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Parent – STUDENT

HANDBOOK

2026-2027

Cleveland Sports Academy
"WHERE CHAMPIONS ARE MADE"



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Dress Code Expectations

Unacceptable/NOT ALLOWED:

- Hoodies of ANY kind
- Hats of ANY kind
- Crocs
- Slides
- Foam Runners
- Open toe shoes of ANY kind
- Tank tops
- Jeans/Denim of any kind/color
- Jogging Pants
- Ripped Jeans/Pants of ANY kind
- Ski Masks of any kind

Acceptable/ALLOWED:

- Black or Khaki pants
- Black or White Polo Style/Collared Shirt
- Any Kind of Tennis shoes
- Sweaters may be black or grey

****Students are expected to be in appropriate dress code EVERYDAY. Please contact the main office at (216) 354-4754 with any questions, concerns, or needed assistance with obtaining dress code items.****

Consequences:

First Offense - Verbal/Written Warning

Second Offence – Parent/Guardian Contact (Student MUST be picked up)

Third Offense – TBD by the Principal



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DRESS CODE POLICY

At Cleveland Sports Academy, we represent our school with pride.
Please adhere to the following dress code.

APPROVED UNIFORM



APPROVED COLORS



SHIRTS:

BLACK OR WHITE
POLO STYLE OR
BUTTON DOWN

PANTS:

BLACK OR KHAKI

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

POLO STYLE SHIRTS



BUTTON DOWN SHIRTS



PANTS



SWEATERS



SWEATERS MUST
BE BLACK OR GREY.

FOOTWEAR



TENNIS SHOES
(ANY SOLID COLOR)



Your appearance reflects our school and our values.
Thank you for doing your part to maintain a respectful,
focused, and successful learning environment.



REPRESENT.

RESPECT.

COMPETE.

SUCCEED.





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Date: August 2026

Importance of Regular School Attendance

As the academic year begins, we would like to take a moment to highlight the critical importance of regular school attendance for the success and well-being of our students.

Consistent attendance is crucial for students to fully benefit from the educational opportunities we provide. Regular school attendance ensures that students remain engaged with their coursework, participate in classroom discussions, and build strong relationships with their peers and teachers. Missing even a few days can disrupt a student's learning and have a cumulative effect on their academic progress.

We understand that there are times when students may need to miss school due to illness, family emergencies, or other significant reasons. However, it is essential that absences are kept to a minimum (**State of Ohio only allows 72 hours of missed school**) and any absence is communicated to the school in a timely manner. Please inform us of any absences as soon as possible, and provide any necessary documentation, such as a doctor's note, when applicable.

If your child is experiencing any challenges that might affect their attendance, whether they are academic, social, or personal, please reach out to us. Our goal is to support each student's success, and we are here to work with you to address any issues that may arise.

To support students in maintaining good attendance, we encourage you to:

- **Ensure that your child arrives at school on time each day.**
- **Establish a consistent daily routine, including a regular sleep schedule.**
- **Communicate with the school about any anticipated absences or issues affecting attendance.**

We appreciate your cooperation and support in this important matter. Together, we can help ensure that every student can achieve their full potential. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued partnership in your child's education.



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Community School Notice

"The Cleveland Sports Academy school is a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code. The school is a public school and students enrolled in and attending the school are required to take proficiency tests and other examinations prescribed by law. In addition, there may be other requirements for students at the school that are prescribed by law. Students who are exempt from the compulsory attendance law for the purpose of home education pursuant to section [3321.042](#) of the Revised Code shall no longer be exempt for that purpose upon their enrollment in a community school. For more information about this matter contact the school administration or the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce."

Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying Policy

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Dear Student / Parent / Guardian:

Please note that Cleveland Sports Academy has a “No Tolerance” Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying Policy. It is the policy of the school that no form of bullying behavior, whether it is in the classroom, on school property, to and from school or at school-sponsored events be permitted. Students who have been determined to have engaged in prohibited behaviors are subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension or expulsion from school. Misconduct by one student against another student, will result in appropriate disciplinary consequences for the perpetrator. Please take the time to read more specifically about Cleveland Sports Academy policy on harassment, intimidation and bullying in the student handbook that set forth the comprehensive rules, procedures, and standards of conduct for the school and students.

I have read the above and agree that _____ will abide by Cleveland Sports Academy’s “No Tolerance” Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying Policy.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date



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Cell Phone Policy

Dear Families of Cleveland Sports Academy Scholars:

At Cleveland Sports Academy, we want all students to be engaged and feel safe every day. Student cell phones lead to educational disruptions, distractions, and significant social conflict. For this reason, Cleveland Sports Academy does **not allow** students to use cell phones during the school day.

Please review our policy that includes the expectations of student use of cell phones and other devices, consequences of inappropriate use, and the communication plan to families in the event of an emergency.

To promote a learning environment in which students can fully engage with their classmates, teachers, and instruction, Cleveland Sports Academy prohibits the use of cell phones and other smart devices by students during school hours.

The objective of this policy is to strengthen Cleveland Sports Academy focus on learning, in alignment with our mission to ignite students' passion for learning, cultivate a strong foundation of knowledge, and foster a sense of community within our schools.

I. RESEARCH

Research shows that student use of cell phones in schools has negative effects on student performance and mental health. Cell phones distract students from classroom instruction, resulting in smaller learning gains and lower test scores. Increased cell phone use has led to higher levels of depression, anxiety, and other mental health disorders in children.

II. APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to the use of cell phones and other smart devices, including smartwatches and Meta glasses, by students while on school property during school hours.



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III. USE OF CELL PHONES

Students are prohibited from using cell phones and other smart devices during school hours.

IV. EXCEPTION

Nothing in this policy prohibits a student from using a cell phone for a purpose documented in the student's individualized education program (IEP) developed under Chapter 3323 of the Ohio Revised Code or a plan developed under section 504 of the "Rehabilitation Act of 1973," 29 U.S.C. 794.

A student may use a cell phone to monitor or address health concerns.

V. CELL PHONE STORAGE

Students should turn in cell phones upon entering the building, in a secure place, such as the storage envelopes and storage bins provided by school, always when cell phone use is prohibited.

VI. DISCIPLINE

If a student violates this policy, a teacher or administrator shall take the following progressively serious disciplinary measures:

- ☐ Give the student a verbal warning and require the student to store the student's cell phone in accordance with this policy.
- ☐ Place the student's cell phone in the school's central office for the remainder of the school day.
- ☐ Place the student's cell phone in the school's central office to be picked up by the student's parent or guardian.
- ☐ Schedule a conference with the student's parent or guardian to discuss the student's cell phone use.
- ☐ Detention and/or Suspension.



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Family support is essential to the success of **Cleveland Sports Academy's** cell phone policy. Be sure to review the phone policy as a family. Consider:

- Proactively speaking with your student about after school plans, lunch planning, appointments, or activities in advance of arrival to school.
- Reminding your student(s) how they can reach family during school hours, and how you can reach them in case of an emergency through the school office.
- Visiting <http://education.ohio.gov/cellphones> for more information and resources about cell phone use for your family.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in facilitating a safe and supportive learning environment. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.



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Prohibited Possession and Use of Vapes, Tobacco, and Other Substances

To maintain a safe, healthy, and drug-free learning environment, students are prohibited from possessing, using, distributing, selling, or being under the influence of any vape or electronic smoking device, tobacco product, nicotine product, alcohol, marijuana, illegal drug, controlled substance, or any other intoxicating or prohibited substance while on school property, at school-sponsored events, or while participating in any school-related activity.

This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, e-cigarettes, vape pens, disposable vapes, vape cartridges, nicotine pouches, cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, cannabis products, THC products, and any device or substance intended for vaping or inhalation.

Students may not use, possess, share, distribute, or attempt to conceal these items on school grounds, in school buildings, on school buses, in school vehicles, or in the immediate vicinity of school property before, during, or after school hours.

Disciplinary Measures

Violations of this policy are considered serious offenses and will result in disciplinary action. A teacher or administrator shall implement the following progressively serious disciplinary measures:

- ☐ Confiscation of the prohibited item
- ☐ Parent/guardian notification and required administrative conference.
- ☐ Referral for counseling, substance abuse education, or other intervention programs, when appropriate.
- ☐ Detention and/or in-school suspension (ISS).
- ☐ Out-of-school suspension (OSS), depending on the severity and/or frequency of the violation.
- ☐ Loss of school privileges, including participation in extracurricular activities and school events.
- ☐ Referral to law enforcement if required by law or if the circumstances warrant such action.
- ☐ Recommendation for expulsion for repeated or severe violations, including possession with intent to distribute or sell prohibited substances.

The school reserves the right to adjust disciplinary consequences based on the severity of the incident, the student's disciplinary history, and any circumstances that may impact the safety and well-being of the school community.



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IMPORTANT DATES

EVENT	DATE
Back to school Night	August 12, 2026
End of Summer BBQ	August 15, 2026
Students First Day	August 17, 2026
Labor Day- NO SCHOOL	September 7, 2026
Professional Development -NO SCHOOL	September 28, 2026
Parent – Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL	October 12, 2026
NO SCHOOL	October 29 th , 2026
NO SCHOOL	October 30 th , 2026
Fall Break – NO SCHOOL	November 23 rd – November 27 th
Winter Break – NO SCHOOL	December 21 st – January 1 st
Professional Development – NO SCHOOL	January 4, 2027
Students Return from Winter Break	January 5, 2027
MLK DAY – NO SCHOOL	January 18, 2027
Professional Development – NO SCHOOL	January 25, 2027
Parent/ Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL	February 12, 2027
President’s Day – NO SCHOOL	February 15, 2027
Professional Development – NO SCHOOL	February 22, 2027
Spring Break – NO SCHOOL	March 26, 2027 - April 2, 2027
Last Day of School for Students	May 27, 2027



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AFTERSCHOOL LATEST PICK-UP TIMES:

NON-AFTERCARE/TUTORING: 4:00PM

**AFTERCARE/TUTORING: 3:00pm -
5:30pm**

****If students are not picked up by these times, we are **REQUIRED** to contact the local police department to ensure further safe supervision of your student(s).****

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

Building Administration Team



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Important Notice: Student Arrival and Early Dismissal Procedures

To ensure the safety of all students and compliance with Ohio's attendance requirements, please review the following guidelines regarding school arrivals and early departures:

Student Arrival Procedures

Official Arrival Time:

Students should arrive **no later than 7:30 a.m.**

Tardy/Late Arrival:

Students arriving **at or after 7:45 a.m.** will be considered **tardy.**

Arrival After 9:30 a.m.:

No student will be permitted to enter the building after 9:30 a.m. without a valid doctor's note, or communication to the main office **This policy is strictly enforced.**



Please Note:

All late arrivals occurring **after 7:45 a.m.** will be documented and counted toward the **state-allowed 72 hours of missed school time**, as outlined by the Ohio Department of Education.



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Early Dismissal Procedures

Early Dismissal Cutoff Time:

Students may not be dismissed **after 2:00 p.m.** unless it is an emergency and/or documentation is provided.

Early Pickup Guidelines:

- A parent/guardian must **notify the main office in advance** if a student needs to leave early.
- The individual picking up the student must **present valid photo identification** and **sign the student out** at the main office.
- **For safety reasons, no student will be released to anyone not listed on the approved pickup list. Please ensure this list is current**

Reminder:

Any early departure **prior to 2:00 p.m.** will be recorded and applied toward the student's **72-hour limit** of missed instructional time, in accordance with state regulations.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and structured school environment while also supporting student attendance and academic success. If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please contact the school office.

Sincerely,
School Administration/Attendance Committee



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Snack & Hydration Policy

To support a healthy, safe, and focused school environment, the following items are **prohibited** on campus:

- Soda or other sugary carbonated beverages
- “Hot” chips or spicy snack foods of any kind
- Foods containing **red or blue dyes** (e.g., synthetic colorants in candies and drinks)

Consequences:

Any prohibited item brought to school will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day with a **written warning**. Subsequent incidents may result in the item being permanently disposed of.

Why This Matters

- **Food dyes**, especially red #40, blue #1, yellow #5, and yellow #6, have been linked to increased hyperactivity, inattention, and behavioral issues—particularly in some children with ADHD
- A 2021 California study confirmed that synthetic dyes can cause **neurobehavioral issues** in some kids publichealth.berkeley.edu.
- High amounts of sugar and artificial colorings may also contribute to **fatigue and mood fluctuations**.

Water Bottle Recommendations

We encourage all students to bring a **personal plastic water bottle** (**no metal or Stanley mugs**) labeled with their name. Staying hydrated:

- Promotes cognitive function and focus
- Supports overall health and energy
- Aligns with best practices for water access in schools

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our students energized, attentive, and healthy!



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Important Notice to Parents: Immunization Records Due by September 16, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year, we want to remind you that Ohio law requires all students entering kindergarten through 12th grade to have up-to-date immunization records on file. To ensure compliance and the health and safety of our school community, please submit your child's current immunization records by **September 16, 2026**

Required Vaccinations for Ohio Students:

- **DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis):** 5 doses
- **Polio (IPV):** 4 doses
- **MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella):** 2 doses
- **Varicella (Chickenpox):** 2 doses
- **Hepatitis B:** 3 doses
- **Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis):** 1 dose for students entering grades 7–12
- **Meningococcal (ACWY):** 1 dose for students entering grades 7–11; 2 doses for students entering grade 12 (if the first dose was administered before age 16)

These requirements are in accordance with the Ohio Department of Health's Immunization Summary for School Attendance for the 2026–2027 school year.

Submission Instructions:

Please provide a copy of your child's immunization record to the school nurse or main office by the deadline. Students who do not have the required immunizations or an approved exemption on file by **September 16, 2026**, may be excluded from school attendance until compliance is achieved.

Exemptions:

Ohio law allows for medical and religious exemptions. If you are seeking an exemption, please contact the school nurse to obtain and complete the necessary documentation.



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For more detailed information on immunization requirements, please refer to the Ohio Department of Health's official summary:

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. Ensuring that all students are properly immunized helps protect the health of our entire school community.