY

Using the school's internet service is also a privilege. A user agreement must be signed by the student and a parent/guardian in order for students to have access. Using email service other than one provided by school or visiting sites that have purposefully been blocked could result in loss of internet privileges.

- **All students will have and use an individual log-in.**
- **All students will be required to pass a digital citizenship module.**
- **For additional information on internet and social media policies, please refer to the Fulton County Schools District Handbook.**

DIGITAL DEVICE CARE AGREEMENT

The Fulton County School District is both pleased and proud to provide students with Chromebooks for the 2026-2027 school year. Since these devices are expensive to replace, we ask that the students use extreme caution and care with this equipment. Due to the cost, it is incumbent upon the district to conserve resources and to require financial compensation for repairs/damages. These damages include, but are not limited to:

- Cosmetic damage, included but not limited to, scratches, dents, and broken plastic on ports and damage caused by the use with another product;
- Damage caused by liquid contact or other external causes;
- Damage caused by operating the device outside the district's guidelines;

- Modifying or altering functionality or capability without the permission of the Fulton County School Technology Department; and
- Intentional damage of any kind.

To offset the cost, each student is assessed a technology fee to help with the costs associated with the maintenance of the Chromebooks. The technology fee for the 2026-2027 school year is $20.00. The fee is due the first full week of school.

If a student intentionally destroys or damages a Chromebook, the student and/or parent or guardian will be responsible for the damages.

ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY
Please refer to this handbook regarding acceptable use of technology. The devices and accounts are property of the Fulton County School District and as such are monitored.

CAFETERIA

- **All FCHS students will receive free breakfast and lunch this year! If students would like extra food, they must have money in their account.**
- Students are not allowed behind the service line at any time.
- Eating order of classes will be determined and announced by the staff member in charge.
- A maximum of four students is allowed per booth.
- At no time is breaking the line allowed.
- Students must return trays to the return window.
- Students must pick up any food items or garbage dropped on the floor or left on table.
- Food and drinks are not allowed to be taken outside of the cafeteria.
- **If lunch is brought to school, it must be in a bag or lunchbox.**
- **Students' ordering lunch to be delivered during the school day is not allowed.**

OFF LIMIT AREAS

Students are expected to be in their assigned areas at all times. Any area that a student is not specifically assigned to be in, or which the student has not been given written authorization to be in, is considered off limits. Students found in off limit areas are subject to disciplinary action. Students are not allowed to go to their vehicles while changing classes. This would be considered an off-limit area.

MEDICATION POLICY

Fulton County High School has a "Zero" tolerance rule for any type of drug. Any/all medication that must be taken during school hours must be presented to the office, along with written instructions from a parent or physician as to the dispensing of the medication. This includes aspirin, Tylenol, nasal spray, cough drops, birth control, etc. Students cannot have any prescription or non-prescription drug in their possession at school or in their vehicle. All drugs must be stored with the school nurse. The school nurse will have a set time to be at F.C.H.S. during the school day. The only exception to this rule is personal inhalers which have been prescribed by a doctor. Medicines must be brought in original containers.

ASSEMBLIES

- **Students will exhibit the "F.C.H.S. Way" [appropriate and respectful behavior] in assemblies.**
- Students are responsible for the overall impression made by the school.
- Students should be courteous and respectful at all times.
- Unacceptable conduct includes, but is not limited to, talking, whistling, unnecessary clapping, horseplay, and boisterousness.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

This policy is for Fulton County High School.

- I-Pods, radios, game systems, video systems, and any other electronic devices are not allowed to be used during the school day. A parent or guardian must pick the device up from the principal's office.

- **Cell phones shall be put on silent and away during the school day. The school day is 7:55 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.** Cell phones should be turned off and put away when the first bell rings. Cell phones CANNOT be out nor used during instructional time per the new law in Kentucky.
- Cell phones CAN be used during breakfast in the cafeteria or gym. When the first bell rings, cell phones should be placed on "off" or "silent" and put away in a pocket or purse. Cell phones CAN be used during lunch. Devices shall not be used in a manner that violates confidentiality or privacy rights of another individual. This includes, but is not limited to, taking photographs, video, or audio recordings of others without the permission of the principal/designee and the affected individual(s). Cell phones should not disrupt the environment in the cafeteria during lunches.
  Smart watches, iPods, earbuds, air pods, Beats, and other headphones will be treated like cell phones. They should be put away or stored, and students should not be using them during the school day. If they are on or being used outside acceptable times and places, these devices will be taken up and turned into the principal or designee. ***The SIM card must remain in phones***.

  On the first (school-wide) offense, the item is turned into the principal, and a parent or guardian must pick up the phone, smart watch, and/or electronic device from the principal's office.

  On the second (school-wide) offense, the item is turned into the principal, the student will be assigned an after-school detention, and the parent will be notified to pick-up the item.

  On the third (school-wide) offense, the student's phone, smart watch, or electronic device will be turned into the principal. The parent will be notified to pick-up the item. The student will serve one day in ISS.

On the fourth (school-wide) offense, the cell phone, smart watch, or electronic device will be turned into the principal. The parent will be notified to pick-up the item, and the item will not be allowed back on the campus of F.C.H.S. The parent will be asked to sign that they understand this procedure.

- Music from cell phones or iPods, etc., will not be allowed in the hallways at FCHS. **Headphones, Beats, Earbuds/Air pods are not allowed. They must be put away in backpacks or purses. None of these items are allowed in students' ears, around their neck, or sitting on top of their head. (Teachers can allow students to listen to music in the classroom. This is at teacher discretion).**
- While on school premises, no device or vehicle stereo can be turned up loud enough to be heard outside of the headphones or outside of the vehicle.
- Paging devices, of any form, are not allowed in Kentucky Public Schools for any reason. The law reads as follows: "A student in a public school shall not possess a paging device while on school property or while attending a school-related activity on or off school property unless the student is in attendance in the capacity of an active member of a volunteer fire fighting organization or a voluntary emergency medical services organization."

FIELD TRIP POLICIES

- Appropriate behavior is expected on all field trips. Students who do not demonstrate appropriate behavior on a field trip may be denied the opportunity to participate in future field trips (at principal discretion).
- No student other than those in the specified class/club/organization can go on the field trip.
- **Students should be passing all classes in order to participate in a field trip unless the field trip is directly related to a District, State, or Program assessment, or the field trip counts as part of the student's grade (at teacher/principal discretion).**

Upon receipt of the field trip list, all teachers will notify the field trip sponsor of any student who may need to be excluded due to failure of a class.

- Field trip forms must specify the name of the production/activity that the group will be experiencing.
- Every student must have a permission form for each trip signed by a parent/guardian in order to attend.
- At least one certified staff member should be on each bus. Chaperones must be on the annual approved background checklist prior to the trip. There must be a minimum of one adult chaperone for every 10 students on the trip.
- The attendance clerk must receive a copy of the bus roster prior to departure.
- All class fees/club dues must be paid in advance.
- Students must ride the bus or the school provided transportation to and from the school related event or activity. The only exceptions are if the students are accompanied during transportation by the parents or representative, i.e. coaches, sponsors, etc.

BUS SAFETY AND PRACTICE

Safety is our ultimate priority in everything we do.
The right of students to ride school buses is conditioned on their good behavior and observance of the following rules and regulations. Any student who violates any of these regulations should be reported to the school principal.

- Riding a school bus is a privilege. Students can be suspended or entirely removed from riding the bus.
- Improper conduct on the buses will result in that privilege being denied.
- **To control capacity and ensure our students' safety, bus assignments will be made at the beginning of the school year and CANNOT be changed daily. A transportation form needs to be filled out to ensure your student will be able to ride a school bus. In case of a change of address or long-term care provider (NOT DAILY), a new transportation form should be completed in the front office. If your child needs to ride a different bus or be a car rider for one day,**

please contact the school before noon so that your child can be notified and/or given a bus pass for a different bus. Any concerns or changes, please see Mrs. Leigha Ellingburg or Ms. Chris Roberts.

- A school bus driver/monitor represents the school authority and is responsible for the passengers on the bus.
- The driver/monitor has supervision and authority over the passengers.
- The driver/monitor must require passengers to follow certain rules of behavior.
- No food or drinks are allowed on the school buses.
- Students shall obey the driver cheerfully and promptly.
- Students shall occupy the space designated for them by the driver.
- Pupils shall be on time as buses cannot wait for those who are not on time.
- Pupils shall observe the following:
    - Never stand in the road while waiting for the bus;
    - Refrain from spitting on the floor of bus;
    - Do not throw waste paper or trash on the floor of the bus;
    - Abstain from the use of tobacco, vapes, and profane or indecent language;
    - Keep arms and head inside the bus at all times;
    - Remain seated at all times;
    - Respect others on the bus and those whom the bus passes; and
    - Report any damage to the bus to the driver at once.
- Pupils who must cross the road before entering or after leaving the bus should pass in front of the bus and not behind it.
- Pupils shall not be permitted under any circumstances to bring anything on the bus that might frighten someone or distract the driver's attention.
- Pupils shall not bring firearms, weapons, or explosives on the school bus at any time.

- Should any pupil violate or persist in violating any of these regulations, it shall be the duty of the driver to notify the principal.
- Parents are not allowed on the bus for any reason during Pick up and drop off.

If any of these bus rules and regulations are violated, the following will occur (at principal discretion):

1st offense – The principal will conference with student and notify the parent/guardian.

2nd offense – The student will be suspended from the bus for 3 days.

3rd offense – The student will be suspended from the bus for 5 days.

4th offense – The student will be suspended from the bus for 10 days.

Items 1-4 are guidelines. More serious offenses, such as fighting or destruction of property, will be handled as regular school offenses and will result in bus suspension while that punishment is carried out.
Parents or guardians are responsible for getting students who are suspended from the bus to and from school each day.

STUDENT DRIVING REGULATIONS

- All students at Fulton County High School who possess a valid Kentucky driver's license may be approved to drive on campus. (Students may be asked to present their valid driver's license.)
- **Upon arriving at school, students must immediately leave their vehicles and enter the school building through the front doors of the high school. No one is allowed to enter through the side entrance of the high school.**

- **Students are not allowed to return to their vehicles at any time during the school day without permission from the principal or school secretary.**
- Parking is allowed in DESIGNATED spaces only. Students should park on the end closest to the Four Rivers Career Academy. Vehicles are not allowed on the grass.
- All vehicles should be locked during the day.
- The parking lot is considered an Off Limit Area.
- No speeding is allowed on campus.
- Fulton County High School will follow the NO Pass NO Drive laws as outlined by **KRS 159.051.**

NO PASS NO DRIVE Regulation
Fulton County High School will follow the NO Pass NO Drive laws as outlined by **KRS 159.051.**

- This only applies to 16 and 17-year-olds.
- Attendance and grades from the previous semester of the school year will be used to determine non-compliance for students.
- The law results in the revocation of a student's drivers permit or license for any of three different reasons:
    1. Academic Deficiency
    2. Dropping Out of School
    3. Excessive Absences

What makes a student academically non-compliant?

1. A student with **nine or more unexcused absences in a single semester** (including absences due to out-of-school suspension) is considered non-compliant.
2. The No Pass/No Drive law defines Academic Deficiency as a "student who does not have passing grades in 66% of their courses (per semester) to be compliant with No Pass/No Drive. Since we are on a 7-period day, **students must pass 5 of the 7 classes.**
3. **If an 18-year-old student officially leaves school (voluntarily withdraws), the school or district should immediately contact the Division of Driver Licensing**

(via the web portal). This report (via web portal) should occur immediately after the student withdraws from school, not at the end of the semester.

What happens after a student is reported as noncompliant? The Transportation Cabinet will notify the student by mail "as soon as possible" that their driver's license has been revoked (usually within 10 days).

ELECTED or VOTED POSITIONS/OFFICES/ LEADERSHIP ROLES GUIDELINES

[roles that represent the school, including class officers, club officers, homecoming court, homecoming queen and king, but excluding superlatives, prom king, and prom queen]

A student...

- Must have and maintain a 2.0 overall grade point average.
- Must be a full time student.
- Must not have more than 10 (total) unexcused absences from the previous school year.
- Must have successfully advanced to the next grade level.
- Cannot have any criminal convictions and is subject to removal from office if a criminal conviction occurs during time in office.

Ballots will be counted with a minimum of two (2) FCHS staff members.

If a student leaves F.C.H.S. or is removed from office, then the office or position will be filled by the principal.

SCHOOL DANCES

- Current F.C.H.S. students and preapproved students enrolled in other high schools may attend. Past graduates (with principal approval) can only attend if they are a guest of a current F.C.H.S. student.
- All school policies and guidelines apply.
- Students may not leave the dance and return.

- Proper personal appearance will be determined by the sponsoring group with the approval of the principal.
- Obtaining chaperones is the responsibility of the sponsoring group. Chaperones will be present in the gym or other dance areas at all times.
- Guests for school dances must complete an approval form from the principal's office prior to attending the event. ALL guests are subject to the principal's approval. If a student fails to complete a form and obtain the principal's approval ahead of the event, the guest will not be admitted to the event.

TOBACCO/VAPE POLICY

The use and/or possession of tobacco or tobacco products are prohibited, and any student who violates this rule is subject to the provisions of the Student Discipline Code. E-cigarettes, vapes, and vapor items are not allowed. The rules apply to all students during school hours and at all school activities.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

This policy will be effective while any student is on the school property or is in attendance at any school sponsored event. This includes while being transported by any school vehicle. Offenders will be treated the same, regardless of the drug and/or alcohol, and regardless of whether it is the first offense or if the student has been in no prior trouble. All drugs and all alcohol, regardless of quantity, will be dealt with the same.
Procedures:

a. The student will be given due process.
b. Law officials will be called, if necessary.
c. Parents or guardians of the student will be called.
d. The student will be suspended immediately for ten (10) days or until a Board hearing.
e. The incident will be reported to the superintendent and the Board of Education.
   The recommendation will be expulsion for the remainder of the semester or year.

DISCIPLINE CODE

The following rules and regulations are not in any way used to remove routine classroom discipline from teachers. Teachers have disciplinary measures at their disposal as needed. Teachers should make fair and equal rules to use in their classroom to supplement and enhance the rules in the code of conduct.

Classroom Due Process

1. An oral request to change the behavior will be given.
2. Failure to comply will result in one of the following at the teacher's discretion (these are not in particular order):
    a. A teacher will meet with the student after school or after class.
    b. A teacher should make a contact with the parent about the behavior.
    c. A written detention or formal discipline referral will be sent to the office
    d. A student will be sent to the office for discipline.
    e. A request of the principal or designee to come to the classroom will be made.
    f. A phone call to the parent requesting a conference will be made.
    g. Any combination of the above can occur.

If a student has received the above due process and repeats the offense during subsequent class periods, the teacher can skip step a. Substitute teachers are to refer any student to the office that fails to comply with step a. The principal or their designee will administer punishment. If the principal or designee is unavailable, the office will contact the ISS monitor to retrieve the student. The student will immediately report to ISS (or face out-of-school suspension) until the principal or designee is available to investigate or administer discipline.

Suspension Due Process

Before suspension, the following must occur:

1. Oral or written notice of the charges which constitute the cause for suspension will be given.

2. The evidence supporting the charges must be explained to the pupil if he/she denies the charges.
3. The pupil must be given the opportunity to respond to the charges.

Expulsion
The board may expel any pupil from the regular school setting for misconduct as defined by law. See board policy for more details on this.

DUE PROCESS GRID

Students are guaranteed due process in all cases warranting punishment for misbehavior. This guideline includes consequences, some of which are at the principal's discretion.

OFFENSE	1ST	2ND	3RD
BULLYING	ISS (3 days). Contact Parent. Refer to Counselor.	Suspension File District Complaint	Suspension Pending School Board Decision Contact Parent Contact Police
CELL PHONES/ SMART WATCHES/ ELECTRONIC DEVICES/ EARBUDS/ HEADPHONES BEATS AIRPODS	Item turned into the principal. Parent picks up item.	Item turned into the principal. Student serves an after-school detention. Parent picks up item.	Item turned into the principal. Student serves 1 day of ISS. Parent picks up item. 4th offense: Item turned into the principal. Parent picks up item. Student cannot bring item to FCHS for remainder of year. Parent signs they understand.
Refusal to give cell phone, air pods, headphones, smart watch to teacher	Detention Contact parent	ISS (3 days) Contact Parent	ISS (3 days) Contact Parent

Inappropriate pictures/text on cell phones, Pornography or showing others the pictures/texts	Suspension Contact Parent, Contact Police	Suspension Contact Parent, Contact Police	Suspension Contact Parent, Contact Police
Inappropriate use of technology or social media. Ex. Posting/sharing a fight-video, Videoing or recording staff member, attempting to use proxies or bypass security, etc.	ISS (5 days) Contact parent. Loss of internet use or cell phone at school.	ISS (10 days) Contact Parent Loss of internet use or cell phone at school.	Suspension Contact Parent, No internet use or cell phone on campus
CHEATING ON TESTS /SCHOOL WORK	"0" on work, Contact Parent, Detention	"0" on work Contact Parent ISS (1-3)	"0" on work Contact Parent ISS (3-5)
PLAGIARISM	Student allowed to redo assignment for ½ credit. Contact parent (at discretion of teacher and parent)	"0" on work, Contact Parent	"0" on work, Contact Parent
CHRONIC POOR BEHAVIOR/ CHRONIC CLASSROOM DISRUPTION/ CHRONIC DISOBEDIENCE	Teacher Interventions (to include after school detention) ISS 3 days Contact Parent	ISS 5 or more days Contact Parent	Suspension Contact Parent

Criminal use of noxious substance, stink bomb device or irritant, with intent to interfere with another's use or premises or vehicle	ISS (3 days) Contact parent Contact police if needed	ISS (5 days) Contact parent Contact police if needed	Suspension 3 to 5 days Contact parent Contact police if needed
FALSE FIRE ALARM/ BOMB THREAT	Suspension pending School Board Decision Contact Parent Contact Police	Suspension pending School Board Decision Contact Parent Contact Police	Suspension pending School Board Decision Contact Parent Contact Police
FIGHTING	SEE	PARAGRAPH	BELOW
FORGERY	Detention	ISS Contact Parent	ISS Contact Parent 4th Time: Suspension (1-5)
GAMBLING	Detention	ISS Contact Parent	ISS (1-5) Contact Parent 4th Time: Suspension
IN CAR WITHOUT PERMISSION	ISS (1-2) Loss of Driving Privileges 1 week	ISS (2 - 3) Loss of Driving Privileges 1 month	ISS (4-5) Loss of Driving Privileges Remainder of Semester/Year
INAPPROPRIATE TOUCHING	ISS OR SUSPENSION (DEPEENDING ON SEVERITY)	SUSPENSION CRIMINAL CHARGES	SUSPENSION/ PENDING BOARD CRIMINAL CHARGES
Inappropriate comments to students	ISS (3 days) Contact parent	ISS (5 days) Contact parent	ISS or Suspension Depending on severity Contact parent
OFF LIMITS AREA	Detention	ISS Contact Parent	ISS Contact Parent
PETTING/ KISSING/PDA Hands off policy	Warning/ Detention	ISS 1-3 days Contact Parent	ISS 5 days Contact Parent
PERSONAL APPEARANCE (See explanation under dress code)	Change Clothes/Correct Violation Detention Contact Parent	Change Clothes/Correct Violation Detention Contact Parent	Change Clothes ISS Contact Parent

POSSESSION/ CONSUMPTION/ Intent to Sell/ UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS AND/OR ALCOHOL	Suspension Pending Board Decision Recommend Expulsion Contact Parent Contact Police Charges filed	Suspension Pending Board Decision Recommend Expulsion Contact Parent Contact Police Charges filed	Suspension Pending Board Decision Recommend Expulsion Contact Parent Contact Police Charges filed
PROFANITY /VULGARITY/ ETHNIC & RACIAL SLURS	Detention	ISS	ISS
PROFANITY/ VULGARITY TOWARD TEACHER OR STAFF MEMBER	Suspension 1-3 Days Contact Parent	Suspension 3-5 Contact Parent	Suspension (3-5) Pending School Board Decision Contact Parent
RECKLESS DRIVING	Loss of Driving Privileges for the Remainder of the semester Contact Parent	Loss of Driving Privileges for the Remainder of the Year Contact Parent	Loss of Driving Privileges for the Remainder of the Year Contact Parent
SEXUAL HARRASSMENT or ANY type of Harassment SEXUAL COMMENTS or SEXUAL JOKES	ISS or Suspension (Depending on Severity)	Suspension Criminal Charges	Suspension/Pending School Board Decision Criminal Charges
SKIPPING CLASS/ LEAVING CLASS WITHOUT PERMISSION	ISS (1-3) Contact Parent	ISS (3-5) Contact Parent	ISS or Suspension Contact Parent
SKIPPING DETENTION	ISS (1)	ISS (2)	ISS (3)

SKIPPING SCHOOL/NOT PREARRANGED ABSENCE AS DETERMINED BY THE PRINCIPAL/ LEAVING SCHOOL WITHOUT PERMISSION	Detention or ISS Contact Parent	ISS (1-5) Contact Parent	Suspension (1-2) Contact Parent
STEALING	Suspension (3 days) Contact Parent Possible Police Contact	Suspension (5 days) Contact Parent Contact Police	Suspension Pending School Board Decision Contact Parent Contact Police
TARDIES to class	4th -6th Detention Each Time	7 or more ISS (1 day PER TARDY)	
THREATS - WRITTEN OR VERBAL	Call in threat assessment team Suspension-pending board decision (depending on severity of incident) Contact parent Contact law enforcement	Call in threat assessment team Suspension-pending board decision (depending on severity of incident) Contact parent Contact law enforcement	Call in threat assessment team Suspension- pending board decision (depending on severity of incident) Contact parent Contact law enforcement
ASSAULT OF A STAFF MEMBER OR Physical Aggression toward Staff	Suspension Pending board hearing for expulsion	Suspension Pending board hearing for expulsion	Suspension Pending board hearing for expulsion

THREATS TO SHOOT OR KILL/ POSSESSION OF WEAPON (police will be contacted)	Suspension Pending Board Decision for Expulsion Contact Parent	Suspension Pending Board Decision for Expulsion Contact Parent	Suspension Pending Board Decision for Expulsion Contact Parent
Habitually UNPREPARED FOR CLASS	Detention Parent contact	ISS (3 days) Contact Parent	ISS (5) Contact Parent
USE/ POSSESSION OF TOBACCO Includes E-cigs & vape or vapor products	ISS (5 days) Contact Parent Smoking/ Vape Curriculum Charges can be filed	ISS (10 days) Contact Parent Smoking/Vape Curriculum Charges can be filed	Suspension (1-5) Contact Parent Smoking/Vape Curriculum Charges can be filed
VANDALISM/ Destruction OF PERSONAL AND/OR SCHOOL PROPERTY	ISS Contact Parent Contact Police Restitution	Suspension (1-3 days) Contact Parent Contact Police Restitution	Suspension (2-5 days) Pending School Board Decision Restitution

**** Discipline is at the discretion of the principal or her designee.**

FIGHTING

The penalty for being involved in a fight, defined as the use of physical force, will be the following:

1. First offense - 3-day suspension, and/or ISS[In-School Suspension] placement at principal's discretion & parent conference. Police will be contacted AND criminal charges could be filed.
2. Second offense - 5 day suspension, and/or ISS placement at principal's discretion and a pre-expulsion conference with parent/guardian. Police will be contacted AND criminal charges will be filed
3. Third offense - Student will be suspended pending Board action toward expulsion for the remainder of the semester or academic school year. Police will be contacted and criminal charges will be filed.

Additional disciplinary action may be taken if it is evident that one student acted in an overtly aggressive manner.

All punishments for fighting will be left to the discretion of the principal.

Students who instigate fights or are heard by a faculty member to attempt to instigate a fight, but are not actively involved (that is, students who carry rumors, put others up to fighting, carrying information back and forth between other individuals who subsequently fight), submit themselves to the same penalties as those who are involved in the fight. Students not using physical force, yet engaged in verbal confrontation causing a crowd to gather in a disorderly manner, will be subject to disciplinary action.

Students who are intimidated or harassed by another student should report that to a teacher or administrator. Students who intimidate or harass another student are subject to disciplinary action.

Disciplinary action taken for fighting is cumulative for students from the time they enter 9th grade until they leave 12th grade. For example, if a student is disciplined for the first offense as a freshman and is involved in fighting again as a junior, discipline will be for the second offense. **In summary, Fighting/ Harassment will not be tolerated**.

WEAPONS: POSSESSION AND/OR USE

Carrying, bringing, using, or possessing any dangerous or deadly weapon in any school building, on school grounds, in any school vehicle, or at any school-sponsored activity is prohibited. Such weapons include but are not limited to any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, air gun or spring gun; slingshot; booby trap device; brass knuckles; artificial knuckles of any kind; knives; mace, pepper spray, or similar products; or any other object that is carried for the purpose of inflicting injury on another. Employees of the District shall promptly make a report to the principal or superintendent, and they shall make a report to the local police department, sheriff, or Kentucky State Police, by

telephone or otherwise, if they know or have reasonable cause to believe that conduct has occurred which constitutes the carrying, possession, or use of a deadly weapon on the school premises, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored event. Employees who receive information from a student or other person regarding conduct required to be reported shall report the conduct in the same manner as stated above. Violators shall be reported to a law enforcement agency.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

In a search and seizure situation, the following procedures shall be followed:

A. Lockers and desks are property of the school and are subject to the Board's regulation and supervision. Locker/desk inspection or searches are not carried out as harassment technique but as a duty when the health, safety, or welfare of students is involved.
B. A student will only be searched when there is reasonable suspicion that the student is concealing evidence of an illegal act or school violation.
C. Anything on school property is subject to random searches. Drug dogs can and may be utilized to assist. This will include, but is not limited to purses, backpacks, lockers, and personal vehicles.

All items that have been seized will be turned over to proper authorities or returned to the true owner, depending on the situation.

DETENTION

Detention will be instituted for a period of one hour in length beginning at 7:00 a.m. or 3:00 p.m. on Mondays or Wednesdays at the discretion of the principal. A student assigned detention will be given a written notice of the date to attend. It is the responsibility of the student to make proper arrangements to attend the detention. Transportation is the responsibility of the student.

- Students will bring the proper classroom assignments and materials with them to detention. The supervising

teacher has the discretion of assigning work to those students who do not bring their own materials with them. If the student does not complete these assignments, he/she may be assigned an additional detention.

- Sleeping, talking, putting one's head down, passing notes, etc. are not permitted. Violations of these rules will result in the assignment of additional time in detention, or the student will be asked to leave detention by the supervising teacher. The teacher will notify the principal, and the student will be assigned ISS.
- If a student misses detention, he/she will be assigned ISS.
- If a student is late to detention, an additional detention will be assigned.

Offenses that merit detention:

1. Tardy to class
2. Class disruption
3. Improper lunchroom behavior

The above list is not all-inclusive, but is examples of unacceptable behavior.

This policy does not attempt to do away with suspensions as a viable alternative for discipline when appropriate. Violations such as profanity directed toward a teacher, attacking a teacher, insubordination, willful disobedience, vulgarity, abusive language, belligerence, or other acts which disrupt the educational process of others and/or pose a direct threat to the safety of others will necessitate suspension or expulsion.

ON-CAMPUS/IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS)

Fulton County Schools defines In-School Suspension (ISS) as a program that is self-contained in a classroom that is isolated from the rest of the school environment. It is designed as an alternative to disciplinary action including suspension. Any violation of school policy within ISS will result in possible days added to the initial assignment, suspension, or other alternative education assignments. When a student has been assigned ISS, a

written notice is given to the student, and parents will be notified.

Students can be assigned to the on-campus ISS program for periods of time, including one class period per day up to the entire day for multiple days per assignment.

- Students will be assigned to ISS for one (1) to ten (10) days by the building principal. The principal will make the assignment in compliance with adopted SBDM Council policies and procedures.
- Once assigned to ISS students are responsible to the ISS teacher and paraeducators.
- Once he/she arrives in the ISS classroom, the student will be there all day. If a student leaves school for any reason (excused or unexcused), they will be required to make up another day in ISS. Students in the on-campus ISS program will receive credit for all academic work completed there.
- A student may be assigned to ISS for a period longer than ten (10) days when this extended assignment is determined to be in the best interest of the assigned student and/or other students.
- The building principal can request a conference with the district superintendent and a student's parent/guardian if there is reason to consider assigning a student to ISS for more than ten (10) days. The superintendent will conduct a hearing and determine if a student should be placed in this program for an extended period of time.
- Students are expected to complete all assigned academic work and tasks, to follow all rules and expectations of the ISS teacher and paraeducators, and to comply with all rules and expectations of the Fulton County Board of Education Students Code of Conduct.
- If a student does not complete all assigned academic work or does not comply with all rules and expectations during the assigned days, additional days can be recommended by the ISS teacher and approved by the building principal.

- **If a student is in ISS and has an athletic event that night, they will not be allowed to participate in that sporting event.**

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION PROGRAM RULES

- When students who are assigned to ISS arrive at school in the mornings, they will go directly to the gym to sit with the ISS monitor. When the 7:55 A.M. bell rings, the ISS monitor will take the student to the cafeteria for breakfast and then go directly to ISS. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria in between the two regular lunch periods.
- There will be two supervised breaks during the day. Students will be allowed to use the restroom and get a drink of water. No student will be allowed outside the designated ISS area of the building.
- Students will not be dismissed during the day for any reason, i.e., locker, telephone, etc.
- Students will not communicate in any way to any other students in the room by whispering, writing notes, etc.
- Students will not put their heads down and/or sleep.
- No music devices, games, magazines, newspapers, or other recreational articles will be allowed in the room, unless assigned by a teacher.
- No food, gum, or beverage will be brought into the ISS room, except for breakfast and lunch.
- Work for ISS will be assigned by the staff. The supervisor may assign extra meaningful work to reinforce learning in subject areas. Work will begin immediately at 8 A.M. and continue until the end of the school day.
- It is the **student's responsibility** to bring books, paper, pencils, and any other necessary classroom materials to ISS.
- Students will respect school property by not putting their feet on the walls, chairs, or any other furniture, and by not writing on school property. No type of vandalism will be tolerated.

- Students cannot have cell phones on them in ISS. If they have a cell phone, it must be turned into ISS supervisor and will be returned to the student at the end of the day. An extra day will be assigned if this policy is not followed by the student.

Extra days in ISS may be given if students do the following:

- Engage in any type of vandalism toward school property
- Copy homework or cheat on a test
- Leave early or are tardy
- Violate dress code
- Refuse or neglect to work on and complete assignments
- Come to ISS with food or drink
- Write or pass notes
- Act in a way that is disruptive to the classroom environment or disrespectful to the supervisor or other students

Students will be sent home from ISS (resulting in out of school suspension) for the following:

- Defiant behavior
- Inappropriate language
- Fighting
- Drugs or alcohol
- Leaving without permission

SUSPENSION

A student who is suspended is not allowed on campus and cannot attend any school related activities - including activities held at other locations inside or outside the District. In the event that a student is suspended from school, the following procedures will be used.

A written notice of the rule which has been violated shall be provided to the student. Parents will be notified by phone or mail. Written notification will also be sent to the superintendent's office. The student will be given an explanation of the evidence of the violation. The student will be

given an opportunity to present his/her own version of the violation.

Students who are suspended will receive a zero [0] for all missed work.

Special Note: Any time a student is suspended from school, a parent conference must be held before the student may return to school. This conference be in person or via telephone.

EXPULSION

The Board of Education of any school district may expel any pupil for misconduct, 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 school board. If an expulsion occurs, the student is not allowed on campus or at any school related activities.

NON-ATHLETIC EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Academic Team
Beta Club
Future Farmers of America (FFA)
Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
Skills USA
Student Advisory Council (SAC)
Pilot Army
Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
Educators Rising Club
Bass Fishing Club
The Pilot Way Club
FCCLA

ATHLETICS

Volleyball, Golf, Football, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Track, Baseball, Softball, Esports

BULLYING/HAZING - STUDENTS A09.422

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, FULTON COUNTY students are required to speak and behave in a civil manner toward 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 student 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 education process or intrude upon the rights of others. Students who violate this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Bullying Defined

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.

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. [2]

Reports
As provided in the Fulton County School District's 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.

Employees are expected to take reasonable and prudent action in situations involving student welfare and safety, including following District policy requirements for intervening and reporting to the principal or to their immediate supervisor those situations that threaten, harass, or endanger the safety of students, other staff members, or visitors to the school or District. Such instances shall include, but are not limited to, bullying or hazing of students and harassment/discrimination of staff, students, or visitors by any party.

Students who believe they have been a victim of bullying or who have observed other students being bullied shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, report it.

The District Code shall specify to whom reports of alleged instances of bullying or hazing shall be made. In serious instances of peer-to-peer bullying/hazing/harassment, employees must report to the alleged victim's principal, as directed by Board policy 09.42811. The principal/designee shall investigate and address alleged incidents of such misbehavior.
In certain cases, employees must do the following:

[1] Report bullying and hazing to appropriate law enforcement authorities as required by policy 09.2211; and
[2] Investigate and complete documentation as required by policy 09.42811 covering federally protected areas.

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.

TERRORISTIC THREATENING

Our most important function in Fulton County High School is to provide the safest learning environment possible for all our students and school staff members. Therefore, we are following the direction of the Kentucky Center for School Safety's mandate that we inform parents of the severity of terroristic threatening.

Please read the terroristic threatening letter at the end of this handbook.

THE F.C.H.S. WAY

The "FCHS WAY" is a positive behavior intervention that will be incorporated into everything we do at Fulton County High School. We have high expectations for ALL students and staff and will celebrate positive behaviors! We are looking forward to a GREAT year!

PUBLIC NOTICES

Please read all letters, public notices, and supplemental information on the following pages at the end of this handbook.

July 1, 2021

Fulton County School District Parents and Staff,

Fulton County School District knows you are concerned about asbestos safety. We are happy to report that all of our facilities have been thoroughly inspected and there are no asbestos-containing materials per AHERA regulations in any of our buildings.

However, Kentucky and federal law requires that we notify you annually that we maintain an asbestos management plan for our school district. The plan is available at our Central Office and in each school building. You are welcome to inspect and copy this plan during regular business hours. If you have any questions about our asbestos program, please call Dale Jackson, Asbestos Designated Person for our district at (270) 236-3923 ext. 5004.

Sincerely,
Dale Jackson, Director of Maintenance

Fulton County Schools

Notice to Guardians Regarding Terroristic Threatening

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our most important function in Fulton County is to provide the safest learning environment possible for all of our students and school staff members.

Unfortunately, in recent years, Kentucky's P-12 schools have experienced an escalation of terroristic threats being made by students with intent to do harm to either other students or school staff members. Plainly stated, these are threats being made to shoot people or detonate bombs with lethal intent. In fact, between January 23rd and April 30th of last school year (2018), Kentucky schools experienced (294) terroristic threats that caused widespread fear throughout the school's community and resulted in total disruption to the educational process. In many of those cases, school officials and law enforcement officials were forced to close schools to investigate the threats that had been made. In other cases, school attendance plummeted for days after the threat was made. Many school leaders have said that the emotional, instructional, and financial impacts of these acts are incalculable.

Terroristic Threating in the second degree is defined in state law (KRS 508.078)
(1) A person is guilty of terroristic threatening in the second degree when, other than as provided in KRS 508.075, he or she intentionally:
b) Makes false statements by any means, including by electronic communication, for the purpose of:
1. Causing evacuation of a school building, school property, or school-sanctioned activity;
2. Causing cancellation of school classes or school-sanctioned activity; or
3. Creating fear of serious bodily harm among students, parents, or school personnel

(For the complete text for KRS 508.078 please see the back of this page.)

Such threats to our students and school staff are totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated. As a result, the purpose of this letter is to notify all parents and guardians that school district officials (in coordination with responding law enforcement agencies) will pursue immediate legal charges for felony terroristic threatening in the second degree, to the absolute fullest extent of the law, against anyone who makes such threats, including students. Moreover, we will advocate to our highest ability that the prosecution of these individuals be swift and their punishment be severe.

Our approach to eliminating terroristic threatening in our school and district is strong and unwavering, and as a result, it is imperative that you discuss this critically important matter with your student as soon as possible. School and law enforcement officials are determined to put a halt to these willful acts of terrorism being made toward our students. Please do your part to ensure that your student never becomes a party to such an offense by educating him/her on the seriousness of its consequences.

Together we can prevent this unnecessary, dangerous, and disruptive crime from victimizing our schools. I appreciate your partnership in keeping our school the safest place for your student to learn and grow.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your school principal at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Principal Ashton Giles, F.C.E.S .
Principal Tiea Cross-Davis, F.C.M.S.
Principal Chris Roberts, F.C.H.S.
Principal Bret Johnson, Four Rivers Career Academy

PLEASE CAREFULLY REVIEW DETAILS OF KRS 508.078

Definitions of Terroristic Threatening:

508.078 Terroristic threatening in the second degree.

(1) A person is guilty of terroristic threatening in the second degree when, other than as provided in KRS 508.075, he or she intentionally:

(a) With respect to any scheduled, publicly advertised event open to the public, any place of worship, or any school function, threatens to commit any act likely to result in death or serious physical injury to any person at a scheduled, publicly advertised event open to the public, any person at a place of worship, or any student group, teacher, volunteer worker, or employee of a public or private elementary or secondary school, vocational school, or institution of postsecondary education, or to any other person reasonably expected to lawfully be on school property or at a school-sanctioned activity, if the threat is related to their employment by a school, or work or attendance at school, or a school function. A threat directed at a person or persons at a scheduled, publicly advertised event open to the public, place of worship, or school does not need to identify a specific person or persons or school in order for a violation of this section to occur;

(b) Makes false statements by any means, including by electronic communication, for the purpose of:
1. Causing evacuation of a school building, school property, or school-sanctioned activity;
2. Causing cancellation of school classes or school-sanctioned activity; or
3. Creating fear of serious bodily harm among students, parents, or school personnel;

(c) Makes false statements that he or she has placed a weapon of mass destruction at any location other than one specified in KRS 508.075; or
(d) Without lawful authority places a counterfeit weapon of mass destruction at any location other than one specified in KRS 508.075.
(2) A counterfeit weapon of mass destruction is placed with lawful authority if it is placed as part of an official training exercise by a public servant, as defined in KRS 522.010.
(3) A person is not guilty of commission of an offense under this section if he or she, innocently and believing the information to be true, communicates a threat made by another person to school personnel, a peace officer, a law enforcement agency, a public agency involved in emergency response, or a public safety answering point and identifies the person from whom the threat was communicated, if known.
(4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, terroristic threatening in the second degree is a Class D felony.
(5) Terroristic threatening in the second degree is a Class C felony when, in addition to violating subsection (1) of this section, the person intentionally engages in substantial conduct required to prepare for or carry out the threatened act, including but not limited to gathering weapons, ammunition, body armor, vehicles, or materials required to manufacture a weapon of mass destruction.

Penalties
Violating a Class D felony (adult) 1-5 years imprisonment (KRS 532.020) and/or $1,000-$10,000 fine (KRS 532.020).
Violating a Class C felony (adult), 5-10 years imprisonment (KRS 532.020) and/or $1,000-$10,000 fine (KRS 532.020).
Violating a felony (juvenile) fine not to exceed $500 (KRS 635.085), with fine assessed at the court's discretion in lieu of commitment to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Student's Signature	Parent's Signature	Date

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June 23, 2026

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Sections 112(e)(2)(A)-(B) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires the following regarding testing transparency.

(2) TESTING TRANSPARENCY. –

(A) IN GENERAL. –At the beginning of each school year, a local education agency that receives funds under this part shall notify the parents of each students attending any school receiving funds under this part that the parents may request, and the local educational agency will provide the parents on request (and in a timely manner), information regarding any State or local educational agency policy regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by section 1111(b)(2) and by the State or local educational agency, which shall include a policy, procedure or parental right to opt the child out of such assessment, where applicable.

(B) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. – Subject to subparagraph (C), each local educational agency that received funds under this part shall make widely available through public means (including by posting in a clear and easily accessible manner on the local educational agency's website and, where practicable, on the website of each school served by the local educational agency) for each grade served by the local educational agency, information on each assessment required by the State to comply with section 1111, other assessments required by the State, and where such information is available and feasible to report, assessments required districtwide by the local educational agency, including –

i. the subject matter assessed;
ii. the purpose for which the assessment is designed and used;
iii. the source of the requirement for the assessment; and
iv. where such information is available – (I) the amount of time students will spend taking the assessment, and the schedule for the assessment; and (II) the time and format for disseminating results.

Information about these requirements can be found on the Kentucky Department of Education's Assessments webpage (https://education.ky.gov/AA/Assessments/Pages/default.aspx). For further questions or to obtain a hard copy of this material please direct your inquiry to Dianne Owen, District Assessment Coordinator.

Sincerely,

Ellen Murphy
Superintendent

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June 23, 2026

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The educators in the Fulton County district are committed to providing a quality instructional program for your child. This letter is just one of the ways of keeping you informed of the educational commitment of our schools and our district.

Our district received funds for Title I and Title II programs as a part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Under ESSA, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teacher(s). If you request this information the district will provide you with the following:

1) Whether the teacher has met the state requirements for licensure and certification for the grade levels and subject matters in which the teacher provides instruction;
2) Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
3) The college major and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
4) Whether your child is provided services by Para educators, and if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to request this information, please contact Dianne Owen at 270.236.3923 or dianneowen@fulton.kyschools.us. Please include your child's name, the names of your child's teacher(s) and an address or email address where the information can be sent. Thank you for your interest and involvement in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Tamra Parker and Sondra Gibbs
Title Coordinators

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School – Family Compact
Fulton County High School
School Year 2026-2027

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Fulton County High students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, agree that this compact outlines how the families, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement as well as describes how school and families will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

Please sign and data below to acknowledge that you have read, received, and agree to this School-Family Compact. Once signed, please return the form to your child's teacher. A copy of the compact can be located in the school handbook and on the school webpage at www.fulton.kyschools.us. The School-Family Compact will be discussed with you throughout the year at different school-family events as we work together to help your child succeed in school. We look forward to our school-family partnership!

School Representative Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____