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WHITE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL 2010-2011

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This agenda belongs to:

Name_____

Address_____

City/Town_____

State_____ ZIP_____

Phone_____

Grade_____ Student Number_____

Homeroom Advisor_____



WHITE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of White County High School is to create a secure and safe environment for students' learning in academic and career skills that will help all students lead productive and fulfilling adult lives in a progressive and sophisticated world.

In order to realize this mission we believe:

Each student is a valued individual with unique physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs.

A safe and physically comfortable environment fosters student learning.

Administrators, teachers, parents, students, and the community share the responsibility for advancing the school's mission.

Students learn best when they are actively involved in the learning process and apply their learning in meaningful decision-making processes.

Students' educational needs should be the primary focus of all decisions and policies impacting the function of the school.

The commitment to continuous improvement is essential if our school is going to enable students to become responsible, self-directed, lifelong learners.

Students learn in different ways and should be provided with a variety of instruction and assessment to support their learning.

All students can learn, and exceptional students require special services and resources.



ALMA MATER
On old Sparta's western border,
Reared against the sky
Proudly stands our Alma Mater,
As the years roll by.

Chorus

Forward ever be our watchword
Conquer and prevail
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
HIGH SCHOOL! ! ALL HAIL! !
Cherished by her sons and daughters,
Memories sweet shall throng,
Around our hearts, Our Alma Mater,
As we sing this song.

Chorus

Forward ever be our watchword
Conquer and prevail
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
HIGH SCHOOL! ! ALL HAIL! !

It is the policy of the White County School System not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age or disability in its educational programs or employment policies as required by Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Pay Act of 1973, Title IX (1972 Educational Amendments), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Inquiries or complaints regarding compliance with Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 or the Americans with Disability Act should be directed to:

Title VI and Title IX Coordinators
White County School System
Kem Marcum
And/or
Dr. May Alice Ridley, Director
Office of Civil Rights
Tennessee Department of Education
And/or
The Office of Civil Rights
U.S. Department of Education
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CALENDAR OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS 2010-2011

The dates listed should be considered tentative and used for planning purposes only:

August 12	Student Registration
August 16	First Full Day of School
August 19	Open House 3:15-6:15
September 6	Labor Day-School Closed
September 25	Football Homecoming
September 24	End 1 st Six Weeks
October 1	Report Cards
October 5	Parent/Teacher Conference
October 14-18	Fall Break
November 2	Election Day-Schools Closed
November 11	End 2 nd Six Weeks
November 18	Report Cards
November 24-26	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 17	Semester Tests
December 18	End 3 rd Six Weeks
December 18	Dismiss 9:30
January 4	Schools Reopen
January 10	Report Cards
January 17	MLK Day-School Closed
February 1	Writing Assessment
February 21	President's Day-School Closed
February 24	End 4 th Six Weeks
March 3	Report Cards
March 8	Parent/Teacher Conference
March 15	State ACT Exam Grade: 11
March 17-21	Spring Break
April 12	End 5 th Six Weeks
April 21	Report Cards
April 22-25	Easter Break-Schools Closed
April 23	Prom
May	Election Day-School Closed
May	End of Course Tests
May 25	Last day of school (9:30)

We at White County High School are committed to a common goal of helping students become the best they can be and encouraging them to accept the responsibilities and obligations of good citizenship as they prepare to take their places in a complex society. We recognize the important role parents and the community serve in achieving that goal.

The policies and procedures contained in this handbook are the results of a concerted effort on the part of the faculty and administration. This information has been carefully prepared and presented so that it will help you and your child make the best choices for activities and programs of study and become an integral part of our school.

If you have any questions, contact or come by the school. You are always welcome.

Please sign and return this page.

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I have read the Parent/Student Handbook and am aware of the policies of White County High School.

_____ Signature of Student

_____ Signature of Parent or Guardian

Comments:



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MEDICAL/PHYSICAL CONDITIONS

Please describe any medical and/or physical circumstances concerning your child of which we should be aware:

ABSENTEEISM / ADMISSION SLIPS

Students are expected to be at school and attending classes. Every effort will be made to inform parents by telephone whenever a student is absent from school. First block teachers will notify parents of a student's absence. A student must report to the office upon return to school and get an admission slip. Admission slips must be completed in ink. The admission slip should be obtained between 7:30 and 7:55 a.m. Admission slips must be signed by the classroom teacher each block the student is absent.



ACT EXAM

College entrance is becoming increasingly more difficult and competitive. Often students do not take the time to prepare for the ACT entrance exam and are then disappointed with their test results. For this reason, WCHS offers a class to help prepare students for the American College Test (ACT). The ACT test areas are English, math, science and reading.

The test dates for which you may register are:

September 11, 2010 (August 6, 2010)
October 23, 2010 (September 17, 2010)
December 11, 2010 (November 5, 2010)
February 12, 2011 (January 7, 2011)
April 9, 2011 (March 4, 2011)
June 11, 2011 (May 6, 2011)

Vouchers are available to cover the basic ACT Assessment test fee. Students may register only once with a voucher. Vouchers may be issued to students beginning with the April test of their junior year. A student who has previously taken ACT is not required to retake the exam; however, he or she may choose to retake the test and will be eligible to receive a voucher. Vouchers may be obtained from the 12th grade guidance counselor.

Seniors on the university or dual path, with less than a nineteen (19) composite on the ACT, will be required to enroll in the ACT Prep course. Students pre-registered will be allowed a schedule change if guidelines are met following pre-registration.

ANNUALS

Annuals will be ordered during the first month of school. Cost will be \$45 (no name stamp) or \$50 (name stamp). Annuals will be delivered around the first of May. If you want an annual please place an order at the beginning of the school year. There will be very few extras at the end of the year.



ARRIVAL/ DEPARTURE TO/FROM SCHOOL

Immediately after arriving at school, drivers and occupants are required to get out of the car and go to their assigned areas or classrooms. Students are not to reenter the car until officially dismissed from school unless given special permission (Orange Whale) through the office. When school is released all students must leave campus in a timely manner. No loitering in hallways or campus areas.



ARTICLES PROHIBITED AT SCHOOL

Problems arise each year because students have articles at school, which may be hazardous to the safety of others or interfere with school procedure. The following items are prohibited and will be taken from the student: any type of tape recorder/playing device, water pistols, skateboards, in-line-skates, laser devices, playing/trading cards, firearms, fireworks, mace, pepper-spray, beepers*, pagers*, electronic games and such. **(Includes students that are volunteer firefighters and/or members of any auxiliary group...**regardless of student's age.**)*

Students and visitors shall be made aware of state and local laws, which were created to insure a safe learning environment by the placement of signage at appropriate locations on the campus. Such signage shall convey the following information:

- lockers and other storage areas, containers, and packages brought into the school by students or visitors are subject to search for drugs, drug paraphernalia, dangerous weapons or any property which is not properly in the possession of the student (stolen property).
- vehicles parked on school property by students or visitors are subject to search for drugs, drug paraphernalia or dangerous weapons.
- state law prescribes a maximum penalty of six (6) years imprisonment and a fine not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for carrying weapons on school property.

ARTICLES PROHIBITED AT SCHOOL (Continued)

- no person shall enter onto the grounds or into the building of any school during the hours of student instruction, except students assigned to the school, the staff of the school, parents of students and other persons with lawful and valid business on the school premises.
- there will be zero tolerance for weapons, illegal drugs and battery.

Legal Reference: TCA 39-17-1309, TCA 49-6-2008, TCA 49-6-4017, TCA 49-6-4204, TCA 49-6-4214



Weapons & Dangerous Instruments

Students shall not possess, handle, transmit, use or attempt to use any dangerous weapon¹ in school buildings or on school grounds at any time, or in school vehicles and/or buses or off the school grounds at a school-sponsored activity, function or event.

Dangerous weapons for the purpose of this policy shall include, but are not limited to “. . .any firearm, explosive weapon, knife, bowie knife, hawk bill knife, ice pick, dagger, slingshot, switchblade knife, blackjack, knuckles . . .”¹

Students who are found to have violated this policy shall be subject to suspension for a period of not less than one (1) year. The superintendent shall have the authority to modify this suspension requirement on a case-by-case basis.²

When it is determined that a student has violated this policy, the principal of the school shall notify the student's parent or guardian and the criminal justice or juvenile delinquency system as required by law.³

Legal Reference

1. TCA 39-17-1309; U.S.C. 921
2. Gun Free Schools Act 1994, Section 14601 (1) (2)
3. TCA 49-6-4209; Gun Free Schools Act 1994, Section 14602 (a)

Drugs

Unlawful use, sale, or possession of barbital*, legend drugs, and marijuana as defined in Section 52-1201 (TCA) is prohibited on school campuses in White County. This policy includes a student coming to school under the influence of alcohol or a drug. Violation of the above by the student will result in expulsion from school.**

*barbital - -long-action barbiturate (sedative calming), hypnotic (sleep inducing) drug that acts as a central nervous system depressant. They slow down or decrease the activity of the nerves that control emotions, breathing, heart action and a number of other body functions.

legend - -a statement on the label of a drug product indicating that federal law prohibits the druggist from dispensing it except on the **prescription of a physician.

NOTE: All types of medications, including those sold over the counter, must be kept in the school nurse's possession. A medication form must be completed and placed on file. These medications are to be administered under supervision of the school nurse or an office secretary.

In addition to disciplinary action by the school, students may be prosecuted legally for the following actions:

- Sale, possession, or use of tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs on school property
- Battery/Assault on school employees (TCA 49-6-4018)

- Vandalism, graffiti, malicious misuse or destruction of school property
- False fire alarm (felony)
- Theft of school or personal property

Testing of students for drugs

A student may be subject to testing for the presence of drugs in the student's body in accordance with this section (TCA 49-6-4213) and the policy of the LEA if there are reasonable indications to the principal that such student may have used or be under the influence of drugs.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

White County High School offers fourteen varsity sports.

Fall Season: Football, Golf, Girls' Volleyball, Girls' Soccer, Cross-Country, Bowling

Winter Season -Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Swimming

Spring Season -Baseball, Softball, Boys' and Girls' Tennis, Boys' Soccer, Track

- To be eligible to participate in a TSSAA contest during any school year, a student must earn 6 (six) credits the preceding school year. Students who are ineligible first semester may gain eligibility second semester by passing 3 (three) during the first semester.
- To be eligible to participate in a game or event, a student must be present at school on the day of the event for a majority of the school day. This includes athletics, cheerleading, and band.





ATHLETIC INSURANCE

White County High School has a continuing concern about the increasing cost of medical care as it relates to the high-risk area of interscholastic sports. As a result of this concern, all students participating in interscholastic sports are covered by a plan of supplemental athletic accident coverage

ATHLETICS AND STUDENT ACCIDENT PROGRAM (EXCESS COVERAGE)

PROGRAM INCLUDES COVERAGE FOR:

- FOOTBALL
- ALL OTHER SPORTS
- CHEERLEADING
- BAND
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES
- FIELD TRIPS

Insurance coverage for students (K-12) participating in all interscholastic sports, cheerleading, band, and physical education activities, recess and field trips.

Coverage applies to:

- Scheduled Games
- Supervised practice and conditioning sessions (anytime)
- Travel to and from games and practice sessions

A written copy of “Limits and Benefits” will be provided to each participant.

CLAIM REPORTING PROCEDURE

Note: All benefits purchased by the school district are provided on a Full Excess basis for covered expenses. This means that covered expenses will be paid when they are “in excess of any other plan providing medical expense benefits.” Thus, parents must submit all bills to their primary provider first. The school policy will consider the unpaid balances for covered expenses up to the limits of the policies.

Please do not rely on the provider to file the claim. The claimant is responsible for filing the claim form and additional information.



ATHLETIC LETTERING

Requirements for earning a letter in a specified sport are as follows:

Football	Must complete season and participate in 12 or more quarters.
Basketball	1) Must complete season, unless injured 2) Must average one quarter per game 3) If team competes in state tournament, all team members earn letters
Baseball	Competition in 12 or more games (player may appear in any phase of a game to earn credit for 1 game).
Softball	Participation in 10 varsity games
Volleyball	Must play in three varsity matches (matches consisting of best two-out-of-three games to 15 points). B-team matches do not count.
Golf	1) Must complete season, unless injured 2) Must play in 75% of matches
Tennis	1) Must attend all scheduled practice sessions 2) Must play in at least two matches during a regular season. One of the matches must be a district match. The match can be singles or doubles.
Cheerleading	Must complete season, unless injured
Soccer	Participation in half of the regular season games

Only players on varsity teams are eligible to earn a letter (9th grade teams are not eligible).



ATTENDANCE POLICY

The White County Board of Education shall adhere to Tennessee State Laws pertaining to student attendance. Furthermore, the board is committed to the implementation of a student attendance policy that is non-discriminatory, discourages dropouts and encourages regular attendance.

1. To obtain credit in a class, no more than three (3) unexcused absences per term shall be permitted.
2. Following an absence, a student must present to school attendance personnel documentation explaining the absence.
3. Documentation for an absence must be made in writing by the parent(s)/guardian(s) and should include the name of the student, the date(s) he/she was absent, the reason for the absence, and parent's/guardian's signature. A statement from a health provider must specify the date(s) to be excused. Written documentation must be presented within three (3) school days.



ATTENDANCE (Continued):

4. State law specifies the reasons for which a student may be absent from school. Those valid reasons are as follows:
 - a. Personal Illness
 - b. Serious illness of an immediate family member
 - c. Court subpoena
 - d. Death in the immediate family
 - e. Observance of religious holiday
 - f. Others as approved by principal
5. All unexcused absences beyond three (3) must be made up through Saturday School, or an after-school program. Unexcused absences must be made up within ten (10) school days. Excessive absences will result in credit being withheld.
6. **Three (3) tardies will be equivalent to one unexcused absence.**
7. A student must be in attendance for at least one-half of the class period to be counted as present.
8. Once a student has missed three (3) unexcused days in a course, the teacher/principal will notify the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). Each notification will be documented by the teacher and placed in the student's record.
9. If notification of parents/guardians does not correct the student's attendance problem, the White County Attendance Supervisor will be notified.
10. After five (5) unexcused absences in a semester, the student will be referred to juvenile authorities.
11. Student suspensions will not be counted against the student in awarding grades, but will follow the procedures for unexcused absences.
12. Based on the White County High School Prior Approval Policy, the following school-related activities shall not be counted as absence from class for the purpose of this attendance policy:
 - School-related field trips
 - Special school events which may require early dismissal from school
 - Other activities initiated by and scheduled by the school.

Prior approval absences are limited to three (3) per semester.

13. As soon as a parent anticipates a student's extended absence because of a severe, prolonged, or chronic illness under a physician's care, the parent shall notify the superintendent. The superintendent shall make arrangements for homebound or other appropriate instruction. If a student completes the work as instructed by the homebound teacher, days missed will not be counted against the student for the attendance policy purposes.



ATTENDANCE (Continued):

Final Warning

It is the responsibility of parents or students to contact the school to request an attendance hearing with a school-level committee. Parents who disagree with the decision of the school committee may appeal to the White County Attendance Review Committee, appointed by the superintendent of schools. The review committee will consider the reason for excessive absences and make a decision by majority vote. Based on the decision of the committee, credit may be restored in one or more courses. Parents of students who disagree with the decision of the attendance review committee may appeal to the White County Board of Education. The decision of the White County Board of Education is final.

BULLETIN

All announcements for the bulletin must be approved by administration. Announcements must be in the office before 7:30 a.m. in order to appear on the bulletin.

BULLYING

It is the policy of White County High School to maintain a learning environment that is free from bullying. It shall be a violation of this policy for any student of WCHS to bully another student through conduct or communications.



BUS TRANSPORTATION

Students who ride the bus are subject to school regulations from the time of departure from home until they return home. Bus conduct is the responsibility of the school bus driver, the principal, the school superintendent, and the White County Board of Education.

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria is located on the main floor of our building directly in front of the main entrance. Students may select from plate lunch, a la carte, or salad bar. A "point of sale" computer system is in place at WCHS.

Each student is assigned an ID or keypad number, which they will put in at the cashier's stand. This system works like a bank in that students can deposit any amount of money into their account during the school year.

Students are required to eat in the cafeteria. Students should leave the table and surrounding area clean. Trays and utensils should be placed in the proper containers and not left on the tables. If the cafeteria is not maintained, students will lose the privilege of break. Students are not allowed to place fast food orders. Drinks are not allowed on the academic wing.



CELL PHONES

Cell phones and other electronic devices may not be used on school grounds from 7:40-3:00 except in the student parking lot. Cell phones that ring, beep, or are being used (talking or texting) will be confiscated. If a student has phone OUT in plain sight, it will be assumed that the phone is in use.

Cell phones being used to bully, harass, or threaten a student or teacher will be confiscated and possibly turned over to the School Resource Officer for investigation.

Please keep in mind that anything brought onto school grounds is subject to search by school officials, according to Tennessee state law.

Because cell phones have become disruptive to the learning environment at WCHS, the following discipline measures have been adopted:

- 1st offense**-Device placed in office and parent will pick up. Student assigned one (1) day in-school suspension.
- 2nd offense**- (3) days In-school suspension. Parent must pick up device.
- 3rd offense**- ISS (3) days and phone held for rest of the semester.

NOTE: Any student caught using a cell phone to film violent, vulgar, or offensive act will be punished as if it is their (3rd) offense and lose their phone privileges for the rest of the semester.

CHECKOUTS



The White County Board of Education believes that regular attendance is of crucial importance for educational achievement; that learning experiences which occur in the classroom are essential components of the learning process; that time lost from class tends to be irretrievable in terms of opportunity for instructional interaction; and, therefore, that each student should attend school every day. Further, the Board affirms that the primary responsibility for regular attendance resides with the parents/guardians and the individual student.

The White County Board of Education shall adhere to Tennessee State Laws pertaining to student attendance. Furthermore, the Board is committed to the implementation of a student attendance policy that is non-discriminatory, discourages dropouts, and encourages regular attendance.

1. At the beginning of the year, **each student will take home a card to be filled out by the parent/guardian.** The card will contain information to be used to verify a check-out. The card will require a list of signatures of the person(s) that have permission to check a student out of school. A fellow student can not be on someone's check-out card unless the student is an older sibling.
2. Students who bring a properly signed note from their parents for an appointment will receive a check-out slip. The note is

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to be given to a secretary in the office before 7:55 a.m. with the time for dismissal, reason for dismissal, name of dentist or doctor, and phone number at which the parent can be reached. The note will be validated by school personnel prior to check-out time. **Students cannot check out for lunch.**

3. The slip must be shown to the teacher at the beginning of the period if the student needs to be dismissed during class. The student must see his/her teacher before coming to the office for an early dismissal during class time, or between class changes.
4. **Prior to leaving school, all students must sign out in the main office.**
5. If the student returns to school that day, it is necessary to sign into school in the main office. Admission slips will be issued. The slip will be shown to that period's teacher whose class was missed.
6. The school has final authority in dismissing any student from school. Those leaving without school approval will be subject to disciplinary action.
7. **ATTENTION PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS:**
In order for any student **regardless of age** to be on their check-out card, a parent or legal guardian must come in and submit a signed letter to the front office.
8. The same policies that apply to all-day absences will apply to check-outs.
9. When tabulating attendance in a classroom setting, a checkout is classified as a tardy if the student has been in attendance for over one-half of the class.
10. **No Checking Out for Lunch.**



CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

To be classified as a sophomore, a student must have passed the number of units equal to his/her potential less 2 units. (In most cases, this would be 6 credits.)

To be classified as a junior, a student must have passed the number of units equal to his/her maximum potential less 3 units. (In most cases, this would be 13 credits.)

A student must have earned a total of twenty (20) units to be classified as a senior or be able to earn a total of 28 (twenty-eight) units. Students may enroll in only one 1/2-unit after-school/correspondence class per semester to earn additional credits needed for satisfaction of graduation requirements.



CLUBS

The following is a list of student clubs and organizations at White County High School:

Academic Bowl Team
Art Club
BETA
Business Professionals of America (BPA)
Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)
Empower Club
Environmental Club
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
Future Farmers of America (FFA)
Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
Future Teachers of America (FTA)
Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
Interact
International Club
JROTC
Maroon Maniacs
Players Behind the Mask
Robotics
Skills USA
Spartan Staff
Student Council
Technology Students of America (TSA)

COMPUTER ASSISTED INSTRUCTION/NETWORKING/INTERNET

White County High School is committed to promoting ethical and responsible use of computer and network resources and will not tolerate their misuse.



The use of the Internet resources is a privilege, not a right, and should be treated as such. Improper use of the Internet by any individual will result in immediate termination of that individual's access to the Internet via WCHS resources and may result in disciplinary action. The user is responsible for following all procedures for acceptable use.

Authorization to access or modify any computer system, network or program is only allowed by individuals specifically identified as having that authority. Individuals are not allowed to access data without explicit permission from the classroom teacher/system manager.

Improper use, which may result in loss of privileges, shall include (but is not limited to):

1. attempting to providing computer or network access to unauthorized users - including the use of your user ID by anyone else.



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2. using or attempting to use the computer to harass, threaten, or abuse others or to transmit obscene or fraudulent messages;
3. using vulgarities or any other inappropriate language;
4. using the network to do download obscene or objectionable text, graphics, or other materials;
5. using the network to play unauthorized games on-line;
6. violating software license agreements, copyrights, or intellectual copyrights, which includes copying software without permission from the copyright holder;
7. attempting to upload/copy/print to any computer or printer, inappropriate material;
8. vandalizing, defacing or destroying the computer hardware system including cables, mouse, mouse pad, monitor, work station, tables, etc.
9. vandalizing, destroying or copying any software;
10. using software from outside the school.

DANCE REGULATIONS

To ensure the security and safety of the White County High School student body, the following dance regulations apply:

1. Dances are for White County High School students only (no dates outside WCHS---does not include prom)
2. Dance styles should be safe and of good taste, no provocative dancing, and no crowd surfing.
3. Student Resource Officer (SRO) will be present.
4. Persons not attending the dance must leave campus.
5. Students who have been suspended or placed in alternative school are **NOT** allowed to attend.



DRESS CODE

White County High School

Students shall dress and groom in a clean, neat, and modest manner so as not to distract or interfere with the operation of the school.

The following shall NOT be worn to school:

- **Saggy/baggy/excessively wide-legged pants**
("saggy/baggy" means no exposed underwear; pants should be worn at the natural waistline)
- **Spandex**
- **Trench coats**
- **Holes in clothes**
- **Suggestive slogans; vulgar captions; pictures or advertisements for tobacco or alcoholic products; logos that depict death or violence**
- **Head dress for boys or girls**
- **Form-fitting or body-conforming clothes, pajamas or lounge-wear, gloves, wrist stockings, or extremely wide wrist bands**

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- **Bare midriff, halters, fishnet or tank top** (“bare midriff” when a student lifts his/her arms to shoulder level the midriff should not be exposed; when a student sits his/her back should not be exposed; when in doubt wear another shirt underneath!)
- **Revealing necklines**
- **Cleated shoes**
- **Clothing or articles related to gangs**
- **Extreme hair color/make-up/nail polish**
- **Chains**
- **No item of clothing should have any type material hanging down such as straps, strings, chains, or belts.**

In addition, the following guidelines shall be enforced:

- **Leggings only with standard length dress/skirt**
- **Skirt length or slits in skirts must not be higher than 4 inches above the knee**
- **Pants length must not drag the floor**
- **No tinted glasses/sunglasses unless doctor prescribed**
- **Shoulders must be covered---no sleeveless tops** (shirts must have a definite sleeve [no cap sleeves]; sleeves must extend at least 2 inches under the arm and 3 inches from the shoulder line; sleeves should be a solid piece of fabric [no slits, net, or sheer fabric])
- **No body piercing jewelry except for earrings may be worn during school hours** (spacers - - plastic or metal items that displace body piercing jewelry, are not allowed)
- **Jewelry must not be distracting/disruptive or unsafe**
- **Valuable clothes and jewelry are discouraged**
- **Shorts - no shorter than 4” above the knees**
- **Traditional backpacks are acceptable---no oversized backpacks or bags unless approved for school events (sports, etc)**



- Penalties:**
- 1st offense**---change or go home (recorded on discipline record)
 - 2nd offense**---3 sessions of in-school suspension
 - 3rd offense**---3 days out-of-school suspension

School Dress Code Committee--student, teachers and principal may make changes, subject to board approval.



DRIVER'S LICENSE

In order to obtain a Tennessee driver's license, a student must present a document verifying school enrollment. This computer-generated form may be obtained in the main office and must then be signed by administration. This form must show student's name (exactly as shown on birth certificate), social security number, and current address. The student must meet the attendance and grade requirements before the school document will be issued.

Any student fifteen (15) years of age or older who becomes academically deficient or deficient in attendance shall be reported to the Department of Safety for driver's license revocation.

A student shall be deemed academically deficient if she/he has not received passing grades in at least two (2) full unit subjects (on a block schedule having four (4) classes per day).

A student shall be deemed deficient in attendance when she/he drops out of school or has ten (10) consecutive or fifteen (15) days total unexcused absences during a single semester. Suspensions will be considered unexcused absences.

A copy of the notice sent to the Department of Safety shall also be mailed to the student's parent or guardian.¹

White County High School students may regain revoked licenses in the following manner:

- If the license was suspended due to attendance, the student must attend school thirty (30) consecutive days before requesting reinstatement forms.
- If the license was suspended due to an academic deficiency the student may apply for reinstatement forms at the end of the next six weeks if he/she has a passing grade in 2 subjects.
- Reinstatement forms are available in the front office of WCHS.

¹TCA 49-49-6-3017; TCA 55-50-502; TCA 55-50-511 through 514



DROPPING AND ADDING SUBJECTS

A change in a student's schedule may be approved after a counselor conference with the student and a review of his/her record and proposed program of studies. If a review of a student's record reveals a deficiency, which must be corrected to meet graduation requirements, an administrative placement may be made. This situation sometimes occurs upon receipt of records of transfer students.



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FEES

White County High School students must pay a fee of \$5.00 to cover the cost of a student agenda and locker. Fee wavier policies will apply. If a student wishes to drive to school, a parking fee of \$15.00 is required. Fee waiver does not apply to parking fees.

FIRE DRILL

Refer to the White County High School Safety Plan.

FIGHTING

White County High School has the following policy regarding fighting or assaulting another student:

- 1st Offense** - 5 days suspension
- 2nd Offense** - 20 days alternative school
- 3rd Offense** - Recommended expulsion

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT PROGRAM

Foreign exchange students must be associated with The International Educational Travel and Exchange Program and will be accepted on a space-available basis. Students are subject to all regulations set forth by the State of Tennessee, the White County Board of Education, and White County High School.



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GRADES/GRADE CARDS

White County High School uses a numerical grading system for reporting student progress to parents.

Explanation of Grades: 93 - 100	A
85 - 92	B
75 - 84	C
70 - 74	D
Below 70	Fail

Student progress is reported to parents every six weeks of the school year. This report contains attendance information in addition to the academic progress in each class. Parents who do not receive a grade card within a reasonable time should notify the school. Local media will be notified of report card distribution dates.

GRADING POLICY FOR GATEWAY/EOC

Students entering the ninth grade in 2001-2002 will be required to pass Gateway exams in the areas of Algebra I, Biology, and English II. Currently, End of Course (EOC) Exams are given in English I, Foundations II, Physical Science, and U.S. History.



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Gateway/EOC tests will be reported from the State as either proficient or not proficient, and count as 15% of the course grade for the semester in which it is taken. A proficient score will be considered a 100, a non proficient score will be considered a 69, and a zero will be given for a missed test due to an unexcused absence. The semester grade will count 85% and the Gateway

GRADING POLICY FOR GATEWAY/EOC (Continued)

Test/EOC score as 15%. Fifteen percent of 100 is 15 points;
15% of 69 is 10.35 points.

Students who are absent the day of the scheduled Gateway Test/EOC must present a signed doctor's excuse or must have been given an excused release by the principal prior to testing to receive an excused absence. Students who have excused absences will be allowed to take a make-up exam developed by the teacher that will count as 20% of their grade. (This does not satisfy Gateway requirements.)

Students who have an unexcused absence shall receive a failing grade on the course exam which shall be averaged into their final grade at 20%.

All students who miss a scheduled Gateway/EOC Test must take the test at the next administration of the test in order to meet their Gateway diploma requirement.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A student must pass a total of twenty-eight (28) credits (20-State Board of Education, 8-White County Board of Education).

Transfer students must earn a minimum of four (4) less than maximum potential. Students must meet these requirements in order to participate in all graduation ceremonies.

Types of Diplomas:

1. Regular Diploma - This diploma will be awarded to students who earn the specified number of units of credit (or satisfactorily complete an Individualized Education Program), have proficient scores on the three Gateway exams, and have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct. All three of the above areas must be completed in order to receive a regular diploma.
2. Certificate of Attendance - This will be awarded to students who have earned twenty-eight units of credit and who have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct, but who fail to meet Gateway standards.
3. Special Education Diploma-This will be awarded to students who have satisfactorily completed an Individualized Education Program, and who have satisfactory records of attendance and conduct, but who have not passed all components of the Tennessee Competency Test/Gateway.



GRADUATION (Continued)

Graduation with Honors

Students may graduate with honors if they complete the core curriculum and either the university preparation curriculum or the technical preparation curriculum. For graduation with honors, the overall grade point average shall be 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

To calculate GPA:	A	4 quality points
	B	3 quality points
	C	2 quality points
	D	1 quality point

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The purpose of the guidance program is to help each individual student achieve his highest growth mentally, emotionally, and socially. Guidance services include personal and educational counseling. The school counselors coordinate information on careers, colleges, testing, and etc.

HALL AND CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

1. Be prompt to class. A tardy is a tardy! Three tardies are equal to one day absent for that semester. A check-out is classified as a tardy.

HALL AND CLASSROOM PROCEDURES (Continued)



2. The teacher, not the bell, dismisses the class.
3. Students are responsible for reporting to class with working materials as required by their teacher (books, paper, pen, pencil, etc.). Students are not permitted to leave class to obtain these materials.
4. Students are not permitted in the halls during class period unless they have an agenda that has been endorsed by a teacher.
5. Classes in session are not to be disturbed. If it is necessary to contact someone, go through the office.
6. The hall should not be blocked between classes by group gatherings. Do not block the lobby area and the enter/exit area of the cafeteria. The halls are crowded, so please do not make it worse.
7. The walls in the main hall are not for leaning against or standing behind the doors. Firewalls are off limits.
8. No drinks on academic wings and/or classrooms.
9. Excessive display of affection is inappropriate behavior in any educational setting. (See **Public Display of Affection**).



HOMEBOUND REQUIREMENTS

As soon as a parent anticipates a student's extended absence because of a severe, prolonged, or chronic illness under a physician's care, the parent shall notify the Supervisor of Attendance at the school system's central office. The correct paperwork must be filled out by the attending physician and returned to the central office. At this time, the homebound will be established and the high school officials notified. The appropriate teachers will be notified of the length of the homebound for that student. A student may not be working a part time job while on homebound.

HONOR ROLL

The Honor Roll will be calculated by all A's and B's.

If a student makes a grade of C or lower, he/she will not be eligible for the honor roll.



Every six weeks a list will be placed on the bulletin board in the main hall. It is the student's responsibility to check to see if his/her name is on the Honor Roll. Errors should be reported to a guidance counselor. A list of Honor Roll students will be sent to the local newspaper.

HOT LINE

If you have any information regarding a situation or incident (drugs, weapons, safety issues, etc.) you can call and leave an anonymous message. **836-CALL (2255)** This is an information line only. It does not take the place of 911 or 311. There will be no dispatchers available at this number. We hope this will provide some security and safety to students that may be in need of assistance.

IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATE

Tennessee law requires that all students enrolled in a Tennessee school have a Tennessee Certificate of Immunization. This form may be secured from the White County Health Department. To be eligible to attend school, students must present proof of adequate immunizations.



INTERNET USAGE

To be able to use the Internet at White County High School, a form signed by the student's parent or legal guardian must be returned to the school. Upon receipt of this signed form, a computer access card will be issued. This card must be presented to a computer instructor/ librarian before Internet use is allowed.



INTERNET USAGE (Continued)

Listed below are the terms and conditions of use for the Internet at White County High School:

Acceptable Use-The use of the Internet must be in support of education and research, and consistent with the educational objectives of White County High School. Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited.

This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by a trade secret. Use for commercial activities is not acceptable.

Use for product advertising or political lobbying is also prohibited. Privileges-The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges.

Network Etiquette-

- a) Be polite.
- b) Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language. Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- c) Do not reveal your personal address or phone number or those of other students.
- d) Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People do have access to all mail. Messages relating to, or in support of, illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- e) Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.

Security-Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem on the Internet, you must notify a teacher, a librarian, or system administrator. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Do not use another individual's account without written permission from that individual. Attempts to log-on to the Internet as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Internet.

Vandalism-Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user of Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

Use of e-mail-Use of e-mail is left to the discretion of the teacher/librarian/computer lab technician.



LIBRARY POLICIES

The library is available for all students to use. Library hours are 7:45 a.m.-3:15 P.M. daily. Teachers may schedule after school hours based on individual need. Students are required to have a signed permission form on file for Internet usage. A student identification card may also be needed to use the computers. All school Internet rules apply to the computers in the library. **NO BACKPACKS WILL BE ALLOWED BEYOND THE CIRCULATION DESK.**

LOST AND FOUND

All losses should be reported to the front office. Found articles are stored in the mailroom adjacent to the front office or the office vault. **HONESTY IS ALWAYS THE BEST POLICY.**

LOCKERS

Lockers are located in the classroom wing areas and will be assigned at the beginning of the school year. Students are encouraged to keep their lockers in good condition. Under no circumstances should a student ever keep money or valuables in the locker. Lockers are the property of the school and may be inspected at any time. A locker fee will be charged. Locker check will occur occasionally. Administrators reserve the right to open and inspect any locker at any time. Specially trained dogs supplied by Tennessee Highway Patrol will inspect for drugs. A student's books should be in the locker that is assigned to him/her, not in a friend's locker.

Lockers and other storage areas, containers, and packages brought into the school by students or visitors are subject to search for drugs, drug paraphernalia, dangerous weapons or any property which is not properly in the possession of the student (stolen property). TCA 49-6-4204



LUNCH PRICES

Lunch prices for the White County School system:

Breakfast - items are a la carte

Full Paying:

Lunch - High School Students	1.50
Lunch - School Personnel	2.00
Lunch - Visitors	2.00

Reduced:

Lunch	.40
Extra Milk	.30

A "point of sale" computer system is in place at WCHS. Each student will be assigned an ID or keypad number which they will put in at the cashier's stand. This system works like a bank in that students can deposit any amount of money into their account during the school year. Deposits can be made before school or at break---**not at lunch**. Students cannot charge breakfast, break, or lunch. **BE SURE TO KEEP MONEY IN YOUR ACCOUNT.**



MAKE-UP WORK

Upon returning to school following an absence from class, the student is responsible for meeting with the teacher and arranging to make up missed work. This meeting with the teacher should take place during the first day following an absence. Make-up work is the student's responsibility.

Make-up work should be completed as soon as possible. Under no condition should make-up assignments be delayed more than two weeks without approval of the teacher. A student should not delay the completion of work. No student should be placed in the hall in order to make up work or tests.

MEDICATION

School personnel will not provide pupils with any medication. If a student must take medication, he/she must bring the medication (in the original package) to the front office with written instructions from the parent or guardian. Students are not allowed to have any type of medication (including over-the-counter) in their possession while on school property. The school nurse or an office secretary will be responsible for the handling of a student's medication.

MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

We will be unable to deliver messages to students, except in cases of an emergency, during the class session. We understand that parents may feel the need to get in touch with students during the school day, but we cannot stop the instruction of the other students in the class for any reason other than an emergency. Messages will be delivered at the end of each block.



MOMENT OF SILENCE

Section 49-1922:

At the commencement of the first class of each day in all grades in all public schools, the teacher in charge of the room in which such class is held shall announce that a period of silence, not to exceed one minute in duration, shall be observed for meditation or prayer or personal beliefs and during any such period, silence shall be maintained.



NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE REGULATIONS

Division I only:

If you plan to enter college in 2008 or after, you will need to present 16 core courses in the following breakdown:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (one must be a lab science)
- 1 year of additional English, math, or science
- 2 years of social studies
- 4 years of additional core courses (from any area listed above or from foreign language)

PARENT INFORMATION (No Child Left Behind)

- Parents have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of classroom teachers who instruct their children. If students are provided services by paraprofessionals, parents may also request information regarding the qualifications of paraprofessionals. Teacher certifications can be found by accessing the Tennessee Department of Education Teacher Licensing Web site (www.k-12.state.tn.us/tcertinf) or by contacting the school principal or the school system's federal projects director.
- Parents will have access to system and school report cards as developed by the State Department of Education (usually available in late fall of each year) through the web site (www.state.tn.us/education) or at the school and/or system office. Results will also be publicized through local media.
- Parents have access to district and school information and reports through the media (local newspaper and radio), the System/School Report Cards available on the State Department of Education website (www.state.tn.us/education), or at the school or system's administrative offices.
- Parents may visit the State Department of Education web site (<http://tennessee.gov/education/ci/standards/index.php>) or visit the school to access a description of the Tennessee Curriculum Standards, assessment information, and proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
- Parents of a student identified as having limited English proficiency (ELL—English Language Learner) must be notified in a timely manner of the child's participation in the ELL program, details of the program, right to waive participation, and specific information on the child's level of English proficiency.
- Parents will be notified of their child's eligibility for service in migrant, homeless, or Limited English Proficiency programs.
- Parents will be notified regarding their rights before any third-party surveys are distributed to students.
- Parents must be informed of and involved in violence and drug prevention efforts including program content and activities. Parents may request in writing their child's exemption from participation in such activities.





PARENT INFORMATION (No Child Left Behind) (Continued)

- Parents of secondary school students have a right to request that their child's name, address, and telephone number not be released to a military recruiter without their prior written consent. Requests should be addressed to the director of schools at: 136 Baker Street
Sparta, TN 38583
- Federal law affords parents and students over 18 years of age certain rights with respect to educational records. School Board Policy relating to student privacy and parental access to information is available in the School Board Policy Manual located at each school and at the central office. Notification of Rights and Release of Directory Information under FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act) will also be conducted through local media announcements.
- Under the Tennessee State Board of Education's Unsafe School Choice Policy, any public school student who is the victim of a violent crime as defined under Tennessee Code Annotated 40-38-111 (g), or the attempt to commit one of these offenses as defined under Tennessee Code Annotated 30-12-101, shall be provided an opportunity to transfer to another grade-level appropriate school within the district.

PARKING LOT REGULATIONS

Vehicles are very expensive; therefore, we request that no student be in the parking lot during school hours unless coming to or going from school. Any business during the school day in the parking lot should be authorized with the student carrying the "Orange Whale." Any unauthorized student in the parking lot will be subject to disciplinary action.

- Each vehicle must have a current WCHS parking permit. Permits are made available according to the following priority: seniors, juniors, sophomores, freshmen.
- Any vehicle not displaying a parking permit or parked illegally will result in the following:
1st offense - \$10 fine, 2nd - \$25 fine, 3rd - \$50 fine 4th offense will result in towing of vehicle at owner expense
- If a parent, spouse, or friend trades vehicles with a student during the school day, the exchange should be reported to the office.
- Teachers do not send students on errands without administrative approval.
- Teachers do not send students to vehicles for books
- Any permit not obtained through the office is illegal. If a parking slot becomes vacant, a permit will be issued through the office.
- Riding in the back of a truck or on a trailer is not permitted on school campus



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

With the nation's concern over the physical health of students, ninety (90) minutes of physical activity will be added to the weekly schedule. Teachers will incorporate this into the daily routine of students.



POSTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

All posters/announcements to be displayed at White County High School must first be approved by an administrator. The individual(s) posting the poster/announcement are responsible for removing them. Posters are not to be placed on plaster walls. Appropriate placement of approved posters should be on brick or block walls or on bulletin boards.

PRIOR APPROVAL

The learning that takes place in the structure of the classroom cannot and should not be replaced. After all, it is in the classroom that student learning is directed according to State guidelines and expectations. Therefore, classroom time must be protected. However, much of the value of a student's high school education can come from activities that occur beyond the classroom walls. Many times, these activities serve as opportunities to apply the learning that has taken place in the classroom. These activities, be they curricular, co-curricular, extra-curricular or athletic, help to make up the "well-rounded" education that we as educators hope for every student.

The prior approval policy for White County High School is as follows:

- 1) A prior approval must be sponsored by an employee of White County Schools;
- 2) Teachers requesting prior approvals must help to insure that requests are timely, appropriate and of value to the student's education and experience;
- 3) A student must maintain a "C" average in a class to qualify for a prior approval absence in that class (The individual teacher may choose to exercise some leniency under certain circumstances);
- 4) A student will be allowed three (3) prior approval absences each semester with no penalty. Any missed class work must be made up to the classroom teacher's satisfaction;
- 5) Any prior approval absence over three (3) will count toward the semester exam exemption policy, but will not count toward Saturday School or the State perfect attendance policy. As with any prior approval absence, the student is responsible for making up any work that is missed;
- 6) The individual classroom teacher has the right and authority to deny a prior approval request.



PROM

1. The WCHS Prom is open to Seniors, Juniors, and their respective dates.
2. The minimum age to attend prom is 9th grade with the maximum age of a non-student being 20.
3. If the date is not a student at WCHS, the date must fill out an application and submit it to the prom sponsor no later than the assigned date set by administration. Applications will be available in March. A copy of their photo ID must be attached to the application and must be shown at the door on the night of prom. The school holds the right to deny any applicants' admission to the prom. If non-students are not on the prom list, they will be denied entrance at the door.
4. If a student is suspended or in alternative school, he/she will not be allowed to attend the prom.



PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Excessive display of affection is inappropriate behavior in any educational setting. Appropriate student contact is limited to the holding of one's hand. Contact in excess of what is deemed appropriate is at the discretion of any faculty or staff member. Faculty members who observe any inappropriate behavior by students will inform the students of the violation and file a disciplinary report in the office.

Disciplinary actions:

1st violation-Teacher observing inappropriate behavior will accompany students to the office and complete a disciplinary report. Students will receive a warning and explanation of the offense by an administrator or counselor.

2nd violation-ISS for three (3) days. Terms will be staggered.

Subsequent violations-Administrators' discretion will determine the disciplinary action.

RECORD RELEASE

In compliance with Section 1 Tennessee Code Annotated 15-305 law, school records are released only with the written consent of the person involved. If the student is over 18 years of age, he/she becomes the custodian of his/ her record and can sign for release.



SATURDAY SCHOOL

- To obtain credit in a given class, no more than 3 UNEXCUSED absences per semester shall be permitted. Any student who has a passing average in the course and has more than 3 UNEXCUSED absences must attend Saturday school. **All unexcused absences beyond the third must be made up in Saturday School.**

Saturday School (Continued)



- The classroom teacher will inform the student of the need for Saturday school and of the needed assignments to be completed while making up the time. The teacher will fill out the Saturday school attendance form and return at the appropriate time to the secretary in charge.
- Students may make up blocks 1, 2, 3, and 4 absences during one Saturday school session (8:00 until 11:00). If a student owes one block only, he/she must report at 8:00 and may leave at 9:30.
- Students may be required to attend Saturday school if they are not doing the work required in courses. If students are not meeting the needed requirements, teachers may send a request for Saturday school to the secretary in charge. If work is not completed by Monday morning, the students will be sent home as truant. They will not return to school until the work is presented and the county attendance supervisor will be notified of the truancy.

SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

Each teacher and staff member has a copy of the WCHS School Safety Plan. Fire drill procedures and natural disaster procedures are posted in each classroom.

SEMESTER EXAMS

Students with consistently good attendance will be rewarded by being allowed to earn exemption from semester exams. Students who are exempt must:

- Miss no more than one (1) day* and have at least a 70 average
- Miss no more than two (2) days* and have at least a 80 average
- Miss no more than three (3) days* and have at least a 90 average
- Miss no more than four (4) days* and have at least a 99 average

*Exam day is counted as one of the absences.

Any student who misses more than four(4) days (excused or unexcused) will be required to take the semester exam. Any student who is assigned to in-school suspension for more than two(2) days or alternative school will be required to take semester exams.





SENIOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL CREDIT PROGRAM

The Senior Out-of-School Credit Program is for those seniors who will meet all graduation requirements. The purpose of the program is to provide an accountable means by which seniors can make a transition into responsible adult life through experiences in career exploration, community service, and individual skill development.

Students are to leave campus promptly upon dismissal and do not return unless authorized by administration. Those who do not follow these guidelines are in jeopardy of forfeiting enrollment in this program.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

State law requires that all students furnish their social security number to the school. Any changes in addresses, phone numbers, or names should be reported to the guidance office.

TARDINESS

A student is tardy when he/she is not in his/her assigned seat when the class begins. A tardy is a tardy. Tardies in excess of forty-five (45) minutes will be counted as an absence.

If a student arrives at school between 8:00 and 8:30, he/she should report to their assigned class. Please be sure to remove your name from the teacher's absentee list. Any student that arrives after 8:30 should report to the front office for an admission slip. It is the professional responsibility of each teacher to take action concerning tardies. Three tardies will equal one day absent.

The fourth tardy will result in the notification of parents.

TELEPHONES

The office telephones are not to be used by students. These phones are business phones. There is a phone in the office that is available for student use but only in the case of an emergency. Do not abuse the use of this phone. Students should not be excused from class to use the telephone unless in the case of illness.

TEXTBOOKS

Textbooks are furnished by the state and are issued at the beginning of each year. Students who lose or damage a book while it is checked out to them will be expected to pay for it. **All textbooks should have book covers.** Teachers are to check textbooks once each six weeks. Transcripts will not be released if textbooks have not been accounted for.

THREATS

Threats are defined as communication of intent to do harm on another person or property. **ALL THREATS WILL BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**





TOBACCO USE

Any White County High School student will be charged with violation of the Youth Access to Tobacco Act under any of the following conditions:

- (1) Possession of a tobacco product
- (2) Accepted or received tobacco product
- (3) Purchase of a tobacco product
- (4) Offered or presented false proof of age in order to purchase or receive tobacco

Students that violate T.C.A. 39-17-1501 et.seq. will be issued a citation by the SRO (school resource officer) or administration. Violators must appear in court on an assigned day. Court is after 3:00. The judge may impose a fine of at least \$10, but not more than \$50 for each offense, plus court costs. Second and subsequent offenses in the same calendar year may also result in community service work being imposed, not to exceed 50 hours.

TOP TEN

Top Ten is calculated on a cumulative average after seven (7) semesters. The average is based on a 100 point scale.

VISITORS

The school policy is to accept only those visitors who have legitimate business at the school. Guests and visitors must come to the main office upon arrival at school. Visitors must register and wear a "visitor" badge while on campus. Parents are always welcome. Visitors are expected to leave promptly when their business is completed. Students will not be permitted to have visitors during lunch period.



WITHDRAWALS

All students withdrawing from White County High School will secure a withdrawal form from the guidance office. The signature of each teacher with whom the student is scheduled must be secured and textbooks should be returned at this time. An administrator, school counselor, cafeteria manager, and a librarian must sign this form. Records of students who have withdrawn will not be forwarded until all obligations at White County High School are met. Students will not be formally withdrawn from WCHS until a request has been made from the appropriate facility. If a request is not received within an appropriate time period, the county attendance supervisor will be notified of the truancy.



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CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE 2010

August 24	Jamboree	
August 28	Nestle Invitational	Macon County
September 2	Voyles Classic	Sharp Springs
September 10	TBD	
September 18	TN Classic	Nashville
October 2	Jesse Owens	Oakville, AL
October 20	MSCCA Championship	Sharp Springs
October 28	Region 3 Champ	Chattanooga
November 6	State Meet	Nashville

Times TBA

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2010



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August 20	Franklin County	Away	7:00
August 27	Campbell County	Away	7:00
September 3	Cookeville	Away	7:00
September 10	DeKalb County	Home	7:00
September 17	Warren County	Home	7:00
September 24	Livingston	Away	7:00
October 1	Coffee County	Home	7:00
October 8	York	Home	7:00
October 22**	Shelbyville	Home	7:00
October 29	Crossville	Away	7:00

ALL TIMES ARE CST

*Homecoming

**Senior Night

GOLF SCHEDULE 2010



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August 2	Dekalb Co.	Riverwatch	3:00
August 9	Warren/Cookeville		
	Stone Memorial	Riverwatch	1:00
August 10	Cumberland Co	Sparta CC	1:00
August 12	Coffee Co.	Sparta CC	3:30
August 16	Early Bird Tourn.	Cookeville CC	9:00
August 23	Cumberland Co.	Crossville	3:30
August 26	Cookeville	Sparta CC	3:30
August 30	Cookeville	Cookeville CC	1:00
September 1	Willow Brook Invit.	Manchester	9:00
September 7	Maxwell Mem Tourn.	McMinnville	9:00
September 8	Coffee Co. Tourn. (Girls Only)	Manchester	9:00
September 13	Cumberland Co. Tourn. (Boys Only)	Crossville	9:00
September 16	Dekalb Co	Sparta CC	3:30
September 20	Warren Co	McMinnville	1:00
September 23	Blackman/Riverdale Siegel	Riverwatch	1:00
September 27	District Tourn	Cookeville CC	9:00
October 4	Regional Tourn	TBA	
October 12-13	State Tourn.	Willowbrook	

GIRLS' SOCCER SCHEDULE 2010



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August 24	Cookeville	Home	7:00
August 26	Coffee County	Away	5:00
August 31	Dekalb	Home	6:30
September 2	Warren County	Away	7:00
September 7	Cumberland County	Home	7:00
September 16	Cumberland County	Away	7:00
September 20	Smith County	Home	5:00
September 23	Sequatchie County	Away	4:00
September 28	Coffee County	Home	6:00
September 30	Macon County	Home	5:00
October 5	Warren County	Home	7:00
October 7	Cookeville	Away	7:00
October 12	Lebanon	Home	7:00



VOLLEYBALL 2010

August 23	Clay Co.*	5:00/6:00
August 24	Warren Co	5:00/6:00
August 27 & 28	WCHS Tournament*	5:00 p.m./9:00 a.m.
August 30	Cumberland Co	5:00/6:00
August 31	Stone Mem/ Livingston*	4:00/6:00
September 2	Coffee Co.*	4:00/5:00/6:00
September 3-4	Choo-Choo	TBA
September 7	Cumberland Co.*	5:00/6:00
September 9	Upperman	5:00/6:00
September 14	Cookeville*	4:00/5:00/6:00
September 16	Livingston/Clay Co.	4:00/5:00
September 18	Jackson Co. Tourn	TBA
September 20	Stone Memorial	5:00/6:00
September 24-25	Station Camp Tourn	TBA-Hendersonville
September 27	Jackson Co *	5:00/6:00
September 28	Warren Co*	5:00/6:00
September 30	Cookeville*	4:00/5:00/6:00
October 4	Jackson Co.	4:00/5:00
October 5	Coffee County	4:00/5:00/6:00
October 8	Jackson County*	5:00/6:00
October 11	District Tournament	TBA

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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2010-2011

November 16	Hall of Fame (Loudon)
November 19	Hall of Fame (Soddy-Daisy)*
November 22	Shelbyville
November 23	York*
November 30	Tullahoma*
December 3	Ooltewah*
December 10	Loudon*
December 14	Soddy-Daisy
December 17	Ooltewah
December 20-22	Mid-South Classic (Cookeville)
December 21-23	10 th Annual Wills Valley Shoot-Out (Fort Payne, AL)
December 28-30	3 rd Annual Sonic Shoot-Out*
January 4	Tullahoma
January 7	Cookeville*
January 11	York
January 15	Lebanon
January 18	Cumberland County
January 21	Coffee County*
January 28	Cookeville
February 1	Shelbyville*
February 4	Cumberland County*
February 8	Coffee County
February 11	Warren County*
February 14	Lebanon (Senior Night)*
February 17-21	District Tournament (Manchester)
Feb./Mar. 25-2	Regional Tournament (McMinnville)
March 5	Sectionals
March 9-12	State Tournament (Murfreesboro)

All games 6:30 CST

***At Sparta**



Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) White County School System

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that White County School System, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, White County School System may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the White County School System to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
The annual yearbook;
Honor roll or other recognition lists;
Graduation programs; and
Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent (These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), as amended by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (P.L. 107-110), the education bill, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002* (P.L. 107-107) the legislation that provides funding for the Nation's armed forces).

If you do not want White County School System to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 15 of the current school year. White County School System has designated the following information as directory information:

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| -Student's name | -Participation in officially |
| -Address | recognized activities and sports |
| -Telephone listing | -Weight and height of members of |
| -E-mail address | athletic teams |
| -Photograph | -Degrees, honors, and awards |
| -Date/ place of birth | received |
| -Major field of study | -The most recent educational |
| -Dates of attendance | agency or institution |
| -Grade level | attended |



Notification of Rights under FERPA for White County Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate.

Parents or eligible students may ask the School to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the School principal [or appropriate school official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the School as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the School discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the *School District* to

comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:



Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)
White County School System

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

- *Consent* before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas (“protected information survey”) if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED)-
 1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student’s parent;
 2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student’s family;
 3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
 4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
 5. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
 6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
 7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
 8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.
- *Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of-*
 1. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
 2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
 3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.



- *Inspect*, upon request and before administration or use-
 1. Protected information surveys of students;
 2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

These rights transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under State law.

White County School System has developed and adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. White County School System will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Following is a list of the specific activities and surveys covered under this requirement:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20202-5920