



“Lancer Pride”

2022-2023 Amherst County High School
Behavioral Expectations and Emphasis

All students will be expected to follow our student handbook and code of conduct. This includes following ALL rules and regulations as established by Amherst County Public Schools and Amherst County High School. Special emphasis will be placed on the following:

1. Cell Phones:
 - a. All cell phones are to be OFF and OUT OF SIGHT upon entry into the building. No student should be utilizing a cell phone from the time they arrive until they exit the building at the end of their day. Cell phones are not to be used in any area of the school, and disciplinary actions will be taken if they are being utilized.
2. Airpods/Earbuds:
 - a. Airpods/Earbuds are not to be used in any capacity unless a student is using them with their Chromebook for class purposes in the classroom. These should not be worn in the hallways or in the cafeteria or any other space of the building outside of the classroom and only with permission from the teacher.
3. Tardy Policy:
 - a. Tardies will be counted and divided between 1st period and 2nd-7th periods. Tardies are cumulative and will be counted until the end of the first semester when they will be reset.
4. Dress Code:
 - a. The dress code will be enforced throughout the school year. A copy of the dress code is attached to the back of this page. Special emphasis will be placed on HATS and HOODS. Hats and hoods are not allowed inside of the building in any area (including hallways, classrooms, cafeteria, etc.). Students will be told to remove their hat or hood by faculty and staff. If the student refuses, disciplinary action will be taken.
5. Vapes:
 - a. Vapes will not be tolerated. The first offense for possession or use of a vape will result in time spent in our Alternative to Suspension Center. The second offense will result in more time spent at ASC in addition to the student being charged by the Amherst County Sheriff's Office. Vapes have no place in our school.

All faculty and staff at ACHS will be enforcing our rules and regulations in an effort to provide a safe and effective learning environment. Disciplinary action will be taken for those who do not adhere to our policies. Parents, please continue to stress to your students the importance of following the rules so that all students can receive a quality education in a safe environment.

DRESS CODE FOR ACHS

The school requires that each student dress in a manner that does not distract other students or the school staff from the instructional process or is not disruptive to the learning environment. Despite fashion trends, students are expected to dress appropriately for an educational environment. **If your dress is deemed to be disruptive to the instructional environment, you will be required to change to appropriate clothing or report to ISD for the remainder of the day. Further disciplinary action may take place if students are defiant to this request.**

Be aware of the following guidelines:

Items of clothing that may cause disruption include, but are not limited to:

1. Hats, caps, visors, stocking caps, picks, do-rags, **bandanas or headbands** worn around the head, body, or neck must be removed upon entering the building. **Apparel, masks, and accessories suggesting or displaying inappropriate language or any other expressions deemed inappropriate by the administration are prohibited.**
2. Footwear must be worn at all times. **Slippers are not acceptable.**
3. **Skirts, dresses, and shorts should not be shorter than five (5) inches from the knee (the length of an index card). This is also true of slits in long or short skirts.** This applies to students wearing tights as well.
4. No undergarments or negligee should be exposed or worn as outer garments. **Tops cannot have necklines that are lower than the straight line from the top of the underarms across to the opposite underarm.**
5. All outerwear covering inappropriate clothing (i.e. jackets, shirts, sweaters) as part of an outfit are expected to be worn at **all times.**
6. Tank tops, tube tops, mesh tops, sheer tops, halters, cut-off shirts, sleeveless (muscle) shirts, bare-midriff tops, or tops with shoulder straps less than one (3) inches wide are not acceptable (the width of an index card).
7. **All styles of pants and shorts must be worn at or above the waistline without exposing underwear or skin.**
8. Bed clothing (i.e. pajamas) is not appropriate and should not be worn.
9. **Leggings, jeggings, leotards, sweater dresses, knit skirts, and yoga pants may be worn, as long as the student's bottom is completely covered.**
10. Gloves are not to be worn during the school day.
11. **Torn, holey, or ripped clothing that exposes any part of the body is not appropriate attire for school and is prohibited.**
12. Sunglasses (or other dark-shaded glasses) are not to be worn on the face, head, or body in the building. If they are necessary for medical treatment, a physician's prescription will be required.
13. Apparel, masks, or accessories that can/may imply gang membership is not permitted as defined under *Gangs* in the student handbook.