

Carr Elementary and Middle School

Parent & Student Handbook

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School Day 7:47 A.M. - 2:35 P.M.

Tardy Bell 7:50 (After this time, please come to the office for a tardy slip)

Absentees K-8 (Written statements must be submitted to the school office or through ParentSquare within **3 days of the student's return or the absence will not be excused**).

Meals Students are assigned a lunch account number. All students may eat breakfast and/or lunch free.

Adult Breakfast \$2.00

Adult Lunch \$3.75

Cash or checks (made to Carr School) should be taken to the lunchroom manager.



SCHOOL DAY

Monday through Friday 7:47 A.M. to 2:35 P. M. for safety precautions, parents should pick up and drop off students in front of the school. For morning drop off, parents should not drop off students in the parking lot in the bus loading zone at the north end of the building. However, for afternoon pick up, we ask that all overflow traffic park on the grass at the north end parking area and not enter the bus loading zone. Parents then will need to walk to the school entrance to pick up students. Students who are car riders or who ride first bus are dismissed at 2:30 P.M. and late bus riders are dismissed at 2:45 P.M. to the playground.

Morning supervision of students begins at 6:50 A.M. Any students who arrive before 6:50 A.M. must report to the lunchroom and remain there until dismissal. Supervision of students in the afternoon is until the last bus runs. Students are to report to the playground when dismissed by the classroom teacher and remain there until their bus/ride arrives. Students that walk home should exit campus immediately after they are dismissed.

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM RULES 1003.44 F.S.

When the national anthem is played, students and all civilians shall stand at attention, men removing the headdress, except when such headdress is worn for religious purposes.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag shall be rendered by students standing with the right hand over the heart. The pledge to the flag shall be recited at the beginning of the day in each public elementary, middle, and high school in the state.

Students have the right not to participate in reciting the pledge. Upon written request by his or her parent, the students must be excused from reciting the pledge, including standing and placing the right hand over his or her heart. When the pledge is given, students must show full respect to the flag.

TELEPHONE USE

The office telephone is for school business. It may be used by students only with permission from the teacher, principal, or secretary. The student must obtain a pass from the teacher before leaving the classroom or other supervised area to use the telephone. **Students needing to contact parents on a cell phone should first obtain permission from their teacher or the office.**

BALLOONS

Due to safety precautions on school buses and vehicles, BALLOONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR DELIVERY at school.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Report cards are issued to students at the end of each grading period. Report cards will contain both academic grades and conduct grades. A new report card will be issued for each grading period. Parents are urged to communicate with the teacher and check focus to be informed if their child's progress.

Calhoun County Numeric Grade Scale:

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

Letter Grade Scale:

E	Excellent
S	Satisfactory
N	Needs Improvement
U	Unsatisfactory

Grade 1 grading code:

ELA	Numerical
Math	Numerical
All Others	E, S, N, or U

Grade 2-5 grading code: Numerical grades in all subjects except Music/P.E. Which will be E,S,N,U.

Grade 6-8 grading code: All numerical grades.

JR BETA CLUB GUIDELINES

These guidelines are in addition to those provided by the Beta organization.

Jr. Beta Club is for students who obtain a 3.5 GPA and are in 6th through 8th grades. Students prior to the 24-25 school year, who have previously been inducted into the Jr Beta Club without a 3.5 GPA, will be grandfathered in. The induction ceremony takes place in the spring of the year. A student must maintain a 3.0 GPA and complete 2 service hours, to remain a member. Those wishing to attend state competition must complete 5 service hours. Students who get a referral that results in ISS, will be put on probation. If they are an officer, they must relinquish their office. Students with referrals are not permitted to run for office, or attend a state competition. Beta Club Membership is transferable between all schools in the Calhoun County School District.

HONOR ROLL TRIP

In order to go on the honor roll trip at the end of the year, students in 1st-8th grades must make the “A” or “A/B” honor roll each of the first three (3) nine weeks.

PROMOTION

To be promoted to the next instructional level in Calhoun County School, students:

- In kindergarten, a standards based report card is used with district established levels of achievement.
- In grades 1-2, students must receive a final grade of “C” or better on the report card in language arts and a final grade of “D” or better on the report card in mathematics.
- In grades 3-5, students must receive a final grade of “D” or better on the report card in language arts and mathematics.
- In grades 6-8, students must pass reading, math, language arts, science, and social studies.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL CHOICE OPTIONS 1003.3101 F. S.

A parent may request his or her child be transferred to another classroom teacher by contacting the school’s principal by written notice or email. Parents do not have the right to choose a specific classroom teacher.

The school principal must approve or deny the transfer within 2 weeks after the request. If the request for transfer is denied, the school principal must notify the parent by certified mail and specify the reasons for denial.

ATTENDANCE POLICY for Grades K-12

Each parent of a child within the compulsory attendance age shall be responsible for such child’s school attendance as required by **FS. 1003.24. Florida Statute 1003.26** requires the parent of a student to justify each absence of the student. The justification will be evaluated based on adopted district school board policies that define excused absences.

Excused absences may only be used for the following legitimate, documented reasons:

- Illness and/or medical care
- Death in the Family
- Legal Reasons/Religious Holidays or instruction
- Financial/insurmountable circumstances with principal’s prior approval

- Head lice, a maximum of two days for each occurrence
- Planned absence approved in advance by principal/designee

Examples of unexcused absences may include:

- Missing the school bus
- Oversleeping
- Shopping and/or pleasure trips
- Excessive illness (without physician verification that medical condition justifies a pattern)
- Failure to communicate the reason for the absence with the school

It is the responsibility of the parent(s) or guardian(s) to provide a written statement indicating the reason for **ALL** absences within **three (3) days** of the student's return to school.

A parent note will be accepted for **any three (3)** absences during the grading period. Any other absences will only be excused with a note from a doctor, dentist, school health nurse/aid, funeral program of an immediate family member, or documentation for a legal reason. Final determination of whether an absence or early dismissal is excused or unexcused is the responsibility of the local school principal/designee.

If absences exceed the district attendance policy, a meeting will be scheduled with the student and/or their parents to discuss the attendance issue.

Students must adhere to the district Attendance Policy in order to participate in school sponsored events, including field trips, track meet, and school dance, etc. A student may not have 3 or more unexcused absences in order to participate in any school sponsored event.

Make-Up Work

- Students must contact their teacher upon return for make-up and assignments
- Make-up work must be turned in within 5 school days from the absence
- When given advance notice of a test or assignment, it must be turned in on the day the student returns to school after the absence.
- Missing work due to an absence will be given a grade of "1" until the work is made up. When the make-up period has expired and the work is incomplete, the grade will be changed to "0"
- If the teacher is absent when then a student returns to school from an absence, the time to make up work may be extended
- Extension time to make up work can be approved by the principal

For students in grades 6-12, when attending a school sponsored club event or field trip, they must be present the day before the trip and day after the trip for the school sponsored trip to be an excused absence. The principal may excuse the absence for a legitimate, documented reason. **Make-up work must be completed before participation in any school sponsored event, including field trips, track meet, and school dance.**

Recurring Illness

When a student has a recurring or chronic illness, parents will be required to have their medical doctor certify the extent of the illness each nine weeks.

F.S.1003.24 states if a student is continually sick and repeatedly absent from school, he/she must be under the supervision of a physician in order to receive and excuse from attendance. Such excuse provides that a student's condition justifies absence from more than the number of days permitted by the district school board. The **Physician's Certification Form** must be picked up from the school principal.

Tardiness

Students are expected to be in class on time and remain in class until the end of the class period. Students who arrive to class 10 minutes late or leave class 10 minutes early will be issued a Late Absence for that period. The school principal will determine if the Late Absence is excused or unexcused. Three unexcused Late Absences in a grading period will be considered an unexcused absence for that period. Students arriving after 7:50 A.M. are considered tardy and must report to the office before going to the classroom.

School Responsibility and Authority to Truancy

If a student has had at least five (5) unexcused absences, or absences for which the reason is unknown, within a calendar month or ten (10) unexcused absences, or absences for which the reason is unknown, within a 90 calendar day period, the student's primary teacher shall report to the school principal/designee that the student may be exhibiting a pattern of non-attendance. The principal shall, unless there is clear evidence that the absences are not a pattern of nonattendance, refer the case to the school's child study team to determine if early patterns of truancy are developing.

If the child study team finds that a pattern of nonattendance is developing, whether the absences are excused or not, a meeting with the parent must be scheduled to identify potential remedies. After fifteen (15) unexcused absences accumulate within any ninety (90) calendar days, the District will determine the appropriate steps for the enforcement of the Florida Compulsory Attendance Statute, **Florida Statute 1003.21**.

TRACK MEET

For a student to participate in the school track meet, students must meet the following criteria:

1. 2.0 GPA for the previous semester (all courses).
2. No "U" in conduct for the year. No more than (1) N in conduct for 3rd nine-weeks.
3. Under the age of 16 the day of the event.
4. No more than 3 days of bus or school suspension (ISS or OSS) during the 2nd semester.

FIELD TRIP POLICIES and EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1. Chaperones needed for field trips **will be contacted by the classroom/supervising teacher.**
2. Students are required to ride to and from the trip on the bus unless a parent/chaperone wants their child to accompany them home after the trip. A note will be required for any student other than the parent's/chaperone's child to not ride home on the bus.
3. Chaperones will supervise a group of children assigned them by the teacher.
4. Chaperones are expected to enforce guidelines set by the teacher.
5. Chaperones may be asked to carpool behind the buses.
6. No small children or children not involved in the trip may accompany parent/chaperones.
7. **In order for a student to accompany their class on a field trip, they must have all schoolwork turned in, no "U's" in conduct for the school year and no more than 3 unexcused absences for that nine weeks.**
8. **Students who are chronically disruptive and unmanageable in the classroom or on the bus may be suspended from their field trip if recommended by the teacher and principal under the following conditions: The student has four or more office referrals and/or bus referrals.**

STUDENT DEBTS AND FEES

For a student to be eligible to participate in any extra-curricular activities (field trips, sporting events, etc.) all debts or fines must be paid.

NOTIFICATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER COLLECTION AND USAGE

In compliance with Florida Statute 119.071 (5), this document serves to notify you of the purpose for the collection and usage of your child's social security number by Calhoun County School District.

Calhoun County School District collects and uses your child's social security number only for authorized purposes. Specifically, Calhoun County School

District collects your child's social security number for the following purposes:

- District Data Reporting to Florida Department of Education and United States Department of Education
- Identification Numbers for Testing
- Medicaid Reporting

To protect your child's identity, Calhoun County School District will secure your child's social security number from unauthorized access and assign your child a unique student identification number. This unique identification number will then be used for all associated educational purpose for Calhoun County School District.

DRESS CODE for Students in Grades 3-12

Student dress and personal grooming are the responsibility of the student and the parent. In the final analysis, the building administrator has the responsibility to interpret that which negates a reasonable standard of conduct and appearance. Students whose personal attire or grooming distracts or may distract others from schoolwork shall be subject to the following:

- 1st offense - Verbal warning, parents called, allowed appropriate time to make required changes and return to class. (Class time missed will be unexcused.)
- 2nd offense - Disciplinary action will be taken after required changes are made. The student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period not to exceed 5 days and the school principal must meet with the student's parent or guardian.
- 3rd offense - Three days of In-School Suspension will be assigned after required changes are made, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period not to exceed 30 days, and the school principal must call and send a written notice of such to the student's parent or guardian.

All additional infractions will be treated as Insubordination.

Students must comply with the following rules:

1. Footwear is required while on school property for reasons of health and safety.
2. Shirts must be worn at all times. Tank tops, see-through materials worn without undershirts, and halter tops shall not be worn to school.
3. Shirts must be long enough to cover the stomach and back area completely at all times. (When hands are fully extended above the head, etc.)
4. Spaghetti-strap or strapless shirts or dresses are not permitted. Sleeveless shirts or dresses for females must be **4 fingers wide** at the shoulder.
5. Male students cannot wear sleeveless shirts.

6. Female clothing shall not expose any cleavage.
7. A student's attire must cover all undergarments.
8. Appropriate shorts and skirts are allowed if they are no more than **5 inches above the kneecap** when the student is standing. This rule applies even if biking shorts, tights or leggings are worn under the shorts or skirts.
9. No biking shorts, spandex material, or tight fitting shorts/clothing may be worn.
10. Jeans with holes, the holes can't be any higher than **5 inches above the kneecap** when the student is standing.
11. Drop pants or shorts (those worn below the waistline or those that display what is or appears to be an undergarment) will not be permitted for any students.
12. Hats, caps, and head scarves are not allowed to be worn in the building, but individual schools may impose more stringent rules with School Board approval. Pajamas, bedroom slippers, bandanas, kerchiefs, head stockings, hair rollers, and combs shall not be worn at school. This attire may be allowed for special occasions with principal approval.
13. Clothing that promotes or endorses vulgar, alcoholic, tobacco, sexual, or offensive themes are prohibited.
14. Tattoos or body art that promotes or endorses vulgar, alcohol, tobacco, sexual, gang or offensive themes must be covered at all times.
15. Any clothing that is or could be interpreted as gang related is prohibited at school.
16. Wallet chains, "dog" collars, or other inappropriate chains or jewelry will not be allowed.
17. No visible body piercing except earrings will be allowed for students in grades PK-8.
18. Any other items worn or carried that are deemed inappropriate by the Principal are prohibited.
19. Inappropriate items confiscated (tongue rings, nose rings, inappropriate items of clothing, etc.) may be picked up in the office by the parent or legal guardian.

GENERAL STUDENT POLICIES

1. Students are responsible to all teachers in matters of discipline. Students are expected to treat all personnel with reasonable courtesy and respect.
2. Students should walk quietly and orderly in the hall and keep hands and feet off the walls.
3. In the morning, students should put up books, use bathroom if necessary and eat breakfast. Students will remain in lunchroom until the duty teacher dismisses them. Upon dismissal, grades 6-8 will be released to the picnic tables. Grades K-2 will be released to the Library. Grades 3-5 will remain in the lunchroom until the bell rings at 7:47.

4. In the afternoons, first bus and car riders are dismissed at 2:30. Car riders need to be picked up in front of the school. First bus riders will load at the North end of the building. Students that ride a late bus or late car riders will be dismissed from the classrooms to the playground. Access to the main building will be through the lunchroom and the south entrance.
5. **Students transported by car should load and unload at the front entrance.** Do not play on the front campus while waiting for your ride.
6. Students are not to leave campus during school for any reason without permission. **Students who wish to go home with another student should bring a note from home giving permission to do so. These should be turned in to the office after the teacher has initialed them. Do not wait until you get to school and want to use the phone to make arrangements for spending the night with a friend. Students must be called from the office in order to leave the classroom to sign out.**
7. Students may check out library books during the school day with permission from the classroom teacher. Students should not be in the library unless library personnel or a teacher is present. Remember, the library is a place for quiet work.
8. **STUDENT VISITORS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON CAMPUS**
9. Stealing is a violation of law and school policy: However, students are responsible for any item left on the campus or in the building where it can be stolen. Do not leave things of value where they can easily be picked up.
10. Students should not interrupt other classes unless it is an extreme emergency and then only with the approval of the office or their teacher. Students will be required to have a pass to leave their classroom. This includes P.E. classes where the P.E. shelter or playground is considered a classroom. Students from P.E. or any other class are required to stay with the class unless they have a note or pass from the teacher.
11. Throwing objects such as rocks, sticks, pinecones, etc., is not allowed on campus or in the building.
12. No item should be traded, bought, sold, loaned, or otherwise exchanged on campus or on the bus for any reason unless approved by the principal in advance. Violation of this policy can result in suspension.
13. Destruction of school property will not be allowed. Students and/or parents are responsible for paying for damaged school property.
14. Students are encouraged to help keep trash picked up off the campus. Report those you see throwing trash on the campus, writing on wall, etc.
15. Noise in the lunchroom should be held down. Milk cartons or food should not be taken out of the lunchroom. All food is to be eaten in the lunchroom, unless the teacher has given permission for student to have lunch or break at the picnic tables.
16. Fidget spinners should not be brought to school.
17. **CHEWING GUM SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL**

18. The illegal use, possession, distribution, or sale of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or other controlled substances, as defined in CH. 893, Florida Statutes, or knives or other weapons by any student while such student is upon school property or in attendance at a school function is grounds for suspension and/or recommended expulsion by the school board.
19. Vape pens are prohibited on school campus as defined in Ch. 386.212 Florida Statutes. Students caught with vape pens are subject to 3 days of ISS and a civil citation.
20. Students in the middle school buildings should use the bathrooms behind the building at break, lunch, and other times.
21. Fighting or use of profanity will not be allowed on campus or bus.
22. Students should remain in assigned play areas during break.
23. Students who are suspended out of school are permitted to make up work. It is the responsibility of the student and or parent to request and pick up assignments during the suspension period. Work is due upon the students return to school.
24. Students are not to bring toys, radios, or other personal items to school except on special occasions when permission is given by a teacher or the principal.
25. Students who wear caps/hats are not to wear them inside. Students may not wear fish hooks on caps/hats. Students who continue to violate this policy will have hats/caps taken by the principal or teacher and returned to the student at the end of the day. Chronic violations of this policy will result in the wearing of caps/hats being discontinued altogether.
26. Students who are chronically disruptive in the classroom, on the bus, or on the playground may be subject to a suspension.
27. Students who plan to withdraw from school should turn in all school materials, clear all debts, and utilize the withdrawal forms in the office before leaving school on the last day of attendance.
28. A student's locker or other storage is subject to search, upon reasonable suspicion, for prohibited or illegally possessed substances or objects.
29. To participate in extracurricular activities, students must be present at least half of the school day on the day of the event.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences are vital to each child's total educational experience.

School and home must work together in an attempt to provide success for each child.

Unannounced or unscheduled conferences tend to be disruptive and distract from the proper supervision of students. A parent/teacher conference should be arranged by calling the school office, sending a note to the teacher, or a

message through ParentSquare. Conference times are from 2:35 to 3:15 p.m., or during the classroom teacher's planning time.

We invite and encourage parents to visit our school, however for your child's safety and the safety of others all parents/visitors are required to sign in at the office with a driver's license using the Raptor System. All parents/visitors will be given a badge to wear while on campus. Before leaving campus, parents/visitors are required to sign out in the office and return the school badge.

TRANSPORTATION

Please send a note to your child's teacher to indicate a change in the normal route home.

All children who normally ride the bus will ride unless the teacher receives a note. If a child has a regular meeting (ball practice, scouts, etc.) after school, one note from the parent will suffice for the entire year. When a child is to change his mode of transportation from school for any reason the school must be notified. If parent authorization is not received and approved, the child will be sent home as usual.

Please notify the office before 2:00 P.M. about any changes that are to be made for that day.

School bus transportation is a privilege that may be withdrawn for inappropriate behavior. All students who ride a bus to school are subject to school bus rules/regulations. Any misbehavior which distracts the driver is a **VERY SERIOUS VIOLATION** and jeopardizes the safety of everyone. Violation of bus rules may result in stringent disciplinary action, including suspension from riding the bus.

STUDENT PICK-UP

1. We ask **all** visitors to **enter through our front entrance and to check in at the office.**
2. Parents picking up students during the school day (7:45-2:35) should come to **the front office and sign the student out and we will call the student to the office for pickup.**
3. Parents picking up students as car riders at the end of the day, should **stay in the car rider line (No parking in front of the school and getting out to pick up your child due to safety concerns).** Parents may park at the North end parking lot and walk to the front entrance to pick up students. If parents need to see a child's teacher at the end of the school day, arrangements should be made prior through the teacher.
4. To help avoid any miscommunication, we ask that all after school

arrangements for students to be done **ahead of time and with a note or a call to the office**. We will handle emergency occurrences on a case-to-case circumstance.

CUSTODY

The school is required by law to prevent an estranged parent from picking up their child if there is a court order that specifically states that the parent may not have the child. A court decree of divorce awarding primary residence is NOT enough to keep the other parent from checking out the child.

EMERGENCIES

Please be sure that the office has an emergency card on file for your child. It should include the current home phone number and an emergency number so we may get in touch with you or a family member if necessary

MEDICINES

Students who need to take a prescribed medication need their parents to fill out a Permission Slip with the health aide on campus. Medications must be brought to school by a parent and left in the health room. Medications must be in the original container with label stating the prescribed dosage.

All Calhoun County Schools have a “No Nit” policy. Any student found to have live lice and/or nits will be sent home. Before returning to class, students will need to be brought in by a parent or guardian to be checked by a school official.

SAFETY DRILLS

The schools conduct safety drills throughout the year. As in the past, drills will include fire drills, tornado drills, bus evacuation drills, campus evacuation drills, and lockdown drills. In addition, due to a law passed by the Florida Legislature in March of 2018, students will participate in active threat drills. All of these drills are designed to help students practice how to stay safe in the event of an emergency.

CAMPUS SECURITY

All perimeter gates and/or doors that allow ingress to school campuses will remain closed and locked during the school day unless the gate/door is manned by a school board employee.

AlerT

Staff and students practice AlerT active threat protocols. Parents are encouraged to review the AlerT protocol and to have discussions with their children about AlerT and other safety drills that will take place during the year.

AlerT ACTIVE SHOOTER PROCEDURES



The poster features the AlerT logo (a globe with a red and blue diamond) and the text 'AlerT BeAlerT.com' and 'Active Shooter Defense' with the SafePlans logo. It is organized into five rows, each with a large letter in a blue box and corresponding instructions and icons in a white box.

A	Assess: Orient to your response option based upon: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your level of contact with the threat; and• Your location Determine your best response; which may include:
I	lockdown: Secure your location or area when you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have indirect contact with the threat - <i>AND</i> -• Can secure your location - <i>OR</i> -• Exit leads to danger 
e	evade: Run, evacuate, and/or avoid the threat when you: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have direct contact with the attacker - <i>OR</i> -• Cannot secure your location - <i>OR</i> -• Have a clear path of escape 
r	resist: As a last resort, resist when: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have direct contact with the attacker - <i>AND</i> -• Cannot evade or escape - <i>AND</i> -• Fear for loss of life or serious injury 
T	Tell: As you are able, alert others and call 9-1-1

STUDENT/PARENT REUNIFICATION

Circumstances may occur at the school that requires parents to pick up their students in a formalized, controlled release. The process of controlled release is called a reunification and may be necessary due to weather, a power outage, hazmat situation or if a crisis occurs at the school.

In most small emergency events students are evacuated out of their classrooms to a central location away from the affected classroom building. After the emergency has been corrected, the students are released back into the classrooms and our normal school day resumes. This procedure works very well for the short duration/minor emergencies.

However, in a larger or more significant event, there may be a need to evacuate students to an off-site location that is a safer area further away from the dangerous or hazardous incident.

The reunification of students with parents or guardians following a crisis event is of critical importance. These procedures help to ensure that all students are accounted for and establish a sense of safety and security.

THE REUNIFICATION PROCESS

Keeping our students and staff safe is our main priority. If there ever comes a time in which we have to evacuate one of our campuses, we want parents to be aware of our reunification plan. Here are a few key points to know and to follow. All information regarding an incident will be communicated to parents via Parent Square. Please keep your information current at the school. In case of an evacuation, DO NOT try to get on campus, but rather go to the reunification site that will be listed on Parent Square. Have your ID with you. While many people at the school may know you, we will have district personnel working the reunification and having your ID will make things work smoother and faster. Once you are 'checked in', a district employee will collect your child from our holding area and bring them to you. Please do not try to go to the holding area as this will disrupt our procedures and slow down our process of getting everyone's children to them as safely and as quickly as possible. Once you have your child, please leave the location so we may assist others. Having to implement a reunification plan may be frightening to parents, but know your child is being cared for by their teachers and familiar staff from his/her school.

INTERVIEWS AND COUNSELING

In some cases, parents may be advised that a law enforcement investigation is underway and may be advised that interviews are necessary. In extreme cases, parents may be pulled aside for emergency or medical information.

The following are helpful reunification tips:

- A. Please understand the reunification process may take several hours to complete
- B. DO NOT come to the school because you may impede emergency responders
- C. DO NOT call the school because you will tie up the phone lines
- D. Wait for notifications to be pushed out through Parent Square
- E. Keep your mobile device with you to receive messages from the school
- F. Please be patient
- G. Parents/guardian will need a government photo ID to pick up their children

CELL PHONES

Upon entering the school campus, students in grades PK-8, must have cell phones and other electronic devices turned **off** and **stored in their backpack, purse, or locker**. The use of cell phones and other electronic devices is not allowed during the school day or anywhere on the school campus at any time unless the classroom teacher or administrator allows the use of the devices for a particular lesson or activity. Students who violate the district policy shall be deemed to have created a disruption to the instructional environment and are subject to disciplinary action.

Consequences for Violation of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices Usage

1 st Offense	Warning	Student May Pick Up the Confiscated Device at the End of the Day Student Will Sign and Date the Warning
2 nd Offense	Contract	Parent/Guardian Must Pick up the Confiscated Device Parent and Student Will Sign and Date a Contract
3 rd Offense	Offense Grades 6-12--1 day ISS Grades PK-5--Principal determined age appropriate discipline Parent/Guardian Must Pick up the Confiscated Device	Parent/Guardian Must Pick up the Confiscated Device
4 th Offense	Offense Grades 6-12--Up to 3 days ISS Grades PK-5--Principal determined age appropriate discipline Parent/Guardian Must Pick up the Confiscated Device	Parent/Guardian Must Pick up the Confiscated Device and Loss of Cell Phone Privileges While at School.
5 th Offense	Offense Grades 6-12--Up to 5 days ISS Grades PK-5--Principal determined age appropriate discipline Parent/Guardian Must Pick up the Confiscated Device	Parent/Guardian Must Pick up the Confiscated Device and Loss of Cell Phone Privileges While at School.

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

No person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, political or religious beliefs, national or ethnic origin, or genetic information, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity, or in any employment conditions or practice conducted by this School District, except as provided by law. The district also provides equal access to its facilities to the Boy Scouts and other patriotic youth group, as required by the Boys Scouts of America Equal Access Act.



**Calhoun County Public Schools
2024-2025 School Year Calendar
Board Approved - March 12, 2024**

Activity	Date
Pre-School Planning	August 1 - August 2
Pre-School Planning	August 5 - August 9
Opening Day of School	August 12
Labor Day Holiday for students and employees	September 2
Early Release Day/Professional Development Day (Students dismissed at 1:00p.m.)	September 25
End of First Grading Period	October 11
FTE Week	October 7 - October 11
Report Card Day	October 28
Fall holiday for students and employees	October 14
Fall holiday for students and employees	October 15
Teacher PD/Work Day	October 16
Halloween/Early Release/ Professional Development Day (Students dismissed at 1:00p.m.)	October 31
Thanksgiving Holidays	November 25 - November 29
End of Second Grading Period/End of Semester 1/Early Release Day (Students dismissed at 1:00p.m.)	December 20
Christmas Break for Students	December 23 - January 3
Professional Development Day/Teacher Work Day	January 2
Professional Development Day/Teacher Work Day	January 3
School Resumes for Students	January 6
Report Card Day	January 13
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday for students and employees	January 20
FTE Week	February 3 - February 7
Valentine's Day/ Early Release/ Professional Development Day (Students dismissed at 1:00p.m.)	February 14
President's Day Holiday for students and employees	February 17
End of Third Grading Period	March 14
Spring Break for students and employees	March 17 - March 21
Report Card Day	April 4
Spring Holiday for students and employees	April 18
Blountstown High Graduation	May 22
Altha Graduation	May 23
Memorial Day	May 26
Last Day for Students/Early Release (Students dismissed at 1:00p.m.)	May 28
Teacher Work Day	May 29
Teacher Work Day	May 30