

Changes to the Cleburne County Student Code of Conduct 2023-2024

Dress Code

- 1) On any high school campus, lower-body garments (such as shorts, skirts, etc.) may not be shorter than the length of a dollar bill from the top of the knee.
- 2) Dress code for all grades should be followed based upon the school site configuration (i.e. K-6, K-4, 5-12, 5-7, 8-12).
- 3) Students in grades K through twelve will not be permitted to wear halter-tops, spaghetti strap or razor back tank tops, midriff tops, strapless tops, open-backed, cleavage revealing tops, transparent clothing (**undergarments may not be seen**), clothing with suggestive words or phrases, controversial writings, drawings, and decals.
- 4) Pajama pants and lounging pants are not allowed. Leggings, yoga pants, and tights may be worn with a top meeting the length requirement of fingertip length when hands are placed by your side.
- 5) ADD: Hair below the eyebrow should be worn in a way that the student's eyes are visible. Hair pullbacks may be used to keep the hair above the eyebrows.
- 6) ADD: In grades third through sixth, lower body garments (such as shorts, skirts, etc.) must be fingertip length when standing.
- 7) Dress code violation guidelines

It is the obligation of the students to maintain their appearance in a manner that reflects well of themselves and the school. It is their responsibility, as well as that of their parents, to see that they are properly dressed and well-groomed. Violations of the dress code will follow these guidelines:

1st Offense – Warning and remedy the violation

2nd Offense – The remainder of the day in ISS

3rd Offense – One day ISS

4th Offense – 2 days ISS

5th Offense – 3 days ISS

6th Offense and above will be considered Defiance of School Rules and the student will be suspended from schools as a minimum punishment.

ANY student who does not comply with these guidelines must be referred by school employees to the school administration.

Cell Phone/Electronics/Bluetooth Devices Specifics to Discipline

ADD: In every case, parents will be required to come to school to pick up the phones. Phones will only be released to parents or guardians.

1st Offense – 1 day of ISS

2nd Offense – 2 days of ISS

3rd Offense – 3 days of ISS

4th Offense and above will be considered Defiance of School Rules and the student will be suspended from school as a minimum punishment.

Vaping

Add vaping as a Class III Offense – Drugs-unauthorized possession, transfer, use or sale of drugs/vapes and electronic cigarettes or drug paraphernalia (use includes using before arrival to school or school-sponsored event)

Semester Exam Schedule

All teachers administer semester exams on the date(s) scheduled. Exemptions: Students in grades 8-12 meeting either of the requirements prescribed below will be exempt from taking the semester test in each class for which the standard is met: 1) A numerical grade of 90 or above. 2) A numerical grade of 80-89 with no more than 2 days of absence, tardiness, or check-out. 3) A numerical grade of 70-79 with only 1 day of absence, tardiness, or check-out. In the event a student qualifying for the test exemption chooses to take a test, the result will be counted for the purpose of raising the grade only. The pre-test average will not be lowered regardless of the test result.

Math Categories

8th grade 70% Test 30% Other – Omit the 10% Assessment Category

Dual Enrollment

- 1) Remove: A student may not take more than 2 dual enrollment courses per semester.
- 2) ADD: And grade “D” or below will place the student on academic probation meaning that students are not allowed to take dual enrollment classes during the probation semester.

Check-in/Check-out

Students in grades K-6 must attend 51% of the day to be counted as present for the day. Students in grades 7-12 must attend 51% of a period to be counted present.

Excused Absences

After the eighth (8th) parent excused absence, a doctor's excuse, legal excuse, or an excuse pertaining to a death in the family must be submitted to the appropriate school within three (3) days of the student's return to school.

Food Safety

All baked items to be served to students during the school day must be store-bought in original containers or purchased from a licensed baker (business). These containers must contain a list of ingredients and nutritional values that are on the packaging or supplied by that specific business per state mandate.

CNP

For School Year 2023-2024, Cleburne County Schools will participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The Community Eligibility Provision allows for meals at no cost for all students based on overall economic status. It eliminates the need for free or reduced meal applications. There is nothing for parents and guardians to do! No applications or additional information is required; however, if you think you may qualify for Summer EBT cards, an income form will need to be completed. Income forms can be accessed through the Linq Connect portal on the Cleburne County Schools website. If you have questions about the income form, please call Amie Brinkley, CNP Bookkeeper, @ 256.463.5624, ext. 5910.

CEP is a key provision of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, which allows schools and school districts in low-income areas to eliminate school meal applications and serve breakfast and lunch at no charge to all enrolled students. CEP gives food service professionals more time to focus on preparing nutritious meals that their students will enjoy and gives students more time to eat those meals by cutting down on time spent in the lunch line. More importantly, by offering all students a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost, CEP helps ensure more students come to class well-nourished and ready to learn.

Children need healthy meals to learn. Cleburne County Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast and lunch meals will follow the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines for healthy school meals, so please encourage students to participate. "In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability.

PREPAID MEAL ACCOUNTS

The **Linq Connect** portal is a secure online payment portal between parents and Cleburne County Schools that allows parents to put funds into their children's school meal account in real time and view student meal activity. Payments are made instantaneously to the Point of Sale terminal. It is free to register, view transaction and meal history and receive email notifications of low balances. *If money is added to the student's account, the parent pays a small transaction fee.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PRICES 2023-2024**					
Breakfast	Reduced	Full Price	Lunch	Reduced	Full Price
Student (K-12)	\$0.30	\$1.75	Student (K-12)	\$0.40	\$2.75
Faculty/Staff		\$3.00	Faculty/Staff		\$4.50
Visiting Adult		\$3.50	Visiting Adult		\$5.00
Visiting Child		\$3.00	Visiting Child		\$4.50

**Parents/Guardians will not have to add money to your students meal account unless they want to purchase additional entrees or a la carte items as these items CANNOT be charged.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Cleburne County Annual Notification Regarding School Provided or Sponsored Mental Health Services

The school system provides or sponsors the following mental health services:

1. **Large group guidance** - includes school counselor or professional visiting the classroom to discuss topics such as bullying, class scheduling, stress management, test anxiety or guest speakers to discuss good choices, substance abuse prevention, etc.
2. **Small group guidance** - includes small group of students with school counselor or professional to discuss topics such as test anxiety, grief, healthy coping skills, etc.
3. **Mentoring** - If the school provides a school mentoring program, a mentor may work with students in school on topics such as friendships, healthy relationships, anger management, and anxiety. Parent or legal guardian's permission will be obtained before the student is allowed to join a mentoring program.
4. **Assessments or Surveys** - includes questionnaires provided to students related to social behaviors, feelings, etc. Parent or legal guardian's permission will be obtained if said assessment/survey asks questions pertaining to that specific child's personal mental health.
5. **Crisis intervention** - short-term, immediate assistance by school counselor or professional for a specific situation.
6. **School-Based Individual Counseling** - on-going counseling services by school professionals or private practitioners in the school setting. Parent or legal guardian's permission will be obtained before services are provided.

Review of Materials

You may request to review any materials used in the guidance and counseling programs available to students by contacting the student's principal.

Information Regarding How to Allow, Limit, or Prevent Your Child's Participation in Mental Health Services

Under Alabama law, no student under the age of fourteen may participate in ongoing school counseling services including, but not limited to, mental health services, unless (1) the student's parent or legal guardian has submitted a written opt-in granting permission for the student to participate or (2) there is an imminent threat to the health of the student or others.

If your child is under fourteen, they will participate in mental health services that include instructional activities designed to educate students regarding topics related to mental health that are contained in the Cleburne county's approved curriculum or otherwise required to be taught by law (e.g., Erin's Law; Jason Flatt Act).

"Mental health services" included for the purposes of this policy include services, treatment, surveys, or assessments related to the child's personal mental health. For a student under the age of fourteen to participate in these mental health services, written permission by the student's parent or legal guardian is required annually. The written permission must be specific as to any treatment and not broad in nature. In order for a student to participate in these activities, the parent or legal guardian will be contacted by school officials to obtain written (opt-in) permission. The school official may also provide the parent or legal guardian with information regarding outside agency mental health service providers. A parent or guardian may rescind permission for a student to participate in such services at any time by providing written notice to the school principal. The parent shall have the authority to make final decisions regarding any such recommended counseling for any student under the age of 14.

Even if you do not opt-in to mental health services, your child may be provided mental health services if there is an imminent threat to their health or others. School employees may determine in their discretion whether such an imminent threat exists and provide any mental health services they deem necessary under the circumstances.

Parent of students with disabilities: Please note that the opt-in process is not applicable to any school counseling services or "mental health services" contained in a student's IEP or §504 plan. Consent for those services will be obtained and information regarding your child's mental health services will be provided through the usual special education process.