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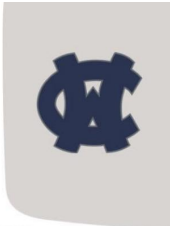
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Welcome back WARRIORS! We hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. It has been a busy summer at WCHS and when you arrive on our campus in August you will be greeted with lots of new construction. We thank you in advance for your patience through our progress! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure we continue Equipping Warriors for Success. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our students need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our student's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she: 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers 3) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life 4) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject 5) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school.

As we get ready to begin the 2022-2023 school year, here are a few things we'd like you to know:

1. **WCSS Back to School Bash:** Saturday, July 30 from 10AM-12PM at Freedom Park
2. **WCHS 9th Grade Orientation:** Tuesday, August 2, 2:45-4:45 PM for both students and parents
3. **WCHS Grades 10-12 Open House:** Tuesday, August 2, 5:00-7:00 PM
4. **WCHS School Council Elections:** Will be held online during **Open House**. Our school council is made up of teachers, administrators, parents and community members. This year, our parents must elect one new member to fill a parent position on the council.
5. **Promotion Policy - reminder for upcoming 9th graders:** WCHS abides by the White County Board Policy of promotion which states, "In order for Ninth Graders to be promoted to the tenth grade, they must pass 4 units. Out of these 4 units, at least 3 must be from the core curriculum areas which are: Mathematics, English, Science, and Social Studies". Please keep this in mind as you help your student(s) plan for their future. (NOTE: GHSA requires 5 earned credits for eligibility purposes)
6. **MCV4 Vaccine - reminder for upcoming 11th graders:**
This vaccine is now a DPH requirement for all students entering the 11th grade.
7. **Infinite Campus (IC):** You have live access to your student's grades through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. WCHS will ONLY mail home final report cards at the end of each semester; however, students will be given a progress report for each 4.5 week grading period. For questions regarding IC access or the IC App, please contact our Media Specialist, Hannah Lowendick (706-865-2312 ext. 8301).
8. **Vaping/Electronic Smoking Devices, Dress Code, and Cell Phones:** In order to provide an exceptional education environment at WCHS, we require students to abide by our Student Code of Conduct. The WCHS Vaping, Dress Code and Cell Phone procedures have been included for your convenience. We ask that you please review them with your student(s).
9. **WCHS School Supply List:** A general supply list is available on our Social Media pages and is listed above. Individual teachers may also include additional supplies on their course syllabus.

WCHS school supplies



1"-2" binders
college-ruled notebook paper
colored pencils or water based markers
composition notebooks
glue sticks
headphones/earbuds
highlighters
index cards
pencils & pens
post-it notes
scissors

These are suggested supplies;
each teacher may require additional items in their syllabus.

We have been working hard to prepare for your arrival and are so excited to begin another amazing year at White County High School! We encourage each parent to become involved with their child's education - We need your support! If you would like to know more about the happenings at White County High School, feel free to contact the school office at 706-865-2312. Our front office hours are 7:30 to 4:00 Monday through Friday. You can also follow us on Twitter (@whitecounty_hs and @WCwarriorAD), Facebook (@whitecountyhighschool), and Instagram (whitecounty_hs).

Sincerely,
Mary Anne Collier
Principal

Vaping/Electronic Smoking Devices

The following disciplinary actions will be imposed for students who distribute/possess/use electronic smoking devices:

1st offense:

- 3 days OSS and Vape Education
- Vape/Juice is not returned

Student drivers will lose parking space for 20 school days from date of event.

2nd Offense:

- Tribunal/Alternative School and Vape Education through Warrior Academy
- Vape/Juice is not returned

Cell Phones

Research shows that student cell phones have proven to be a major distraction to the educational learning environment resulting in lower academic success. In fact, some students have faced legal consequences as a result of improper cell phone use. **Cell phones can only be used during class change, break, or before or after school.**

1. If cell phones and/or related devices are seen being used inappropriately during any part of the school day, it will be confiscated immediately by any staff member of White County High School, and the student will be subject to disciplinary action.
2. Refusal to surrender a phone and/or related device or attempting to be deceitful by turning in a secondary device when instructed to do so by any staff member at White County High School will warrant a disciplinary referral and a minimum of 1 day of ISS.
3. Students must turn in their cell phone to the teacher daily **if the teacher's protocol requires it**. When not in use, student cell phones are to be turned off and put away in their bag (or placed in an area designated by the teacher).
4. White County High School has a zero tolerance policy for the use of cell phones and/or related devices to bully, threaten, intimidate, or in any way violate the law in regards to another person either on or off campus. Any of these acts will immediately revoke your privilege to carry a cell phone and/or related device on campus.
5. **Students may not take pictures or videos of another individual (student or adult) without their knowledge and consent. This includes, but is not limited to, peer conversations, fights, etc. Students who video other students breaking the student code of conduct may face the same consequences as those students who actively break the code of conduct in the video.**
6. No music is to be played in the hallways or common areas at any time without headphones.
7. Headphones may not be used in classrooms without direct approval from the teacher.
8. Teachers may request smartwatches be removed during assessments - during State Testing no smartwatches may be worn.

*Cell phone in this document refers to any smart/communication device (including, but not limited to watches, iPods, and other personal electronic devices).

Consequences for confiscated devices turned in to the office:

1st Offense: Administrative Warning

2nd Offense: Device will be turned in to the front office and kept for the rest of the day and must be picked up by a parent/guardian during normal school hours.

3rd Offense: 1 day ISS. Device will be turned in to the front office and kept for the rest of the day and must be picked up by a parent/guardian during normal school hours.

4th and Subsequent Offenses: Parent conference to determine disciplinary action.

Dress Code

White County High School expects students to dress in a manner appropriate for school. One of the purposes of school is to prepare students for the world of work where appropriate dress is an expectation and is vital for success. Student attire should demonstrate respect for oneself, fellow students, and teachers. Except when in physical education class, each student will be expected to adhere to the dress code listed below. The following guidelines provide for a neat and professional appearance that is conducive to a positive school environment.

The following expectations for student dress have been established to promote a safe and optimal learning environment.

1. Hoods, bandanas, or other head garments and non-prescription sunglasses are NOT to be worn in the building during the school day. ***Students may not cover their heads with the hood of a sweatshirt/jacket while at school.***
2. No clothing with logos, graphics, or words relating to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, violence, profanity, sexual acts or with sexual connotations, or anything deemed inappropriate by school administration.
3. No clothing, accessories or head covering (hats) that relates to or depicts gang symbols or colors.
4. No see-through clothing may be worn more than 5 inches above the TOP OF THE KNEE CAP unless used as an outer garment. All clothing beneath the see-through article must conform to the dress code. This includes leggings with sheer panels.
5. Shoes must be worn at ALL times while on campus to protect the feet (this includes before and after school).
6. Pants, shorts, skirts and dresses must be reasonable in length. Reasonable is defined as not more than 5 inches above the TOP OF THE KNEE CAP without modifications being made. Chubbies-style shorts are not permitted. (Modifications include, but are not limited to, pulling the clothing down to justify length, using cover-ups to hide the lowering of straps, etc.)
7. Torn jeans are permitted, but must not expose any skin more than 5 inches above the TOP OF THE KNEE CAP. If holes will expose any part of the leg more than 5 inches above the TOP OF THE KNEE CAP, leggings must be worn underneath.
8. Any garment worn over leggings, bike shorts, and/or spandex pants must be long enough in length to fully cover the buttocks.
9. Shirts must cover the midriff and have sleeves/straps at least 3 inches wide.. Shirts cannot expose the abdomen, side, back, chest or undergarments.
10. No chains (such as wallet chains), spiked necklaces, collars, leashes, oversized, or baggy clothes shall be worn. Students may not wear accessories or piercing objects which may be used as a weapon.
11. No blankets shall be used/worn at school.
12. No costumes or costume-related accessories (outside of designated spirit day attire) may be worn.

NOTE:

- The dress code will be evaluated each day during announcements. Anyone perceived to be in violation of the dress code will be sent to the administrative tardy table. The administration will have the student change if they have an appropriate change of clothes. If they do not have a change of clothing, the student will call home and have clothing brought to the school. If no change of clothing can be provided, the student will report to ISS to complete work.

Consequences for violating dress code:

Each dress code violation will be documented in Infinite Campus. Every student is afforded one dress code warning per semester without consequence (but is still required to change). Beyond the one warning, progressive consequences will be issued in an effort to teach the importance of appropriate school attire. Progressive discipline is as follows:

1st Dress Code Infraction: Warning + Change

2nd Dress Code Infraction: Lunch Detention + Change

3rd Dress Code Infraction: After School Detention + Change

4th + Dress Code Infraction: ISS + Change