

# COLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL

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## STUDENT HANDBOOK 2024-2025

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

Welcome to Coldwater High School. The staff and I wish you the best of luck with your studies and extra-curricular programs while you attend our school.

To assist you while you are in school we have completed this booklet outlining our school philosophy, programs, and policies. You will be responsible for the information contained within this booklet. If any questions arise which you feel are not adequately presented, please let us know in order that we might clarify these points for you. All students/parents are responsible for the contents of this handbook. Please refer to all sections, as this booklet will state policies and procedures that are the responsibility of students in the high school. This booklet also serves as your hall pass.

All students receive a copy of this handbook. There is no reason for a student to be unaware of any school policy or procedure that applies to the student. High expectations exist for our students in their classroom preparation, attendance, and conduct and involvement in extra-curricular activities

With hard work, a strong commitment, simple courtesy, and proper behavior, the school year will be an enjoyable and successful one. We hope that Coldwater's fine tradition, spirit, and pride will continue to be built upon. You, the student, are the most important ingredient to fulfill this hope.

Jason Hemmelgarn, High School Principal  
Eric Goodwin, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director  
Natalie Kanney, Guidance

## **OUR CORE VALUES**



### **Disclaimer**

This handbook is not all encompassing. Board Policy will supersede items not specifically covered in this handbook.



## **COLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL STAFF**

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Eric Goodwin	Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
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### School Directory Information

Athletic Director	419-678-4822
Central Office	419-678-2611
Elementary Office	419-678-2613
High School Fax	419-678-4962
High School Office	419-678-4821
Mercer County Health Dept.	419-586-3251
Middle School Office	419-678-3331
Speech & Hearing Therapist	419-678-2613
Tri-Star Vocational Office	419-586-7060

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## 2024-2025 CALENDAR

### REMAINING DATES TO BE DETERMINED

#### AUGUST

20 First Day for Students

#### SEPTEMBER

2 Labor Day – No School

10 High School Pictures

28 Homecoming Dance

#### OCTOBER

7 Waiver Day

20 Fall Choir Concert

25 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

28 No School - Holiday

29 District Teacher In-Service

#### NOVEMBER

5 Parent-Teacher Conferences

27 District Teacher In-Service

28 Thanksgiving Break Begins – No School

#### DECEMBER

3 Back to School from Thanksgiving Break

TBD Senior Citizen Breakfast

8 Holiday Band Concert

15 Holiday Choir Concert

23 Winter Break Begins – No School

#### JANUARY

6 Back to School from Winter Break

17 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

20 District Teacher In-Service

#### FEBRUARY

3 High School Scheduling Night

17 Presidents Day – No School

#### MARCH

2 Winter Band/Choir Concert

14 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

17 District Teacher In-Service

#### APRIL

12 Prom

17 Easter Break Begins – No School

22 District Teacher In-Service

23 Back to School from Easter Break

#### MAY

TBD Kiwanis Awards Banquet

14 Band Concert/Banquet

18 Spring Choir Concert

22 Last Day of School for Students

23 Teacher Workday

25 Graduation

26 Memorial Day




## BELL SCHEDULE (Semi-Block)

### Monday, Tuesday, Friday

Period 1	8:13 – 8:57
Period 2	9:00 – 9:44
Period 3	9:47 – 10:31
Period 4	10:34 – 11:18
Lunch	11:18 – 11:51
Period 5	11:55 – 12:39
Period 6	12:42 – 1:26
Period 7	1:29 – 2:13
Period 8	2:16 – 3:00

### BLOCK SCHEDULES WITH CAVPRIDE TIME

ODD BLOCK DAYS		EVEN BLOCK DAYS
1st period 8:13 - 9:36 (*PA)		2nd period 8:13 - 9:36 (*PA)
CavPride A 9:36 - 9:51		CavPride C 9:36 - 9:51
3rd period 9:54 - 11:18		4th period 9:54 - 11:18
LUNCH 11:18 - 11:51 tv announcements 11:55		LUNCH 11:18 - 11:51 tv announcements 11:55
5th period 11:55 - 1:18		6th period 11:55 - 1:18
CavPride B 1:18 - 1:33		CavPride D 1:18 - 1:33
7th period 1:36 - 3:00		8th period 1:36 - 3:00

**\*\*ANY DELAYS - CAVPRIDE IS CANCELED FOR THE DAY**

### SCHOOL DELAYS OR CANCELLATIONS

School delays or cancellations will be announced on the following radio and TV stations:

WCSM - Celina 96.7 FM & 1350 AM    Channel 2 & 7 - Dayton    WKKI - Celina 94.3 FM

### TWO-HOUR DELAY SCHEDULE

#### Monday, Tuesday & Friday

Period 1	10:13 - 10:42
Period 2	10:45 - 11:14
Period 3	11:17 - 11:46
Period 4	11:49 - 12:18
Lunch	12:18 - 12:51
Period 5	12:55 - 1:24
Period 6	1:27 - 1:56
Period 7	1:59 - 2:28
Period 8	2:31 - 3:00

#### Wednesday

Period 1	10:13 – 11:14
Period 3	11:17 – 12:18
Lunch	12:18 – 12:51
Period 5	12:55 – 1:56
Period 7	1:59 – 3:00

#### Thursday

Period 2	10:13 – 11:14
Period 4	11:17 – 12:18
Lunch	12:18 – 12:51
Period 6	12:55 – 1:56
Period 8	1:59 – 3:00

### THREE-HOUR DELAY SCHEDULE

#### Monday thru Friday

Period 1	11:00 – 11:26
Period 2	11:29 – 11:52
Period 3	11:55 – 12:18
Lunch	12:18 – 12:51
Period 4	12:54 – 1:17
Period 5	1:20 – 1:43
Period 6	1:46 – 2:09
Period 7	2:12 – 2:35
Period 8	2:38 – 3:00

\*Never Block periods on 3-Hour Delays  
(Block periods bumped to next day, if necessary)

### TRI-STAR STUDENTS - TWO-HOUR DELAY SCHEDULE

Tri Star students are expected to follow their home school bell schedules and attend all classes in which they are enrolled. Conflicts resulting from overlapping schedules do NOT exempt students from their responsibility for materials and assignments nor are the resulting absences counted toward the cumulative total as it relates to the attendance policy. All final arrangements will be made through the High School Office.

## SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

### COLDWATER ALMA MATER

Alma Mater, Alma Mater	Alma Mater, Alma Mater
Heed our parting song	Ever wise and true
Honor, Truth and Joy	Once again with grateful
attend thee	voices
We have loved thee long.	We our vows renew.

### COLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL FIGHT SONG

Coldwater High School I'll say is my school,  
Coldwater High is where I belong.  
Yell it or spell it, spell it or yell it,  
Coldwater High is where I belong.  
Orange and Black, roll out the score again,  
Orange and Black, just one more score again,  
Orange and Black, hear that crowd roar again,  
Pass them, outclass them, keep fighting to the end,

Hey!

Coldwater High School, I'll say is my school,  
Coldwater High is where I belong.  
Yell it or spell it, spell it or yell it,  
Coldwater High School is where I belong.  
Rah, Rah, Rah-Rah-Rah! Coldwater High School  
Rah, Rah, Rah!!!

### LINES OF COMMUNICATION

Those students or parents with questions or concerns about the school are encouraged to utilize the lines of communication in the following order:

1<sup>st</sup> – Teachers

2<sup>nd</sup> – High School Principal, Assistant Principal, and/or Counselor

3<sup>rd</sup> – Superintendent

4<sup>th</sup> – Board of Education

**SAFETY DRILLS** - Fire, tornado, lockdown, shelter-in-place, etc.

At Fire Alarms, all pupils and staff should leave the building in a quick, but orderly manner. Directions are posted in each room. Emergency evacuation/lockdown drill will be held throughout the year. As an exercise in discipline, so necessary in case of a real fire, explosion, or other disaster, pupils should not talk while leaving the building.

When outside, each class should move 30 yards away from the building and remain as a group to facilitate taking attendance. Return to class at the signal of the teacher. If fire alarm sounds during class change, proceed to the nearest exit.

Exit by the nearest available exit. If the exit is blocked, re-direct yourself to the nearest available exit. Teachers will be signaled to return by the principal or other school personnel.

### **Tornado Drill**

A Shelter Tornado drill will be used when advance notice would permit students to move from the classroom to shelter area(s).

For In-Room Tornado drills (used if no advance warning has been given). An announcement will be made over the P.A. system for practice. The teacher would then instruct the students to take cover (students are to lie flat with hands over heads). If this was the real thing and there would be no chance for movement to a shelter area, or an interior hallway, the students should follow the above directions.

### **Lockdown Drill**

For Lockdown Drills, once notification is given for “Lockdown” students will remain in their classroom with doors locked and pinned until the “all clear” announcement is given. Teacher discretion for decision to barricade or not.

### **Shelter-in-Place**

Will be handled in the same manner as “Lockdown” but teacher can continue teaching, etc. with the doors locked and windows covered. (Used when less of an emanate threat is involved).

For further information - See Board of Education policy **EBC** for complete Emergency Management and Safety Plans.

## **SECTION II: GUIDANCE PROGRAM**

### **ACADEMIC LETTER "C" AWARD**

This award is presented by the Coldwater Academic Promoters (CAP) in conjunction with Coldwater Schools. It is one of the means used to praise and honor Coldwater students for their academic success and desire to learn. The following are the revised requirements which are now in place for achieving this award.

High School – An academic letter will be awarded to a student once he/she has been on the High Honor and/or Honor Roll seven times (need not be consecutive). However, a freshman will be awarded an academic letter if the student earns High Honor Roll status in each of the first three nine-week periods of his/her first high school year. For each four times of High Honor and/or Honor Roll status achieved after the academic letter has been received, a bar for the letter will be awarded.

### **CREDIT FLEXIBILITY**

The Board of Education recognizes that an effective educational program is one that provides opportunities for students to customize aspects of their learning around their respective needs and interests. Credit flexibility is one method to motivate and increase student learning by allowing access to more resources, customization around individual student needs and the use of multiple measures of learning. The plan does not eliminate Carnegie units or “seat time” requirements altogether. Rather, it retains seat time as one option and expands the number of options for earning credit by demonstration of subject area competency and structures that support it irrespective of any time requirements. With credit flexibility, students can earn credit in three ways, or in a combination of these ways:

1. By completing traditional coursework.
2. By testing out or otherwise demonstrating mastery of the course content; or
3. By pursuing one or more educational options (e.g. distance learning, post-secondary options coursework, educational travel, independent study or an internship).

Students with interest in this aspect of their learning should contact the high school guidance counselor for a packet of information.

## COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS PROGRAM

The College Credit Plus Program has been established to permit high school students in grades 9-12 to earn college and high school graduation credit through the successful completion of college courses. The program is intended to provide expanded opportunities for appropriately qualified high school students to experience course work at the college or university level. Any high school student admitted to a course by an institution of high education will be expected and required to perform at the same level as the institution's regular students.

Students who are interested in the College Credit Plus Program should contact the guidance counselor to receive specific information about it. The intent form must be returned to the guidance counselor by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Students and their parents must understand the many opportunities, limitations, and responsibilities that are involved in the program. See your Guidance Counselor for information.

## COURSE SCHEDULING

Please see the yearly approved CHS Program of Studies of course scheduling guidelines and updated courses. All students will need to be accountable for an 8 Bell Day. For example: each course/period is 1 Bell; Tri Star consists of 4 Bells + 1 for travel; CCP is 1 Bell (unless travel is involved); YES program is 1 Bell per period (max of 2).

## SECTION III: GRADES, CREDITS, & GRADUATION

### COLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL GRADING SYSTEM

Reports will be issued every nine-week period.

In order to receive any credit for a course, a student will need to accumulate points according to the grading policy listed below. Credit will be granted on a yearly basis for full credit courses. Semester courses will receive credit accordingly.

### CLASS STANDINGS

The following are credit standards to reflect class standing by grade level:

Freshmen - 1 to 6 credits	Juniors - 13 to 18 credits
Sophomores - 7 to 12 credits	Seniors 19 to 21 (+) credits

### CLASS RANKINGS

Rankings are based solely on Final grade GPAs.

Final Grades are issued at the end of each semester for semester courses and at the end of the year for full year courses. Along the way, Quarter GPAs are calculated and recorded for each 9-week grading period on the report cards. Cumulative GPAs are also recorded on each report card but represent the grade point average for all earned High School credits only up until that point.

### GRADING POLICY

The Board believes students will respond more positively to the opportunity for success than to the threat of failure. The District will seek, therefore, in its instructional program to make achievement both recognizable and possible for students. It will emphasize achievement in its process of evaluating student performance.

1. A variety of evaluation measures will be used and accurate records shall be kept to substantiate the grade given.
2. Each individual must be given every reasonable consideration. An individual should not receive a failing grade unless he or she has not met stated minimum requirements.
3. Overall grades shall be used to motivate students. Poor or failing grades should trigger a variety of instructional and intervention activities to assist the student to achieve better grades.
4. A student will receive one credit for a course based upon the cumulative average of the two semester grades. The two semester grades, comprised of a 45% - 45% - 10% weight ratio, when averaged must result in a cumulative percent of 66.5% or higher. For a semester-long class, the average of the

two quarter grades plus the exam grade must also result in a cumulative percent of 66.5% or higher for the student to receive half-credit for the course. Numeric grade designations, not alpha grades, will be the determiner for a student's final course average.

5. Dropping Courses. Courses dropped after the first week of classes will result in a final grade of an "F" for that course. Rare exceptions only through the approval of Administration.

**REGULAR GRADING PERCENTAGE**

**AP GRADING PERCENTAGE SYSTEM**

Grade	Percentage	Points		Grade	Percentage	Points
A+	99-100	12		A+	97-100	12
A	96-98	11		A	93-96	11
A-	94-95	10		A-	90-92	10
B+	92-93	9		B+	87-89	9
B	88-91	8		B	83-86	8
B-	86-87	7		B-	80-82	7
C+	84-85	6		C+	77-79	6
C	77-83	5		C	73-76	5
C-	75-76	4		C-	70-72	4
D+	73-74	3		D+	67-69	3
D	69-72	2		D	63-66	2
D-	67-68	1		D-	60-62	1
F	66-0	0		F	59-0	0

**HONOR ROLL**

The Honor Roll is computed each quarter. High Honors will require a grade point average of eleven (A). Honors will require a grade point average of nine (B+). Grades of D, F, W, or I in any quarter will make a student ineligible for honors that quarter. All incomplete(s) shall be completed within two weeks after the end of the grading period.

**NOTE:** Honor Roll eligibility is calculated and printed on our Quarterly Report Cards by the A-site when a student has Final Quarter Grades submitted for 4 or more courses and meets the Honor Roll criteria mentioned above for the defined levels (High Honors or Honors).

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Subject Area	Coldwater Required	College Prep Required	With Honors Required	Vocational With Honors Required
English	4	4	4	4
Mathematics	4	4	4	4
Science	3	3	4	4
Social Studies	3	3	4	4
Foreign Language		2 or 3	3 or 4	
Health	½			
Physical Education	½			
Fine Arts	1 (unless Tri-Star)	1	1	
Career Tech Courses				4
Personal Finance	½	½	½	½
Electives	4 ½	4 ½	4 ½	
Grade Point Ave Min.			3.5	3.5
ACT or SAT Min.			27 or 1210	27 or 1210
Career Tech Exam				Proficiency
Minimum Credits	21	21	21	21

\*Starting with the graduating class of 2026, 1 full credit of Financial Literacy and 4 credits of electives will be required.

\*\*The State of Ohio requires students to show competency and readiness through End of Course Exams and earning two seals. Contact the school counselor or visit [education.ohio.gov/graduation](http://education.ohio.gov/graduation).

## EARLY GRADUATION

Early graduation is available to high school students provided they follow all of the requirements established for this purpose. The student needs to request paperwork from the high school office.

Once approval for early graduation is established, the student becomes a member of the class in the school year in which his/her graduation requirements are completed. The diploma may be given at the completion of all requirements or at the next graduation ceremony.

## SECTION IV: STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance in school leads to academic achievement at or above the level which can reasonably be expected. Just as importantly, Ohio Revised code Sections 3321.01.3321.99 make school attendance compulsory for every child who is an actual resident of the state. Therefore, the following is a statement of policy regarding pupil absences and make-up work for those absences which fall within the legal categories. For those cases not covered below, the building principal has full authority to handle each according to his/her best judgment.

The Ohio Revised Code 3321.04 defines a legitimate excuse from school as the following:

1. Enrollment in another school
2. A bodily or mental condition which does not permit attendance, verified by a licensed physician or psychologist
3. Participation in an approved program for home instruction
4. A demonstrated need for the child to remain home for a limited period of time to perform essential work for his parents
5. Possession of an age and schooling certificate

It is important to define what is acceptable for an absence to be deemed excused. Students with an unexcused absence will receive a "0" for any/all class work for that day. A day may be defined by individual class periods.

Under Section 3313.205 of the Ohio Revised Code it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school of a child's absence. Except in the case of a student with excessive absences (defined as 6 or more days in a quarter), parent/guardian phone calls will substantiate excused absences as defined by Coldwater Exempted Village School District. A student is satisfactorily excused under the following circumstances for days absent (1-5) for the quarter:

1. Personal illness
2. Illness in family
3. Death of a relative
4. Home/farm work/work (maximum of 3 days per school year)
5. Hunting (maximum of 2 days per school year)
6. Observance of a religious holiday
7. Emergency or set of circumstances which in the judgment of the superintendent or his/her designee constitutes a good and sufficient cause to be absent from school:
  - College visits (maximum of 3 days for seniors and 2 days for juniors per school year)
  - Job Shadowing (maximum of 2 days per school year)
  - Court appearances
  - Medical/dental appointments that cannot be scheduled outside school hours
  - Driver's examinations which cannot be scheduled outside school hours (part day only)
  - Educational/psychological testing
  - Vacations or extended travel with parents when pre-arranged with building administrator

-Other reasons approved by a school administrator

Once a student has exceeded the five-day absence limit per course (class period) in a quarter, the criteria for classifying any further absence(s) as excused follows below. Any absence (past the five-day limit) that is deemed unexcused will result in that student's grade for that course to be a maximum of 50% for that quarter. A student is satisfactorily excused under the following circumstances for days absent (6 or more) for the quarter:

1. Death of a relative
2. Observance of a religious holiday
3. Note from Medical Personnel
4. Emergency or set of circumstances which in the judgment of the superintendent or his/her designee constitutes a good and sufficient cause to be absent from school:
  - College visits (maximum of 3 days for seniors and 2 days for juniors per school year)
  - Job Shadowing (maximum of 2 days)
  - Court appearances
  - School Sponsored Events
  - Other reasons approved by a school administrator

A student who misses more than five-days per quarter and does not provide proper documentation or gain administrative approval for the absence will be considered unexcused for each day beyond the five-day limit until the proper documentation has been submitted or the approval granted. The expected time frame for the documentation to be submitted to the high school office is twenty-four hours after the absence; any extension of this time frame will need to be approved by the building principal. It is the students and/or parents responsibility to provide this documentation.

All reasonable attempts, via regular mail, electronic mail, phone calls, or parent conferences, will be made to inform the parent(s) or guardian(s) that the student is close to the five-day absence limit for the semester. When a student has missed the sixth day of school per semester, a representative of the district will contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) to inform them that the five-day limit has been exceeded. Subsequent parental contacts may be made for additional absences. The parent(s) and / or guardian(s) have the responsibility to monitor the student's attendance and report questions or concerns to the high school office.

Students are required to make up work when absent from school unless excused by the assignment teacher(s) due to lab work or other assignments, which cannot be completed outside of the school environment. It is the student's responsibility to arrange with the teacher for make-up work. Ohio Administrative Rule 3301-51-13

EXCUSED ABSENCE - Any absence from school excused by Ohio attendance laws

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE - Any absence from school with parent's knowledge but for an unacceptable reason

TRUANCY - Any absence from school without a parent's or the school's knowledge is prohibited.

TARDIES - Any student reporting to the school office prior to 9:00 a.m. will be marked tardy.

Parents or guardians of students absent from school are expected to call the office (High School 419-678-4821) by 9:00 am the morning of each absence to inform the school of the reason and probable duration of the absence. The office will be open by 7:30 am each school day. An office voice-mail box has been established for those parents unable to contact the office during normal hours. If parents are unable to call, and the office fails to reach a parent, the student, upon returning to school, must submit to the office, the following day, a note from a parent explaining the reason and DATE of the absence or leave a message on the office voice-mail box with the reason and date of the absence. If there is no notification from a parent concerning a student's absence from school, the student will be considered unexcused for that day. The student is notified by the High School Secretary if the absence is unexcused. It is the student's responsibility to make sure these guidelines are followed and that all absences which should be excused are excused.

**NOTE: On the fourth parent fail to call, the student will be unexcused (no matter the reason) and the**

**Mercer County Truancy officer will be contacted. The first three-parent fail to call will be documented on the student's attendance.** Students who are absent from school are not permitted to be present at any school function, unless previously approved by a school administrator. Any such incidents will make the absence from school unexcused.

Students are required to be in school a minimum of a half day on the day of an extra-curricular event in order to participate or receive prior administrative approval. (A half day is defined as 4 regular periods.)

Parents may notify the school within one day after an unexcused absence has been issued and have the absence changed to an excused absence as long as the excuse is an acceptable reason for being absent. Unexcused absences from the preceding day will be posted through the attendance report provided to each teacher and with the attendance secretary. Students should check with teachers/attendance secretary/building administrator to verify unexcused absences upon their return to school to insure that their absence is fully excused.

If parents are unable to call the school, one of the three emergency contacts from the emergency form may call and report the student's absence. Otherwise, calls from persons other than parents or guardians will not be accepted. Parents are encouraged to call if they have any questions concerning their son's or daughter's attendance.

#### TARDINESS AND PARTIAL DAY ABSENCES:

If a student arrives at school after 8:13 a.m. but prior to 9:00 a.m. for an excused absence, he/she will be marked "Excused Other." If a student arrives after 9:00 a.m., he/she will be marked "Excused Absent" for a half day. If a student leaves school after 2:16 p.m. for an excused absence, he/she will be marked "Excused Other." If a student leaves prior to 2:16 p.m. for an excused absence, he/she will be marked "Excused Absent" for a half day.

Students arriving at school after attendance is taken must first sign in at the attendance office. Students must have a note explaining the lateness or a parent call in. Otherwise, the tardy is automatically unexcused. Repeated failure to sign in may result in an unexcused absence. Students tardy to 1<sup>st</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> periods on three occasions during a semester will receive Disciplinary Action.

An attempt should be made by parents and students to schedule routine appointments during study hall time. It is realized that because of busy schedules this is not always possible, but following this practice would prevent students from missing valuable class time.

Arrangements with the office for doctor or dentist appointments, driver's permit tests, driver's license exams, court appointments, or any other type of appointment that may be considered an excused absence must be made prior to its scheduled time. This may be done by a parent calling the office or by sending in a note. The note or telephone call should specify the time of the appointment. Under normal circumstances, students will be excused fifteen minutes prior to a scheduled in-town appointment.

Students who have appointments scheduled from 9:15 a.m. and later are expected to be in their first period class. By making arrangements with the attendance office the day before the scheduled appointment, it will allow the school to be flexible regarding transportation problems. Students must return to school immediately upon the conclusion of their appointment.

If a student has a doctor's excuse, it must be provided to the office upon immediate return to school unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Students who find it necessary to leave school during the school day for any reason must first report to the high school secretary to sign out. A student's parent must be contacted before the student leaves school



unless prior arrangements have been made. Students must sign out to leave the building and sign in upon their return. If a student fails to return to school because of an illness during the lunch hour, a parent must call to confirm knowledge of the absence. Calls from students, or any person other than a parent, will not be accepted unless prior arrangements have been made with the office.

Students who leave the building without checking out through the office first will be deemed unexcused and parental notification after the fact will not be accepted as authorization.

The school will continue to refer students with excessive unexcused absences to Mercer County Juvenile Court.

**NOTE: Any class period absence that exceeds the five-day limit may result in additional disciplinary action.**

#### INJURY/ILLNESS

If you become injured, be sure to report this to your teacher immediately. If illness or injury necessitates, obtain permission from your teacher to report to the office. Depending upon the extent of illness or injury, students will be given first aid and either sent back to class, kept in the office for a rest period, or sent home. In cases of more serious illness or injury, it will be necessary to notify your parents. The State of Ohio forbids our giving any medication, even aspirin.

#### HOMEWORK

Homework is an opportunity to reinforce practice and/or extend activities and assignments that have been experienced at school.

Homework will be assigned at the discretion of the classroom teacher.

#### ABSENCE AND MAKE-UP WORK DUE TO ILLNESS

A student will be given the opportunity to do make-up work following an excused absence. Extended absences will be dealt with by the teachers and administration. The Principal retains the right to make a determination of appropriate length for make-up for extended illness.

It is the responsibility of the student, not the teacher, to get assignments upon return to school. Make-up work will be permitted for unexcused absences, however, any work or tests missed because of an unexcused absence will be recorded as an "F."

Incomplete work must be made up within two weeks after the "I" (incomplete) has been recorded on the report card. After two weeks, the "I" will become an "F." If extenuating circumstances prohibit the two-week deadline, administrative approval must be secured.

#### COLLEGE VISITATIONS

Coldwater High School students may visit college campuses during school time and students will be given an excused absence provided they receive approval in advance from administration. Seniors may take three such visits and juniors may take two such visits. A college visitation form must be completed.

## **SECTION V: STUDENT OPERATING PROCEDURES**

#### ADDRESS - TELEPHONE CHANGES

Any change of address or telephone number should be reported immediately to the Principal's Office. Address and phone numbers are needed in order to maintain appropriate Education Management Information System (EMIS) records.

## BUS RIDERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Pupils have duties and obligations which contribute to their safe and orderly transportation. The following are rules, which are to be observed by pupils riding school buses:

The Coldwater School District furnishes transportation in compliance with State law. This fact does not relieve parents of students from the responsibility of supervision until such times as the student boards the bus in the morning and after the student leaves the bus at the end of the school day.

Once a student boards the bus, he/she becomes the responsibility of the school authorities. Such responsibility will end when the student is delivered to the regular bus stop at the close of the school day.

Students on a bus are under the authority of, and directly responsible to, the bus driver. The driver has the authority to enforce the established regulations for bus conduct. Disorderly conduct or refusal to submit to the authority of the driver will be sufficient reason for refusing transportation service to any student, once proper due process procedures have been followed.

Regulations regarding conduct on school buses, as well as general information about the school transportation program, will be approved by the Board and made available to all parents and students.

In order to assure the safety and welfare of the pupils it transports, the Board has adopted the following policy:

1. The school bus driver has the authority and responsibility to maintain control of the students riding his or her bus.
2. Pupils riding Coldwater School buses must meet the following standards of behavior:
  - A. Pupils shall arrive at the bus stop before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
  - B. Pupils must wait in a location clear of traffic and away from the bus stops.
  - C. Behavior at school bus stops must not threaten life, limb or property of any individual.
  - D. Pupils must go directly to an available or assigned seat.
  - E. Pupils must remain seated, keeping aisles and exits clear.
  - F. Pupils must observe classroom conduct and obey the driver promptly and respectfully.
  - G. Pupils must not use profane language.
  - H. Pupils must refrain from eating or drinking on the bus, except as required for good health practices.
  - I. Pupils must not use tobacco or any inhalant mechanisms, products, or paraphernalia on the bus.
  - J. Pupils must not have alcohol or drugs in their possession on the bus, except for prescription medication required for a student.
  - K. Pupils must not throw or pass objects on, from or into the bus.
  - L. Pupils may carry on the bus only objects that can be held in their laps.
  - M. Pupils must leave or board the bus at locations to which they have been assigned unless they have parental and administrative authorization to do otherwise.
  - N. Pupils must not put head or arms out of the bus windows.
3. In cases where it is determined by the Director of Transportation that a pupil's presence on a bus poses a danger to persons or property or a threat to the safe operation of the school bus, that pupil may be removed immediately by the Director of Transportation for a period not to exceed 10 days. The pupil will be given notice as soon as practical and the pupil has the right to a hearing within 72 hours of the action.
4. Suspension of a pupil for misconduct that is not considered a danger to persons or property, or a threat to the safe operation of the school bus can take place only after the pupil has been notified of the intended action, and has had the opportunity to appeal the action to the superintendent. Expulsion of pupils from riding privileges may be done only by the superintendent. The pupil has the right to a hearing.

5. Permission to Ride Other Buses: Students must ride the bus to which they are assigned. Any exceptions to this policy are subject to approval by the transportation director.

## TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM ALL SCHOOL EVENTS

Traveling to an event:

To protect the liability of all involved, all students must ride the transportation if provided by the school to any CEVS event. If other conflicts occur with this, written permission can be obtained from Administration. A form will be provided to be completed and approved if applicable. Anyone arriving to an event without riding school transportation or without permission to do so will result in “no participation” for that particular event.

Returning from an event:

Custodial parents/guardians may request their child only to leave with them after the event. They may do so by speaking with the Advisor/Coach in charge prior to leaving. Written/Text message to be given for documentation purposes is best practice. Anyone leaving without permission may face disciplinary action.

In a case where no school transportation is available for an event, please seek advice from Administration for arrangements/forms.

## CLASSROOM PARTIES AND TEACHER’S GIFTS

The high school and its students are to have no exchanges, gifts, treats, or parties during school hours, unless educational in nature and relevant to the course.

## COMPUTER/NETWORK USAGE BY STUDENTS

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the many resources available on the Internet. Responsible use of the Internet is important and students need to follow acceptable guidelines and rules with relation to use.

The Coldwater Telecommunications Network has been established for limited educational purposes. Hundreds of resources are available through the telecommunications network. One of the goals of the Coldwater Exempted Village Schools is to develop in its students and staff responsible and effective use of telecommunications. Individual accounts are available on the network for students. The network ensures limited privacy. Files placed on the school network are the property of the school. Services on the network include e-mail, Internet access, and school-licensed software packages. Students should not infringe on the rights of other users of our network.

The District will make every effort to maintain the network so that each user has equal and fair access. The District will make every effort to maintain security and integrity of the system. The District cannot guarantee the security and ultimate privacy of material stored on the network. The District makes no guarantee of the functions and services provided by the network or the accuracy of information obtained through or stored on the network. The District takes no responsibility for the loss of data, files, or information on the network.

The use of outside devices may be denied or limited at the discretion of the Administration or Faculty on a case by case or class by class basis.

Violations of the Telecommunications Network rules fall under the Student Disciplinary Code and will result in disciplinary action and possible denial of privileges to suspension from school. Students will need to complete and sign a user agreement prior to receiving access to the technologies available to them in the Coldwater Schools. (Reference Board Policy, EDE, EDE-R)

## CELL PHONES (OR OTHER DEVICES)

Cell phone use is at the discretion of each individual staff member in their assigned domain.

Teachers are encouraged to have students place their cell phones in temporary storage upon entry into the classroom, and are authorized to manage as needed. Teachers/Aides (and their substitutes) have the right of

refusal of use at any time. Any violations of that may result in the confiscation of said cell phones (or other devices). Teachers shall return the item at the end of the period or submit to the Office for further confiscation.

## DANCE POLICY

In order to partially fill the needs of the young people of this community for wholesome recreation and social contacts, the school will occasionally sponsor after-game and other dances, with the following guidelines:

1. Dances are not public, but are open to Coldwater students and their guests.
2. Admission to certain dances, such as prom, may be further limited by school administration regulations.
3. The dance is the responsibility of the clubs sponsoring the dance.
4. Chaperons will consist of a head chaperon and other adults. The head chaperon and a teacher will assist primarily to admit students.
5. Once inside, students are not permitted to go outside and return.
6. School property is to be handled carefully at all times.
7. Cars entering and leaving school grounds are to be driven carefully and quietly.
8. Opening time will be as soon as possible after conclusion of the game or at a pre-determined starting time.
9. Closing time will be no later than 11:00 p.m. or at a pre-determined ended time.
10. There is to be no possession or use of alcohol or any drugs on school grounds. Students will not be under the influence of any drug while in attendance at the dance.
11. There is to be no smoking or vaping in school buildings or on school grounds.
12. Students will obey all reasonable requests of the chaperons - including the request to leave if and when such a request is made.
13. The above regulations will be enforced by the chaperons and the school administration. Disciplinary measures available to the administration will include, but not be limited to, excluding the violators, whether Coldwater students or not. Violators will be excluded from further school sponsored dances, including the prom.
14. Appropriate dress is required for all school dances.
15. No one 21 years of age or older is permitted to attend.
16. For Prom, no students below the junior class level is to be in attendance.

## FIELD TRIP APPROVALS

All field trip permissions are approved on FinalForms. Administration reserves the right to prohibit (or unexcuse) any student from attending or participating on a field trip based on grades, behavior, or other extenuating circumstances.

## INTERROGATIONS

The District has responsibility for the control and management of the students during the school day and hours of approved extra-curricular activities. While discharging its responsibility, the school administration is to make an effort to protect each student's rights with respect to interrogations by law enforcement officials. The administration has developed District regulations to be followed in the case of searches and interrogations.

The Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution, together with the Statutes of the State of Ohio, set forth procedures which must be followed in the search and seizure of individuals and property. They must, at all times, exercise great care in searching the persons and effects of students. The following should be observed:

- a. Search of the student's person or personal effects for evidence of a violation of school regulations and not for evidence of a crime per se, is permissible without consent, under the theory that the Fourth Amendment applies only to evidence of a criminal offense.
- b. First and foremost in the thinking of school officials is the protection and safety of the entire student body.

## LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER RULES AND POLICIES

Due to the small size of the collection that services both the Middle School and the High School, students may have three books checked out at a time. Students may not check out additional books if they have overdue books or charges pending from lost or damaged books.

To renew a book, students must either bring the book to the library and present it at the Circulation Counter, or contact the librarian to request renewal. Books may be renewed twice unless there is a hold on that book, in which case the book must be relinquished for the other person who is waiting for the book.

Students will be notified via their school email when their books become overdue. Due dates are stamped in the back of the book when the book is checked out and students may contact the librarian at any time to confirm the return dates of their items. They may also request a renewal over the phone or by email.

Currently, no fines are charged for overdue books. However, a replacement cost of the books will be charged if the book is considered lost, damaged beyond repair, or not returned in a timely manner (Four weeks past the due date). Charges for lost or damaged books will follow the student from year to year through graduation and will be added to the student's fees.

It is requested that students or their members not attempt to repair a damaged book themselves. The library has the proper tools and supplies to repair books for the best possible result and the librarian will make every effort to repair books to the best of their ability. Water-damaged books are often beyond repair.

### **Expectations**

Students are expected to be quiet and on their best behavior while in the library. The library is occasionally shared by study hall, as well as, High School and Middle School students and classes. No food or beverages other than water is permitted in the library. Please keep your feet off the upholstered furniture.

### **Available Services**

A printer for student use is located inside the main library doors. Students will use their 4-digit PIN to access their documents from this printer.

The library has charging ports/stations available, but students will need to use their own charge cords. The library does not lend headphones, chargers, cords, equipment or yearbooks to students.

### **Use of the Quiet Room/Meditation Room/Zen Den**

The "Zen Den" is a quiet room for meditation, relaxing, reading, quiet study or small groups. It is located inside the High School library and features comfortable seating and relaxing sensory details including an electric fireplace, waterfall fountain, and dimmed lighting. The maximum occupancy for student's use is five persons and is restricted to boys only and girls only unless used for class time and students are accompanied by an adult/staff member. The room may be reserved by teachers for class use up to a week in advance.

All individual students must sign in/out at the library's circulation counter and cell phones must be left at the counter while students are using the Zen Den. Posted rules for use of the room include: having mindful conversations, mutual respect, using gentle voices, no cell phones, and tidying up before they leave. No food or beverages other than water is permitted in the Zen Den unless prior permission is granted.

Use of the "Zen Den" in a manner inconsistent with its intended way will result in the student's permission being restricted or prohibited.

## LOCKER ASSIGNMENTS

Lockers are assigned to students to allow them to have a place to store clothing and necessary school materials. The school assumes no responsibility for the contents of any locker. Report or turn in combinations or extra key to the principal's office. Lockers are the property of the school and, as such, are assumed to be under the control of the school. Lockers may be searched by school personnel to insure that school rules are not being ignored. A student is to use only the locker assigned for his/her use. No tape will be allowed on lockers.

## LOST AND FOUND

Any student who loses an article should check whether it has been turned in to the principal's office. Students' names should be in all textbooks, on labels, and in workbooks in ink to facilitate return of items if lost.

## LUNCH

Lunch is open for all students in grades 9-12. Students are assigned a lunch period in which they may eat in the school cafeteria or leave school grounds. However, students who are not in good academic or behavioral standing may have their Open Lunch privileges revoked or temporarily suspended. Students are to be quiet and orderly when going to and from lunch so as not to interfere with classes that might be in session. Students eating in the building are to remain on the school grounds area throughout the entire lunch period. All food items, brought onto the school grounds or purchased from the school cafeteria, are to be consumed in the cafeteria while seated. Students are to take trays, paper plates, silverware, dishes, milk cartons, etc. to the proper place when finished eating. Also, students returning from open lunch are to come to the cafeteria area and remain there until the end of the lunch period. Students are not to be in the hallways during lunch. **ANY CHANGES TO LUNCH ROOM POLICY ARE UNDER THE DISCRETION OF ADMINISTRATION.**

Applications for Free and Reduced breakfast/lunch are available in the high school office. Applications must be completed each year in each building in which they are enrolled.

## MARRIED STUDENTS

The Board Policy on married student's states that married students may elect to remain in the regular school program and shall not be involuntarily excluded from any part of the regular program, nor any school sponsored activity, provided that reasonable safeguards are provided both for the school and the student's best interest.

## MEDICATION POLICY

Over-The-Counter Drugs and Prescribed Medications: The Board also recognizes that prescription drugs and the over-the-counter medications are sometimes needed in order for students to attend school regularly. The following applies for those students with over-the-counter drugs and prescription medications.

Students in the high school are required to bring over-the-counter medications or prescribed medications to the office with the proper documentation required upon their arrival at school. These medications must be in the original package/container. Over-the-counter medications and prescription medications must be managed in the high school office and administered by the School Nurse, Principal, Secretary, or designee. In the case of inhalers, the medication should be carried by the student at all times, but a doctor's order requiring such shall be on file in the school office. The student must also understand and accept the responsibilities associated with carrying such medication on their person. Students in violation of the above medication and Drug Policy will face disciplinary action (reference Board Policy JHCD).

## STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Pediculosis (Head Lice) Regulation. The Board recognizes that pediculosis (head lice) is a nuisance health issue. It is spread by either direct contact (head to head contact) or indirect contact (head to infested clothing, hats, upholstery, etc.). Because of the risk of passing head lice, Coldwater Schools has a "No Nit" requirement for students to attend school.

Upon discovery of the presence of head lice on a student or staff member, that student or staff member will be excluded from school and school events until it is determined that the individual was treated with a lice-killing solution and all nits have been successfully removed from the individual. Re-entry of the student or staff member to school will be allowed only after the individual is examined by the school nurse or another trained individual and it is determined that there are no live lice or visible nits. Exclusion from school and school events will be enforced until treatment is verified and all nits are verified as being removed.

As recommended by the National Pediculosis Association, treatment includes the use of a lice-killing solution on the head, removal of nits from the infected head, and treatment/clean-up of clothing, coats, and the home environment. It is anticipated that such treatment will normally take up to twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours to complete. In the case of multiple family members needing treatment or if the infestation is particularly severe, such treatment may normally take up to seventy-two (72) hours to complete.

Students or staff members will be expected to return nit-free during that time frame unless they produce written documentation from a health care provider advising that more time is needed to be deemed nit free. In that event, the health care provider will be asked to present a plan for return to school. NOTE: Coldwater Schools also follow the county-wide attendance recommendations.

### RESTROOMS

Custodians have been asked to make a special effort to keep our restrooms clean, sanitary and supplied. Students should have respect for school property and cooperate to keep restrooms clean by flushing toilets and keeping food and paper off the floors and out of urinals.

### SCHOOL BOOKS

It is recommended that school books be covered. Students losing or damaging school books beyond repair will be required to pay the following fine:

If the book is lost or damaged during the:

1st year (1st semester)	100% of the replacement cost
1st year (2nd semester)	80% of the replacement cost
2nd year	70% of the replacement cost
3rd year	60% of the replacement cost
4th year	50% of the replacement cost
5th year	40% of the replacement cost
After the 5th year	\$5.00

(If the book is to be used in the future, an appropriate replacement cost will be charged.)

Damaged binding	\$5.00 recovering charge
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### SCHOOL HOURS

No student is to be in the school before 7:50 a.m., nor after 3:15 p.m., unless accompanied by a coach or sponsor, or at the request of a teacher.

### SIGNS

Signs may be posted in the school after permission is obtained from the principal, but they cannot be placed on painted walls.

### SKATE BOARDING/ROLLER BLADING

There will be no skate boarding/roller blading on school property at any time.

### STUDENT EXPRESSION - Non-School Sponsored Publications, Materials, Student Shirts, etc.

Students must request authorization from the principal to distribute on school property: petitions, handouts, leaflets, student shirts, and other literature. These shall be written and signed by the students. A copy of

material to be distributed, displayed, or worn must accompany the request four (4) days prior to time of distribution.

### SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

Surveillance cameras have been installed throughout the building and the surrounding areas of the school. The images from these cameras are confidential and can be viewed by school officials only. A parent or guardian may view the images, with an administrator, only if their son or daughter is the only student on the images. If other students are on the images, their privacy rights must be protected. In the event of criminal prosecution, the images may become evidence at the trial and therefore will probably end up becoming public. Under such circumstances, the images are under the control of the courts, not the school.

### TELEPHONE CALLS

Office telephones are for official school business only. In case of emergency, please come to the office. Non-emergency use of the 911 Emergency number is prohibited by students - Any violation is subject to discipline and/or criminal charges.

### UNATTENDED BAGS

Any unattended bag(s) on school property may be searched and removed by school personnel.

### UNPAID BILLS

All school bills must be paid as soon as possible and before the end of the school year or grades and credits will not be released. Students with outstanding fees may not be recognized at the graduation ceremony.

### VALUABLES

Students are urged to keep anything valuable at home. Many students bring too much money or other unnecessary possessions to school. You will need only a minimum amount of money at school. In the locker room, keep your lockers locked or ask your coach/advisor to lock up your valuables. If you know of a theft, report it to the office immediately.

### VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND USE

One responsibility and concern of the Board of Education is the safety of all students. Any licensed student may drive to school. All cars should be parked in the student parking lots. Other space will be designated if the parking lot gets too full. Proper safety should be observed at all times and care should be given to avoid excessive noise and disturbance of other students still in class.

1. All students with a reserved parking spot will be registered in the High School Office.
2. Extreme caution must be taken in the vicinity of the school; particularly where elementary students attend.
3. Students shall park in designated areas and should not double park or block other parked cars in the student parking lots.
4. Failure to accept student vehicle regulation responsibility will result in appropriate disciplinary action.

Mopeds shall be parked in the bicycle rack. Motor bikes, three wheelers, etc., - are not authorized on school property. This includes the football stadium, stadium parking lot, the grassy strip south of the stadium, practice football field, playground north of Vine Street, front lawn of the school and the practice football field and playground behind the school. Students who ride bikes to school are to park them in the designated bike rack area. The police have been requested to take action on individuals driving vehicles of any type on the school grounds at any time.

### VISITORS TO SCHOOL

All visitors to Coldwater Schools are welcome and must report to the office. A student visitor wishing to accompany a student of our school during the day must obtain permission from the administration.



## WORK PERMITS

Minor students seeking employment are required to obtain a work permit. Work permits are obtained in the high school office AFTER the student is employed. The employer must complete a portion of the work permit form, as well as the school district.

## SECTION VI: CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Parents and Students may have access to a copy of the school handbook which will include the standards of conduct and the statement of disciplinary sanctions and will be notified that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory. Handbooks are available via school website and are approved on FinalForms.

### STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

**Jurisdiction:** This code and its provisions shall be applicable during regularly scheduled hours, as well as other times and places, including, but not necessarily limited to: school sponsored events, field trips, and athletic functions where appropriate school personnel have jurisdiction over students.

**General Consideration:** Teachers and administrators are encouraged to develop and utilize a variety of informal disciplinary/guidance strategies to maintain effective learning conditions. It should be clearly understood that suspensions - both short and long term - and expulsions are penalties of the last resort, which should be imposed only after alternate forms of discipline have been attempted and have been proven unsuccessful.

**Students who have been suspended or expelled from school shall not be eligible to participate in any school functions for the duration of such disciplinary action.**

**Students who have been suspended shall have the opportunity to receive full credit for their work that was missed during that period if it is submitted on the day of return.**

### RESPONSIBILITIES AND DISCIPLINE

Methods of discipline may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Positive action by teachers to inspire correct behavior
2. Counseling by teachers, principal, and guidance staff
3. Parental conferences
4. Denial of privileges
5. Detentions
6. Saturday Detentions
7. Closed lunch
8. Alternative School
9. Suspension from class
10. Suspension from school
11. Expulsion from school
12. Referral to Juvenile Court

The following are areas of misconduct that may result in discipline measures (listed, but not limited to):

1. Disruptions of School - A student shall not, by use of violence, force, coerce, threat, harassment, insubordination, bullying, or repeated lack of cooperation, cause material disruption or obstruction of the educational process, including all curricular and extra-curricular activities.
2. Damage to school or private property
3. Assault and or fighting with a student or other school personnel
4. Dangerous weapons and instruments or other objects which might be considered a dangerous weapon or instrument of violence
5. Tobacco or vape/inhalant use by students (see page 25)

6. Narcotics, alcoholic beverages, and stimulant drug use (including but not limited to betel nut) (see page 25)
7. Theft of public or private property
8. Frightening, degrading or disgraceful acts to a teacher, student, or other person by written, verbal, or gestural means
9. Profane and obscene language
10. Misuse of school technology (including personal devices on school property or school related activities).
11. Insubordination - disregard or refuse to obey reasonable directions given by school personnel
12. All students shall cooperate with the bus drivers and bus regulations as defined
13. Truancy
14. No student is allowed to leave school grounds without notifying school personnel
15. Excessive tardiness
16. Forgery/cheating
17. Public display of affection
18. The use of cellular phones and other devices may be limited under the discretion of the classroom teacher and administration.
19. Video recording, audio recording, and social media posting on any device at school functions without prior consent is prohibited.
20. Laser lights are prohibited during school hours, and extra-curricular events.
21. The use of book bags and other bags may be limited under the discretion of the staff and administration.
22. Soft drinks, coffee, and other beverages maybe limited in the building during regular school hours and it is under the discretion of the teacher and administration.
23. Dress code violations (including offensive attire).
24. Hats/Hoodies/other large coats, garments, or blankets, may be limited under the discretion of the staff and administration.

#### CHEATING POLICY

It is the belief that all students should act responsible, with maturity, and integrity when making learning choices. The act of cheating illustrates academic dishonesty. The practice of plagiarism demonstrates negative ethical choices. The very act of taking work that is created by another and implying that it is your own contradicts the school's mission of developing responsible citizens while lowering the expectation of student behavior. Consequences for cheating or plagiarizing will be at the discretion of the involved teacher and/or administration.

#### STUDENT ALCOHOL/DRUG USE

The Board recognizes its share of the responsibility for the health, welfare and safety of the students who attend the District's schools.

The Board is concerned about the problems of alcohol and drug abuse and recognizes that illegal or inappropriate use of alcohol, narcotic drugs, depressants or other controlled substances is wrong and harmful, and constitutes a hazard to the positive development of all students, participants and athletes.

The Board will not permit any student to possess, transmit, conceal, consume, show evidence of having consumed, used or offer for sale any alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, nonprescription drugs, look-alike drugs or any mind-altering substance while on school grounds or facilities; at school-sponsored events; or in other situations under the authority of the District or in school-owned or school-approved vehicles. Included in this prohibition are any substances represented as a controlled substance, nonalcoholic beers, steroids, herbal remedies, and drug paraphernalia. A student is required to obey existing laws (Ohio legal drinking age is 21) and Board policies while on school grounds, and while involved in and/or attending school activities.

If conditions warrant, the administration will refer the student for prosecution and offer full cooperation in a criminal investigation. (This is also applicable for repeated violations of the prescription and over-the-counter medications.)

The Superintendent will establish detailed procedures, in conjunction with a certified professional counselor, for dealing with students who may have a drug or alcohol problem. These procedures will be in compliance with all applicable laws and observed by all staff members. It is the desire of the Board for students with problems to feel secure enough to ask for help from their teachers or counselors without fear of reprisal. This means that confidentiality will be maintained, within the limits of the law, and the long-range welfare of the student will be considered paramount.

#### TOBACCO USE BY STUDENTS

The Ohio Revised Code 3313.47; 3313.66; 3313.661; 3313.751 and Ohio Administrative Code OAC3301-35-03 have been determined tobacco products are illegal if possessed or purchased by persons under the age of eighteen (18). As well, health professionals have determined that the use of tobacco products can be detrimental to one's health. The Board wishes to be in compliance with the law and to encourage good health practices among the students of this District. Therefore, the Board prohibits the smoking, use or possession of tobacco in any form, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff and any other forms of tobacco by any student in any area under the control of the District or at any activity supervised by the District. Electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, look-a-like cigarettes, nicotine, any type of inhalants mechanism, or products with nicotine will be considered and treated as a tobacco or illegal drug product as well.

**Vaping/Inhalants:** Vaping is an illegal, addicting, and dangerous behavior that is easily concealable and accessible to kids. In order to provide students with a safe environment, reasonable suspicion for searching and the activation of vaping detection devices (placed in all student bathrooms and locker rooms), will lead to further student interviewing and searching (along with personal belongings). In addition, a metal detector wand may be used to assist in the search. If vape detection sensors are activated, video surveillance will be viewed and all students in the bathroom at the time of activation will be interviewed and searched by administration.

Students who are in possession of any vaping materials of any type, will be subject to disciplinary action. Furthermore, THC test kits will be used to test all vaping materials. If THC is detected or a student is under the influence, law enforcement will be notified and more severe penalties will follow. Parents will be notified in any of the above cases when such materials are discovered.

#### REFUSAL OF SEARCH

Administration may search a student or his/her property, with or without the student's consent, whenever there is a reasonable suspicion that a search will lead to discovery of evidence of a violation of school rules or laws. When that reasonable suspicion search is requested and a student refuses the search, they are informed that their refusal to participate implies admission of guilt leading to disciplinary action. Students will be allowed a second opportunity, and if refusal is chosen again, the student will be asked to sign a refusal statement leading to a written report and disciplinary action. Depending on the reasonable suspicion at hand, the student will be released to parents/guardians or law enforcement.

#### SCHOOL DETENTIONS

Serious violations of school policy will result in the assignment of after school detention. The only excuse accepted for missing school detention will be PRIOR administrative approval.

The same rules apply to school detentions as they do to Saturday school with the exception of a 5-minute restroom break. Failure to adhere to ANY of the rules will result in being given another school detention or suspension.

## SATURDAY DETENTIONS-SATURDAY SCHOOL

Serious violations of school policy and procedure will result in the assignment of a Saturday morning detention (8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.) The only excuse accepted for missing Saturday School will be a doctor's excuse or PRIOR administrative approval.

## DUE PROCESS IN SUSPENSION/EXPULSION

The superintendent or the principal may suspend a pupil from school for not more than 10 SCHOOL DAYS. No pupil shall be suspended unless prior to the suspension, the superintendent, the principal, or the assistant principal:

1. Gives the pupil written notice of the intention to suspend him/her and the reasons for the intended suspension: and
2. Provides the pupil an opportunity to appear at an informal hearing before the principal, assistant principal, superintendent, or superintendent's designee, and challenge the reason for the intended suspension or otherwise to explain the actions.

The superintendent may expel a pupil from school. The principal may recommend expulsion from school for a period up to, but not exceeding, eighty (80) days. No pupil shall be expelled unless prior to his expulsion, the superintendent:

1. Gives the pupil and his parents or guardian, or representative, an opportunity to appear in person before the superintendent or his designee, to challenge the reasons for the intended expulsion, or otherwise to explain the pupil's actions. The notice required in the division shall include the reasons for the intended expulsion, notification of the opportunity of the pupil, his parents, guardian, or representative to appear before the superintendent, or his designee, to challenge the reason for the intended expulsion, or otherwise to explain the pupil's actions, and notification of the time and place to appear. The time to appear shall not be earlier than three (3) nor later than five (5) days after the notice is given, unless the superintendent grants an extension of time at the request of the pupil, his parent, guardian, or representative. If an extension is granted after giving the original notice, the superintendent shall notify the pupil and his parent, guardian or representative of the new time and place to appear.

If a pupil's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or is an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process, either within a classroom or elsewhere on the school premises, the superintendent, principal or assistant principal may remove a pupil from curricular or extra-curricular activities or from the school premises, and a teacher may remove a pupil from curricular or extra-curricular activities under his supervision, without the notice and hearing requirements of Division (A) or (B) of this section. As soon as practicable after making such a removal, the teacher shall submit, in writing, to the principal the reasons for removal.

If a pupil is removed under this division from a curricular or extra-curricular activity or from the school premises, written notice of the hearing and of the reason for the removal shall be given to the pupil as soon as practicable prior to the hearing, which shall be held in accordance with Division (B) of this section, except that the hearing shall be held within seventy-two (72) hours of the initial removal. The individual who ordered, caused or requested the removal to be made shall be present at the hearing.

If the superintendent or the principal reinstates a pupil in a curricular or extra-curricular activity under the teacher's supervision prior to the hearing following a removal, the teacher shall, upon request, be given in writing the reasons for such reinstatement.

The superintendent or principal shall within twenty-four (24) hours after the time of a pupil's expulsion or suspension, notify in writing the parent or guardian, and the treasurer of the Board of Education of such expulsion or suspension. The notice shall include the reasons for the expulsion or suspension and shall also include notification of the right of the pupil or his parent or guardian, to appeal such action to the Board of

Education or to its designee, to be represented in all such appeal proceedings, to be granted a hearing before the Board or its designee in order to be heard against such suspensions or expulsions, and to request that such hearing be held in executive session.

A pupil or his/her parent or guardian may appeal his expulsion or suspension by a superintendent or principal to the Board of Education or its designee. Such pupil or his/her parent or guardian may be represented in all such appeal proceedings and shall be granted a hearing before the Board or its designee in order to be heard against such expulsion or suspension. At the request of the pupil, or his/her parent, guardian or attorney, the Board or its designee may hold the hearing in executive session, but shall act upon such suspension or expulsion only at a public meeting. The Board may, by a majority vote of its full membership or by action of its designee, affirm the order of suspension or expulsion, or may reinstate such pupil, or otherwise reverse, vacate, or modify the order of suspension or expulsion.

The Board or its designee shall make a verbatim record of hearings held under this division. The decision of the Board or its designee may be appealed under Chapter 2506 or the Revised Code. This section shall not be construed to require notice and hearing in accordance with Division (A), (B), or (C) of this section in the case of normal disciplinary procedures in which a pupil is removed from a curricular or extra-curricular activity for a period of less than twenty-four (24) hours and is not subject to suspension or expulsion.

## DRESS CODE

Proper dress, manners, and attitudes will be expected at all times. We feel that each student should realize that how he or she dresses has an effect on his/her behavior. Proper clothing can add to the learning climate while attention-getting clothes may detract. For this reason, a dress code becomes necessary to insure a proper learning environment.

1. Clothing may not be disruptive to the educational system.
2. Clothing or any attire that is deemed offensive.
3. Hats, headbands, and other garments worn around the head are not permitted if they violate the intent of the dress code.
4. Spaghetti straps, halter tops or similar shirts may not be worn unless approved by the administration. Shirts displaying chemical advertisements (alcohol, drugs, tobacco, drug paraphernalia-or the look alike) shall not be worn. Clothing shall be worn as the manufacturer intended.
5. Pants/jeans, which are excessively tattered, torn, or with holes may not be worn. Shorts of modest length may be worn.
6. Pants must be worn at the hip at all times.
7. Dress and grooming standards require cleanliness in the interest of health, sanitary conditions, and safety requirements.
8. When a student is participating in school activities, his/her dress and grooming will not disrupt his performance or that of other students or constitute a health threat to himself or other students.
9. Chains (that do not include jewelry) may not be worn. (Ex. - chains that connect billfolds to pants and those worn on jackets.)

NOTE: The principal reserves the right to make judgments concerning other questionable modes of dress.

## HAZING/BULLYING

In order to assure the safety and welfare of the students from hazing/bullying, initiation or rites of passage, the District has adopted the following policy:

1. Hazing/bullying means doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of intimidation to any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person. Permission consent or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing/bullying, initiation or rites of passage does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy.

2. Hazing activities, initiations or other rites of passage are inconsistent with the education process and are prohibited at all times throughout the calendar year. No student, including leaders of student organizations, may plan, encourage, or engage in any of these activities.
3. Any intentional written, verbal, graphic or physical act including electronically transmitted acts (Internet or cell phone) by a student or group of students toward other students with the intent to harass, intimidate, injure, threaten ridicule, or humiliate will not be tolerated. Such behaviors are prohibited on or immediately adjacent to school grounds, at any school sponsored activity, or on school provided transportation.

## SEXUAL HARRASSMENT

Verbal: The making of written or oral sexual innuendos, suggestive comments, jokes of a sexual nature, sexual propositions, or threats to a fellow student, staff member, or other person associated with the District.

Nonverbal: Causing the placement of sexually suggestive objects, pictures, or graphic commentaries in the school environment or the making of sexually suggestive or insulting gestures, sounds, leering, whistling, and the like to a fellow student, staff member, or other person associated with the District.

Physical Contact: Threatening or causing unwanted touching, contact, or attempts at same, including patting, pinching, or pushing with a fellow student, staff member, or other person associated with the District.

## SECTION VII: STUDENT DISCIPLINE GUIDE

The *guidelines* listed below do not limit the administration, but only serve as a general reference. Dependent upon the severity of the infraction, the administration may assign a more or less severe punishment than these guidelines state. All disciplinary action will be conducted independently of court action. Students will be subject to immediate suspension or expulsion proceedings for possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, or other illegal activities. Disciplinary measures taken against students for violations of this policy will comply with the requirement of Ohio law and related District policies.

### Alcohol Policy

- 1<sup>st</sup> 5 day suspension served at the discretion of the Building Principal
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 day suspension served at the discretion of the Building Principal (possible 5 day reduction if professional assistance is received, reduction at the discretion of the Building Principal)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 day Out of School suspension with no reduction of the suspension

Damage or Theft of Property: Determined by nature and severity of act by Building Principal

- 1<sup>st</sup> 5 day suspension

Excessive Tardies (3 or more in a semester)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Disciplinary Action

Fighting/Assault/Battery

- 1<sup>st</sup> 5 day suspension

Illegal Drug Policy

- 1<sup>st</sup> 10 day suspension (possible 5 day reduction if professional assistance is received, reduction at the discretion of the Building Principal)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 day suspension with recommendation for expulsion

Obscene Language/Profanity – directed towards a staff member

- 1<sup>st</sup> 3 day suspension
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 day suspension

3<sup>rd</sup> 10 day suspension with recommendation for expulsion

Prescription and over-the-counter medication policy violation

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday school or suspension (discretion of Building Principal)

Tobacco Policy by Students

1<sup>st</sup> 3 day suspension

2<sup>nd</sup> 5 day suspension

3<sup>rd</sup> 10 day suspension with recommendation for expulsion

Truancy

1<sup>st</sup> 1 day suspension

2<sup>nd</sup> 3 day suspension

3<sup>rd</sup> 5 day suspension

4<sup>th</sup> 10 day suspension with recommendation or expulsion

Unexcused absence from School Detention

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday School Detention

2<sup>nd</sup> Suspension up to 3 days

Unexcused absence from Saturday School Detention

1<sup>st</sup> Suspension up to 3 days

2<sup>nd</sup> 3 day suspension with no reduction

Weapons/Instruments

1<sup>st</sup> 10 days out of school suspension with recommendation for expulsion.

**Exceptions – determined by the nature and severity of the act at the discretion of the Building Principal.**

## SECTION VIII: STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Student activities shall be regarded as a vital part of the total educational program and shall attempt to develop wholesome attitudes and worthy human relations, as well as skills and knowledge. The following lists most student activities:

Band	Baseball
Drama	Basketball Boys & Girls
FCCLA (Family Career & Community Leaders of America)	Cross Country Boys & Girls
Future Farmers of America	Football
Industrial Tech Club	Golf Boys & Girls
Jazz Band	German Club
Key Club	Bowling Boys & Girls
National Honor Society	Softball
Scholastic Team	Swimming Boys & Girls
Show Choir	Track Boys & Girls
Spanish Club	Volleyball
Student Council	Wrestling
Yearbook Staff	Cheerleading
Girls Soccer	eSports
Leo Club	

Activities may vary depending upon availability of advisors and student interest.

Students attend Coldwater Exempted Village Schools under the direction of state law and with the full benefits of constitutional protection for their rights as citizens. They therefore can speak, act or behave as young citizens within a large scope of options. This code is published in conformity with the right of reasonable treatment from the coaches and advisors. The school, in turn, has the right to expect reasonable behavior from students involved in extra-curricular activities. The rules are in effect while the student is representing the Coldwater School System during the season in which the student is involved.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

There shall be established a representative student government with elective offices open to all students. This student government shall establish reasonable and non-discriminatory standards for candidates for office. All students shall be declared eligible voters.

The student government shall work cooperatively with the student body, faculty, administration, and Board of Education. Its purpose shall be to identify and solve problems in areas appropriate to student interests and responsibilities.

The student government shall have a faculty sponsor or sponsors. They shall be mutually agreeable to the student government and the principal.

### TRANSPORTATION FOR SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

Usually students who participate in out-of-town school sponsored activities will be transported unless prior approval has been granted by the Building Principal. The rule is that if students go by bus, they will return on the bus.



## **SECTION VIII: ATHLETICS**

### **ATHLETIC CODE OF CONDUCT**

Students attend Coldwater Exempted Village schools under the direction of state law and with the full benefits of constitutional protection for their rights as citizens. They therefore can speak, act or behave as young citizens within a large scope of options. This code is published in conformity with the right of reasonable treatment from the coaches and advisors. The district, in turn, has the right to expect reasonable behavior from student athletes, managers, cheerleaders, statisticians and trainers. The term athlete will cover the above five titles. Additionally, student participants in clubs and activity groups in which the Board has approved an activity fund will also be subject to the same rules and rights. The rules are in effect while the athlete or participant is representing the Coldwater School System during the sport season or activity in which the athlete or participant is involved.

For compliance and consequences, please refer to the Athletic Handbook for details.