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Cossatot River High School



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ABSENCES (4.7):

If any student's Individual Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan conflicts with this policy, the requirements of the student's IEP or 504 Plan take precedence.

- Absences **WILL NOT** be coded as excused or unexcused. Any absence not defined by the above attendance guidelines shall be considered an absence and will be coded (A) for absent. Students who serve as pages for a member of the General Assembly shall be considered on instructional assignment and shall not be considered absent from school for the day the student is serving as a page.

- Students with (8) absences in a course in a semester **WILL NOT RECEIVE** credit for that course. At the discretion of the principal after consultation with persons having knowledge of the circumstances of the absences, the student may be denied promotion or graduation.

- Excessive absences shall not be a reason for expulsion or dismissal of a student. When a student has (4) absences, his/her parents, legal guardians, persons with lawful control of the student, or persons standing in loco parentis shall be notified. Notification shall be by telephone, email, or letter.

- Whenever a student exceeds (8) absences in a semester, the District shall file an AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF FAMILY IN NEED OF SUPPORT. Also notify the prosecuting authority and the parent, legal guardian, person having lawful control of the student, or persons standing in loco parentis shall be subject to a civil penalty as prescribed by law.

It is the Arkansas General Assembly's intention that students having excessive absences be given assistance in obtaining credit for their courses. Therefore, at any time prior to when a student exceeds the number of absences permitted by this policy, the student, or his/her parent, legal guardian, person with lawful control of the student, or person standing in loco parentis may petition the school or district's administration for special arrangements to address the student's

absences. If formal arrangements are granted, they shall be formalized into a written agreement which will include the conditions of the agreement and the consequences for failing to fulfill the agreement's requirements. The agreement shall be signed by the student, the student's parent; legal guardian; person having lawful control of the student; or person standing in loco parentis, and the school or district administrator or designee.

The District shall notify the Department of Finance and Administration whenever a student fourteen (14) years of age or older is no longer in school. The Department of Finance and Administration is required to suspend the former student's operator's license unless he/she meets certain requirements specified in the statute.

In order to be in compliance with the Cossatot River School District attendance policy students shall abide by the following guidelines and will be coded accordingly:

School Business (SB):

1. Participation in any school related event during school hours. (It is the school official's responsibility to communicate to the office the list of participants)
2. College Tours **WITHOUT** a school official. (It is the student's responsibility to obtain a letter from the institution in which they visited)
3. 4-H sanctioned activities. (Students are responsible for providing documentation regarding the activity)
4. Military recruitment or training. (It is the students' responsibility to provide documentation regarding the absence)

Students who serve as pages for a member of the General Assembly shall be considered on instructional assignment and shall not be considered absent from school for the day the student is serving as a page.

Medical (MD):

In order to be coded as a medical absence the student, parent, legal guardian, or person having lawful control of the student; or person standing in loco parentis must provide a medical note from the following:

1. Medical Doctor or hospital
2. Dentist

3. Eye Doctor
4. Counselor
5. Or any establishment that pertains to the health and well-being of the student
6. School Nurse (the absence can only be coded MD if the nurse has sent the student home. The School Nurse shall communicate with the office in this case.)

Court (C):

Anytime a student has a legal obligation he/she must provide the appropriate documentation.

Extenuating Circumstances (EXC):

The student's absence will only qualify for this code if the parent, legal guardian, or person having lawful control of the student; or person standing in loco parentis has met with the principal or designee about the situation in which the absence pertains. It will then be at the discretion of the principal or designee.

In-School Suspension (ISS):

The in-school suspension will provide discipline for students while allowing them to stay at school.

*****DURING THE PERIOD OF THEIR SUSPENSION, THE STUDENT SERVING ISS SHALL NOT ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY SCHOOLSPONSORED ACTIVITIES DURING THE IMPOSED SUSPENSION.*****

Out-of-school Suspension (OSS):

The out-of-school suspension is a discipline action intended for students to serve off campus.

*****DURING THE PERIOD OF THEIR SUSPENSION, THE STUDENT SERVING OSS SHALL NOT ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY SCHOOLSPONSORED ACTIVITIES DURING THE IMPOSED SUSPENSION. ALSO, DURING THE PERIOD OF THEIR SUSPENSION, STUDENTS SERVING OSS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON CAMPUS EXCEPT TO ATTEND A STUDENT/PARENT/ADMINISTRATOR CONFERENCE. *****

Credit Recovery Options:

When a student exceeds the (8) allotted attendance days in a semester they **WILL NOT** receive credit for that class until the hours are made up.

Students will have the opportunity to make up hours on the following days:

1. Monday or/and Saturday from 7:30 am – 12:30 pm (5 hours credit can be earned each day)
2. Tuesday or/and Thursday From 4:15 pm – 5:15 pm (1 hour credit can be earned each day)

Administration will determine when a makeup day will be held. The student must sign in at the starting time and will not be allowed to sign in after the start time. For example, if a student needs 4 hours of makeup time they will not be allowed to come at 8:30 am on Monday and attend to 12:30. They must be present at 7:30 am and attend until 11:30 am.

Students will be expected to bring work and/or bring something to read during this time. They will not be allowed to play on electronic devices.

Attendance and curricular/non-curricular activities:

When a student exceeds the (8) allotted attendance days in a semester he or she will no longer be allowed to participate in any curricular/non-curricular activities (i.e. Basketball, cheerleading, FFA, FCLA, FBLA etc.)

Closed Campus (4.10):

- After you arrive on campus, you are not to leave the campus under any circumstances unless you have checked out through the office.

- Checking out for the purpose of eating lunch of campus is not permitted. Parents are permitted to bring food to campus for their children **only**.

Checking into School:

Students arriving late to school will sign the Tardy Sheet in the office. Upon returning to school after checking out, students will sign the Check-In Sheet in the office.

Checking out of School Procedure:

A student may check out only if a parent/guardian comes to the office and signs the student out.

- One exception is if a student has a doctor or dental appointment, the parent can call to allow the student to check out. Then the student can sign out in the school office for the medical appointment, however, upon return to school, the student must bring to the office a written verification from the medical office stating the date and time of the appointment.

- In case of an emergency, the principal or assistant may elect to suspend the procedure and check the student out.

- Students who leave the campus without checking out will be considered truant and will be dealt with as truants.

Discipline Guidelines for CRHS 7th -12th:

1. A student may be punished, suspended, or expelled for immorality, refractory conduct, insubordination, infectious disease, or other conduct that would tend to impair the discipline of the school or harm the other pupils, regardless of whether a specific prohibition of the conduct is contained in this student handbook.

2. In disciplining students, the teacher and/or administration may use, but is not limited to, the following list:

- A. Verbal or Written Warning
- B. Detention (Noon and After School)
- C. In-School Suspension (ISS)
- D. Saturday/Monday School
- E. Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) for an age appropriate amount of time
- F. Expulsion

Academic Dishonesty:

A student will not cheat on tests or classroom assignments, nor will a student aid other students in cheating on said work. The student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Student receives zero on work and parent notification.

2nd Offense: Three (3) days ISS, student receives zero on work and parent notification.

3rd Offenses: Five (5) days ISS, student receives zero on work and Teacher / Parent / Administrator conference.

Activation of Fire Alarm by Student/Bomb Threat:

The student may be punished as follows:

1. Consequences: Suspension, expulsion, and/or criminal charges may be filed for turning in a false alarm.

2. LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES MAY BE NOTIFIED.

Alcohol or Illegal Drugs:

A student shall not use or possess alcohol or other illegal drugs (illegal, prescription, or over-the-counter) while at school or any school function. If a student is found violating this rule, the student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Ten (10) days OSS

2nd Offense: Recommend Expulsion

LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES MAY BE NOTIFIED.

Behavior Not Covered:

The CRSD reserves the right to punish behavior which is subversive to good order and discipline even though such behavior is not specified in the preceding written orders as deemed appropriate by school administrators or officials.

Bullying (4.43):

A student shall not bully others while in school, on school property, in school vehicles, on school buses, at designated school bus stops, at school sponsored activities, or at school sanctioned events. Any person or person who file a complaint will not be subject to retaliation or reprisal in any form. The student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Three (3) days ISS.

2nd Offense: Five (5) days OSS.

3rd Offense: Ten (10) days OSS / recommend expulsion.

Bus Violation:

All students will be assigned a seat. The student will stay in his/her seat all the way to school and all the way home and on all school activities.

Bus drivers may change or reassign a seat for disciplinary reasons. Students will not be

allowed to stand except for loading and unloading. All other school rules apply while riding on the bus. Any action that may distract the bus driver, the student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Three (3) days ISS and/or loss of riding privilege.

2nd Offense: Five (5) days off the bus and three (3) days ISS.

3rd Offense: Three (3) days OSS and indefinite loss of riding privilege as determined by principal.

Computer Use Violations:

A student shall follow the Student Electronic Device and Internet User Agreement. Students who violate the signed agreement may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: warning, suspension, and/or loss of computer rights.

2nd Offense: Three (3) days ISS & limit computer rights for up to 30 days.

3rd Offense: Three (3) days OSS & limit computer rights indefinitely.

Destruction of School Property:

No student shall destroy or damage any property of another or that belonging to the school district. The parent/guardian shall be responsible for all damages to property caused by his/her child. The student may be punished as follows:

1. ACCIDENTAL... Consequences: Pay for the damages and notify parents.

2. INTENTIONAL...

1st Offense: Three (3) days ISS and parents of the students will be required to pay for repair or replacement of property damaged.

2nd Offense: Five (5) days OSS and parents of the students will be required to pay for repair or replacement of property damaged.

3rd Offense: Ten (10) days OSS and parents of the students will be required to pay for repair or replacement of property damaged.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES MAY BE NOTIFIED.

Disorderly Conduct:

A student's behavior shall not impair the discipline of the school or harm others, regardless of whether a specific prohibition of

the conduct is contained in this handbook. The student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Up to three (3) days ISS or OSS.

2nd Offense: Five (5) days ISS or OSS.

3rd Offense: Five (5) to ten (10) days OSS.

4th Offense: Recommend Expulsion.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES MAY BE NOTIFIED.

Disrespect to Faculty or Staff Members:

Students will not show disrespect for faculty or staff members by shouting or yelling at, threatening, or any other action that can be considered disrespectful. The student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Up to three (3) days ISS.

2nd Offense: Three (3) to Five (5) days ISS.

3rd Offense: Five (5) days OSS.

4th Offense: Recommend Expulsion.

Severity may result in additional days of ISS, automatic suspension, or expulsion.

Distribution of Illegal Drugs:

A student shall not distribute illegal drugs. The student may be punished as follows:

1. Ten (10) days OSS and recommend expulsion.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES WILL BE CONTACTED.

Dress Code (4.25):

The school board recognizes that among those rights retained by the people under our constitutional form of government is the freedom to govern one's personal appearance. When, however, dress and grooming disrupt the learning process for the individual student, other students, or the learning climate of the school, it becomes a matter subject to disciplinary action. Student dress, grooming and appearance should be the responsibility of the individual and his and her parents under the following guidelines:

1. Dress and grooming should be clean and in keeping with health and sanitary practices.

2. Students may not wear clothing or hairstyles that can be hazardous to them in their educational activities such as shop, lab work, physical education, are or on-the-job training.

3. Dress and grooming should not disrupt the educational process.

4. A student shall not wear clothing imprinted with profanity or language "mentioning" drugs, alcohol, sex, violence, tobacco or any saying that could be disruptive to a good learning situation.
5. No sleepwear shall be worn to school except for special events approved by the principal.
6. No "Yoga pants," tights, or other thin, form-fitting pants shall be worn without being covered by dress, skirt, or shorts that meet current code.
7. Shorts, skirts, dresses, and holes in clothing are to reach at least to the tip of the middle finger of the student while standing with their hands to their sides.
8. Sleeveless shirts shall not sag under the arm.
9. All clothing will be worn so as not to expose undergarments, midriffs, buttocks, or breasts.
10. Teachers are to enforce these rules strictly at all times. All violators are to be sent to the office with a signed dress code violation form. Cases in question will be decided by administrator. Violations will be handled in the following manner:

- 1st Offense:** The student will be given a warning and required to change clothes. The time out of class will be unexcused. Parents will be notified.
- 2nd Offense:** The student will be considered insubordinate and may be given up to three (3) days ISS.
- 3rd Offense:** Five days (5) ISS.
- 4th Offense:** Five days (5) OSS.
- 5th Offense:** Recommend Expulsion.

Driving Vehicles:

A student that is a licensed driver, must purchase a \$5 permit will drive carefully, park in designated area, and get out of the vehicle until the school day is over unless accompanied by a staff or faculty member. Radio/stereo must be tuned down low. Violators may be punished as follows:

- 1st Offense:** Parent conference required before student is allowed to drive again on campus and/or loss of driving privilege.
- 2nd Offense:** Three (3) days ISS and loss of driving on campus for length of time determined by the principal.
- 3rd Offense:** Three (3) days OSS and loss of driving privilege for the remainder of the school year.

Severe cases may result in any combination of the following: immediate and permanent loss of driving privilege, additional days of ISS or OSS.

Fighting:

When students fight, it may be difficult to determine who is at fault. When a cooling off period is needed, both students may be immediately suspended until an effort to determine fault is made. If a student is found to have initiated the fight, he may or may not be suspended. Alternative punishment may be applied with regard to actual involvement. The student may be punished as follows:

Note-Severity of fight will be considered before the punishment is administered.

1st Offense: Up to three (3) days ISS

2nd Offense: Three (3) days OSS.

3rd Offense: Five (5) days OSS.

4th Offense: Recommend Expulsion.

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Fireworks:

A student shall not use or possess fireworks while at school or at any school function. The student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Possession – Five (5) days ISS; Use – Five (5) days OSS.

2nd Offense: Possession – Five (5) days OSS; Use – Ten (10) days OSS.

3rd Offense: Recommend Expulsion.

Gambling:

A student shall not participate in any activity which may be termed gambling or wagering where the stakes are money or are any other object(s) of value. The student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: ISS

2nd Offense: Three (3) days OSS

3rd Offense: Ten (10) days OSS

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Gang Activity:

Any gang related activity as outlined in section 4.26 shall result in punishment up to expulsion.

General Conduct, Classroom Misbehavior, and Violation of Classroom Rules:

A student will be in class on time and have the materials needed for that class.

1. This means the proper textbook, paper, pencil, and other items designated by the teacher.
2. A student shall not disrupt a class by making unnecessary noise, talking without permission, keeping other students from doing assigned class work, refusing to do assigned class work, sleeping, refusing to keep his/her head up off the desk top, refusing to pay proper attention to the teacher, eating food, or any action that will distract from a learning atmosphere in the classroom. The student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Warning/conference, and/or ISS.

2nd Offense: Three (3) to five (5) days ISS.

3rd Offense: Three (3) to five (5) days ISS or OSS.

More than three (3) offenses will result in additional ISS, OSS, or recommend expulsion.

Horseplay or Disruption in the Hall or Cafeteria:

The student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Verbal warning, or One (1) day ISS.

2nd Offense: Three (3) days ISS.

3rd Offense: Five (5) days ISS.

4th Offense: Three (3) days OSS.

Immoral conduct/Unlawful Sexual Conduct:

The student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Ten (10) days OSS.

2nd Offense: Recommend Expulsion.

If deemed necessary by the principal expulsion could be recommended on first offense.

Insubordination (Disobeying):

A student will not disregard a direction or command from a faculty or staff member. If a student is observed violating a direction or command (insubordinate), the student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Three (3) days ISS or OSS.

2nd Offense: Five (5) days ISS.

3rd Offense: Five (5) days OSS.

4th Offense: Recommend Expulsion.

Littering:

Throwing objects, or items that will clutter the campus or the ground or other areas rather than in a designated trash receptacle is considered littering. The student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: required to pick up debris on campus for one noon period (after eating lunch).

2nd Offense: ISS

Lockers:

Students should keep lockers provided by the school locked at all times. Students are responsible for lost or stolen articles in their lockers.

1. Students keep their lockers secured at all times and not give friends their combination.

2. Don't try to hide or conceal anything in your locker that you would not want your parents to find at home or anything that violates school policy.

3. Lockers will be assigned to the students by the school. Students are not to change lockers without permission from the principal's office.

Lying to Faculty/Staff Members:

Lying to members of the faculty/staff will not be tolerated. In the event a student is being questioned concerning his/her involvement in a situation meriting disciplinary action, the student will receive additional disciplinary action for lying. Lying is considered a separate offense.

The student may be punished as follows:

Disciplinary conference, ISS, or OSS.

Non-Educational Items Brought to School by Students:

Students may not bring items to school such as toys, radios, Walkman, video games, remote control cars, sports equipment, trading cards, pagers, walkie-talkie, etc. that are deemed non educational and distract from the learning environment. Then students may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Items confiscated and kept until the end of the day and returned to student to be taken home and not brought back to school.

2nd Offense: Items confiscated and returned only to parent at parent conference.

3rd Offense: Items confiscated and returned to parent at the end of the semester.

Obscene Materials:

A student shall not have in his/her possession or distribute obscene materials while at school. The student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Three (3) days ISS.

2nd Offense: Three (3) days OSS.

3rd Offense: Ten (10) days OSS.

Other Dangerous Items:

Students will not bring to school or have in their possession items such as lighters, b-b's, rubber bands, sling shots or blow guns, water guns, laser pointers, and any other items that can be used to aggravate or harass another person. The student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Items confiscated and One (1) day to three (3) days ISS.

2nd Offense: Items confiscated and three (3) days ISS.

3rd Offense: Five (5) days ISS.

4th Offense: Five (5) days OSS.

Other Non-Educational Items Brought to School by Students—Cellular (Cell) Phones:

Cell phones will be allowed at school under the following guidelines:

1. They may be used before first bell, between classes, at lunch, and after the last bell.
2. Cell phones may not be used in class during instructional time.
3. Use of cell phones during class may constitute cheating.
4. If cell phones are visible, activates (rings), or are used during class time, the following punishment may be used:

1st Offense: Cell Phone is confiscated and returned to the parent with \$10 fee.

2nd Offense: Cell phone is confiscated and returned to the parent with \$20 fee and one (1) day ISS.

3rd Offense: Cell phone is confiscated and returned to the parent and three (3) days ISS and privileges revoked.

5. Cell phones are strictly prohibited during any testing, including state testing. If cell phones activate (rings) while they are "put away," punishment will follow. If cell phones

are visible or used during test class time, the following punishment shall be used:

A. Cell phone is confiscated and returned to the parent or guardian and...

B. Cell phone privilege at school shall be revoked for this student. Student may be suspended.

Possession or Use of Prohibited Weapon:

1. Depending upon the severity of the offense and the intent of the action, the student may be punished as follows: Disciplinary conference, ISS, OSS, or expulsion.

2. LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES MAY BE NOTIFIED.

Possession (Or use) Of Tobacco Products Including e-cigarettes and/or paraphernalia:

The student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Three (3) days ISS.

2nd Offense: Three (3) days OSS.

3rd Offense: Five (5) – Ten (10) days OSS

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Public Display of Affection:

Such as kissing, hugging, holding hands, etc. is considered inappropriate behavior at CRHS.

Failure to abide and the student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Warning.

2nd Offense: One (1) day ISS and parent conference.

3rd Offense: Three (3) days ISS and parent conference.

Severe violations may result in additional days of ISS, OSS, or recommend expulsion.

Sexual Harassment (4.27):

Sexual Harassment as outlined on section 4.27 shall result in punishment up to expulsion.

Stealing/Theft:

A student shall not take or have in their possession any item or article that rightfully belongs to another person. The student may be punished as follows:

Consequences: Property returned in the same condition or payment of the item(s) stolen and/or...

1st Offense: Five (5) days ISS.

2nd Offense: Five (5) days OSS.

3rd Offense: Recommend Expulsion
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Student assault or Batter/Terroristic

Threatening: (4.21)

A student shall not threaten, harm, or make physical contact with another student. The student will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

Truancy:

Students absent from class without permission whether on or off campus. A student leaving campus without signing out is also considered truant. The student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Three (3) days ISS and parent notification.

2nd Offense: Five (5) days ISS and parent notification.

3rd Offense: Five (5) days ISS or OSS.

4th Offense: Recommend Expulsion

Unacceptable Language:

A student shall not use profanity, obscene gestures, and or vulgar language at any time for any reason. The student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: One (1) day ISS.

2nd Offense: Three (3) days ISS.

3rd Offense: Three (3) days OSS.

Unexcused Tardies:

Students will arrive at class on time. All students tardy to class must have an excuse before being admitted to any classroom.

1. Students who arrive after the first bell will be considered as tardy.

2. Students who leave before the last bell will be counted like a tardy, and any unexcused tardy the student may be punished as follows:

1st Offense: Warning

2nd Offense: Referral/Parent Notification

3rd Offense: One (1) day ISS.

4th Offense and Additional Offenses: ISS, after school detention, and/or - Saturday/Monday School.

Grading:

Parents or guardians shall be kept informed concerning the progress of their student. Parent teacher conferences are encouraged and may be requested by parents, guardians, or teachers. If the progress of a student is unsatisfactory in a subject, the teacher shall attempt to schedule a parent-teacher conference. In the conference, the teacher shall explain the reasons for difficulties and shall develop, cooperatively with the parents, a plan for remediation, which may enhance the probability of the student succeeding. The school shall also send timely progress reports and issue grades for each nine – (9) week grading period to keep parents/guardians informed of their student's progress. The evaluation of each student's performance on a regular basis serves to give the parents/guardians, students, and the school necessary information to help effect academic improvement. Students' grades shall reflect only the extent to which a student has achieved the expressed educational objectives of the course. The grades of a child in foster care shall not be lowered due to an absence from school due to:

1. A change in the child's school enrollment;
 2. The child's attendance at a dependency-neglect court proceeding; or
 3. The child's attendance at court-ordered counseling or treatment.
- The grading scale for all schools in the district shall be as follows.: A = 100 – 90 B = 89 – 80 C = 79 – 70 D = 69-60 F = 59 and below
Legal References: A.C.A. § 6-15-902 A.C.A. § 9-28-113(f) State Board of Education: Standards For Accreditation 12.02 Arkansas Department of Education Rules and Regulations Governing Uniform Grading Scales for Public Secondary Schools Date Adopted: Last Revised: 5.10.1---

Grade Level by Number of Units:

Freshman: Promoted from 8th grade to 9th grade

Sophomore: 5 units

Junior: 11 units

Senior: 15 units

Graduation Requirements:

The number of units students must earn to be eligible for high school graduation is to be earned from the categories listed below. A minimum of twenty-two (22) units is required

for graduation for a student participating in either the Smart Core or Core curriculum. In addition to the twenty-two (22) units required for graduation by the Arkansas Department of Education, however there are some distinctions made between Smart Core units and Graduation units. Not all units earned toward graduation necessarily apply to Smart Core requirements. Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, all students must pass the test approved by DESE that is similar to the civics portion of the naturalization test used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in order to graduate.

SMART CORE (4.45.1): Sixteen (16) units
English: four (4) units – 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th

Oral Communications: one-half (½) unit

Mathematics: four (4) units (all students under Smart Core must take a mathematics course in grade 11 or 12 and complete Algebra II.)

- 1) Algebra I or Algebra A & B* which may be taken in grades 7-8 or 8-9;
- 2) Geometry or Investigating Geometry or Geometry A & B* which may be taken in grades 8-9 or 9-10;

*A two-year algebra equivalent or a two-year geometry equivalent may each be counted as two units of the four-unit requirement for the purpose of meeting the graduation requirement, but only serve as one unit each toward fulfilling the Smart Core requirement.

- 3) Algebra II; and

- 4) The fourth unit may be either:

- A math unit beyond Algebra II: this can include Pre-Calculus, Calculus, AP Statistics, Algebra III, Advanced Topic and Modeling in Mathematics, Mathematical Applications and Algorithms, Linear Systems and Statistics, or any of several IB or Advanced Placement math courses (Comparable concurrent credit college courses may be substituted where applicable); or
- A computer science flex credit may be taken in the place of a fourth math credit.

Natural Science: a total of three (3) units with lab experience chosen from one unit of Biology; and either:

Two units chosen from the following three categories (there are acceptable options listed by DESE for each)

- Physical Science; • Chemistry; • Physics or Principles of Technology I & II or PIC Physics; or One unit from the three categories above and a computer science flex credit may be taken in the place of a third science credit.

Social Studies: three (3) units

- Civics one-half (½) unit
- World History – (1) unit
- American History – (1) unit

Physical Education: one-half (½) unit

Note: While one-half (½) unit is required for graduation, no more than one (1) unit may be applied toward fulfilling the necessary units to graduate.

Health and Safety: one-half (½) unit

Economics: one half (½) unit

Dependent upon the licensure of the teacher teaching the course, this can count toward the required three (3) social studies credits or the six (6) required Career Focus elective credits.

Fine Arts: one-half (½) unit

Physical Education: one-half (½) unit Note: While one-half (½) unit is required for graduation, no more than one (1) unit may be applied toward fulfilling the necessary units to graduate.

Health and Safety: one-half (½) unit

CORE: Sixteen (16) units

English: four (4) units – 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th

Oral Communications: one-half (½) unit

Mathematics: four (4) units

- Algebra or its equivalent - (1) unit
- Geometry or its equivalent – (1) unit
- All math units must build on the base of algebra and geometry knowledge and skills.
- (Comparable concurrent credit college courses may be substituted where applicable)

- A computer science flex credit may be taken in the place of a math credit beyond Algebra I and Geometry

*A two-year algebra equivalent or a two-year geometry equivalent may each be counted as two units of the four (4) unit requirement.

Science: three (3) units

- 1) DESE approved biology – (1) unit
- 2) DESE approved physical science – (1) unit
- 3) A third unit that is either:
 - An additional science unit approved by DESE; or
 - A computer science flex credit may be taken in the place of a third science unit

Social Studies: three (3) units

- Civics one-half (1/2) unit
- World history, one (1) unit
- American History, one (1) unit

Physical Education: one-half (1/2) unit

Note: While one-half (1/2) unit is required for graduation, no more than one (1) unit may be applied toward fulfilling the necessary units to graduate.

Health and Safety: one-half (1/2) unit

Economics: one half (1/2) unit – dependent upon the licensure of the teacher teaching the course, this can count toward the required three (3) social studies credits or the six (6) required Career Focus elective credits.

Fine Arts: one-half (1/2) unit

CAREER FOCUS: Six (6) units

All career focus unit requirements shall be established through guidance and counseling based on the student's contemplated work aspirations. Career focus courses shall conform to the curriculum policy of the district and reflect state curriculum frameworks through course sequencing and career course concentrations where appropriate.

- A student who enlists in a branch of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard through the military delayed entry program, the National

Guard Split Training Option, or other similar early entry program and completes basic training before graduating from high school shall receive two (2) units of the Career Focus graduation requirements.

Concurrent Credit:

A ninth (9th) through twelfth (12th) grade student who successfully completes a college course(s) from an institution approved DESE shall be given credit toward high school grades and graduation at the rate of one (1) high school credit for each three (3) semester hours of college credit. Unless approved by the school's principal, prior to enrolling for the course, the concurrent credit shall be applied toward the student's graduation requirements as an elective. As permitted by DESE Rules Governing Concurrent College and High School Credit, a student who takes a three (3) - semester hour remedial/developmental education course, shall receive a half (1/2) credit for a high school career focus elective. The remedial/developmental education course cannot be used to meet the core subject area/unit requirements in English and mathematics. Participation in the concurrent high school and college credit program must be documented by a written agreement between:

- The student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) if the student is under the age of eighteen (18);
- The District; and
- The publicly supported community college, technical college, four-year college or university, or private institution the student attends to take the concurrent credit course.

Students are responsible for having the transcript for the concurrent credit course(s) they've taken sent to their school in order to receive credit for the course(s). Credit for concurrent credit courses will not be given until a transcript is received. Students may not receive credit for the course(s) they took or the credit may be delayed if the transcripts are not received at all or in a timely manner; this may jeopardize students' eligibility for extracurricular activities and /or graduation. Students will retain credit earned through the concurrent credit program that was applied toward a course required for high school

graduation from a previously attended, accredited, public school. A student eligible to receive free or reduced price meals shall not be responsible for any of the costs for the student's first six (6) concurrent credit hours so long as the concurrent credit courses are taught on the District grounds and by a teacher employed by the District. Any and all costs of concurrent credit courses beyond the six (6) hours permitted, that are not taught on the District's campus, or are not taught by a teacher employed by the District are the responsibility of the student. Students who are not eligible to receive free or reduced price meals are responsible for any and all costs associated with concurrent credit courses.

Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Honors Courses (5.21):

Students in grades 7-12 who take advanced placement courses, International Baccalaureate courses, or honors or concurrent credit college courses approved for weighted credit by the Arkansas Department of Education shall be graded according to the following schedule. A = 100 – 90 B = 89 – 80 C = 79 – 70 D = 69-60 F = 59 and below. For the purpose of determining grade point averages, the numeric value of each letter grade shall be A = 5 points B = 4 points C = 3 points D = 2 point F = 0 points For a student to be eligible to receive weighted credit for an AP, or IB course, the student's course must have been taught by an Arkansas licensed teacher who has received the appropriate training required by Arkansas statute and ADE Rule or, for an AP teacher, is in the process of completing an Additional Training Plan. Additionally, for students taking AP or International Baccalaureate courses to receive weighted credit they must take the applicable AP or IB examination after completing the entire course. Credit shall be given for each grading period during the course of the year, but shall be retroactively removed from a student's grade for any course in which the student fails to take the applicable AP exam. Students who do not take the AP exam shall receive the same numeric value for the grade he/she receives in the course as if it were a non-AP course. "Honors Courses" are those courses that have been approved by a Department of Education Committee as honors

courses. Honors courses must stress higher order learning and be offered in addition to curriculum offerings required by the Standards for Accreditation, Arkansas Public Schools. Courses, International Baccalaureate courses, honors courses approved by the Arkansas Department of Education, and concurrent college courses taken for weighted credit at his/her previous school(s) according to the preceding scale.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Academic Improvement Policy (SSP):

Student's not scoring proficient on the Arkansas State-mandated tests shall have a Student Success Plan (SSP). The SSP shall be developed using test data and previous student records. SSPs contain multiple remediation methods and strategies, and should include formative assessment strategies and will be revised periodically based on the progress by the student. All students not proficient are expected to participate in RTI.

Activity Rules for Trips:

Students will be expected to conduct themselves at school activities in the same manner as during school hours. Disciplinary action will be taken for misconduct at school activities as would apply during school hours. Students who are transported in a school vehicle to an event or place will be expected to return to the home community in the school vehicle. A parent or guardian, who has attended the same event, may personally contact the coach or sponsor and take responsibility for return transportation of his or her child by signing the "Sign out sheet."

Cafeteria: It is the responsibility of the students to return trays and to the proper location and to maintain a litter-free and orderly atmosphere in the dining area.

Delivery of Balloons, Flowers, Etc.: Delivery of balloons and or flowers to school is discouraged. *Helium balloons are not allowed on buses.*

Digital Learning Courses:

The District shall offer one or more digital learning course(s) through one or more District approved provider(s) as either a primary or supplementary method of instruction. The courses may be in a blended learning, online-based, or other technology-based format.⁷ In addition to the other graduation requirements contained in this policy, students are required to take at least one (1) digital learning course for credit while in high school.

Exemptions:

Semester (1) Fall – There will be no exemptions.
Semester (2) Spring – Students may be exempt if they meet one of the following criteria:

- Student has an A with no more than four (4) absences
- Student has a B in the course with no more than (3) absences

*Students that have received ISS or OSS at any point throughout that semester cannot be exempt.

Fire and Tornado Drills:

A fire drill is indicated by a continuous signal. A tornado drill is given by the public address system or office runner. Drills will be held at various times throughout the year. Teachers will instruct students as to the proper procedures to follow. Fire escape routes are shown on a chart in each classroom. Students are to maintain silence and good order throughout all drills.

Honor Roll and Honor Graduates:

(1) HONOR ROLL Students in grades 7-12 who participate in the Smart Core Curriculum and maintain a 3.0 GPA for the grading period will be recognized as honor roll students for that grading period.

(2) Semester grades will determine the honor roll at the end of each semester.

(3) HONOR GRADUATES Students who have successfully completed graduation requirements and have completed the minimum core of courses recommended for preparation for college as defined by the Cossatot River Schools

Board of Directors, the State Department of Education, the State Board of Higher Education and the State Board of Education and have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher will be designated as honor students. Those students having a GPA of 3.90 to 3.99 shall be designated as high honors graduates. Those students having a GPA of 4.00 or higher will be designated as meritorious graduates. Parents or graduates of a student, or a student eighteen (18) years or older, who choose to not have the student publicly identified as an honor roll or honor graduate student must submit a written request that the student not be so identified. For the purpose of selecting honor students, GPA's shall be truncated (not rounded) to the hundredth place.

Medicine (4.35): Students who need non-prescription medicine or supplies need to come to the office before school, during lunch, or after school. ONLY prescription medication will be given between class periods and during class.

Random Drug Testing: Cossatot River Schools reserves the right to do random drug testing of students in the extracurricular activities programs. Student may be chosen at random to be tested for drugs and alcohol by the school nurse. If the school feels they have reasonable suspicion that any student enrolled in the school may be using drugs or alcohol, that student may also be tested by the school nurse. If a student tests positive, the following guidelines will be used: 1) 1st offense - parents contacted, minimum of five (5) days suspension 2) 2nd offense - school resource officer contacted, parents contacted, minimum of ten (10) days suspension 3) 3rd offense - school resource officer contacted, parent's contacted, and possible expulsion.

Student Use of School Property:

The use of school property without proper authorization will be considered as unlawful. Being in a school building without a specific teacher in charge of the activity will be considered trespassing on school grounds and will be dealt with in that manner.

Work Release Program:

Cossatot River School District Work Release Program will afford students the opportunity to gain additional experience and training in jobs that might lead to a future career. The program is open only to seniors that meet and maintain eligibility requirements governed by the guidelines of the Work Release Program. In order to participate in the program, the student must apply through the counselor's office and signed off by the principal or the assistant. The application must be made for each semester. In order to participate in the program the senior should apply prior to the end of the first week of school following each break.

Guidelines:

- Must be a senior with a minimum of 18 credits.
- The student must maintain at least a 2.0 GPA to participate in the program.
- The student must not exceed 8 absences per semester to remain in the program.
- Out of school suspension for any reason, can be grounds for removal from the program.
- The employer must agree to complete performance evaluation forms every quarter and verify work log sheets of the student to be signed and submitted to the counselor by the student.
- Forgery of documentation will result in immediate removal of the program.
- Working for family members and/or working at home is not allowed.
- Students participating in the CRSD Work Release Program must be passing all currently enrolled classes.
- When driving during the school day, students are prohibited from providing rides to work for fellow students unless the school has written permission from the parents/guardians of both the driver and the passenger.
- Students must be in attendance at the start of school as regularly scheduled in order to be released at lunch (12:20) to participate in the program.
- CRSD will offer no credit for the Work Release Program.
- Students who are granted work release privileges must provide the counselor with a work schedule, work 12-15 hours per week must maintain 90% attendance at the work site, and must earn a satisfactory work evaluation from their employer each quarterly term.

Visitors to Campus:

Visitors are permitted on campus only to transact official school business. All visitors are required to register in the principal's office to gain permission to remain on campus, and they must get a visitor's badge to wear

- Arkansas law provides for prosecution of any person loitering on school grounds. Any unauthorized person shall be asked to leave; and if he or she refuses, law enforcement shall be summoned.