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**Mission Statement:**
Crowley ISD provides our students with excellence in education so that all students achieve their full potential.

**Vision Statement:**
Crowley ISD will provide all students with a world-class, high-quality education where students are inspired and empowered to succeed in the global community.

**Crowley ISD Motto**
Great Expectations, Great Rewards
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CROWLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SECONDARY CAMPUS INFORMATION

North Crowley High School (10th – 12th)
Principal: Daryl Porter
Email: daryl.porter@crowley.k12.tx.us
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817-263-1250

Crowley High School (10th – 12th)
Principal: Daryle Moffett
Email: daryle.moffett@crowley.k12.tx.us
1005 W. Main Street, Crowley, TX  76036
817-297-5810

North Crowley Ninth Grade Campus
Principal: Camcea Stapinski
Email: camcea.stapinski@crowley.k12.tx.us
4630 McPherson Blvd., Ft. Worth, TX  76123
817-297-5896

Crowley Ninth Grade Campus
Principal: Christopher White
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1016 Highway 1187, Crowley, TX  76036
817-297-5845

Crowley Middle School (7th – 8th)
Principal: Omarian Brown
Email: omarian.brown@crowley.k12.tx.us
3800 W. Risinger Road, Ft. Worth, TX  76123
817-370-5650

H. F. Stevens Middle School (7th – 8th)
Principal: Kimberly Buckhalton
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940 North Crowley Road, Crowley, TX  76036
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Summer Creek Middle School (7th – 8th)
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817-297-5090

Bill R. Johnson Career and Technology Education Center
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817-297-3018

Crowley Collegiate Academy
Academic Dean: Tralissa Griffin
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Crowley Learning Center
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817-297-6992
CROWLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Principal: Holly Anderson
Email: handerson@crowley.k12.tx.us
537 South Heights, Crowley, TX 76036
817-297-5080

Deer Creek Elementary School (PK-4th)
Principal: MaLisa Horton
Email: horton@crowley.k12.tx.us
805 South Crowley Road, Crowley, TX 76036
817-297-5880

J. A. Hargrave Elementary School (PK-4th)
Principal: Kimberly Sherfield
Email: kimberly.sherfield@crowley.k12.tx.us
9200 Poynter Road, Ft. Worth, TX 76123
817-370-5630

Oakmont Elementary School (PK-4th)
Principal: Dr. Kim Scoggins
Email: kim.scoggins@crowley.k12.tx.us
6651 Oakmont Trail, Fort Worth, TX 76132
817-370-5610

Sidney H. Poynter Elementary School (PK-4th)
Principal: Shaketa Traylor
Email: shaketa.traylor@crowley.k12.tx.us
512 Ashdale Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76140
817-568-5730

David L. Walker Intermediate School (5th-6th)
Principal: Melanie Randall
Email: melanie.randall@crowley.k12.tx.us
9901 Hemphill Street, Fort Worth, TX 76123
817-568-2745

S. H. Crowley Intermediate School (5th-6th)
Principal: Deidra Castro
Email: deidra.castro@crowley.k12.tx.us
10525 McCart Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76123
817-297-5960

Dallas Park Elementary School (PK-4th)
Principal: Kevin Hunt
Email: kevin.hunt@crowley.k12.tx.us
8700 Viridian Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76123
817-370-5620

Jackie Carden Elementary School (PK-4th)
Principal: Paula Brooks
Email: paula.brooks@crowley.k12.tx.us
3701 Garden Springs Road, Fort Worth, TX 76123
817-370-5600

Meadowcreek Elementary School (PK-4th)
Principal: Tonya Coleman
Email: tonya.coleman@crowley.k12.tx.us
2801 Country Creek Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76123
817-370-5690

Parkway Elementary School (PK-4th)
Principal: Roslyn Bell
Email: roslyn.bell@crowley.k12.tx.us
1320 W. Everman Pkwy., Fort Worth, TX 76134
817-568-5710

Sycamore Elementary School (PK-4th)
Principal: Rebekah Hunt
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1601 Country Manor Road, Fort Worth, TX 76134
817-568-5700

Mary Harris Intermediate School (5th-6th)
Principal: Clarence Williams
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8400 West Cleburne Road, Fort Worth, TX 76123
817-370-7571

Sue Crouch Intermediate School (5th-6th)
Principal: Dr. Arthurlyn Morgan
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8036 Cedar Lake Lane, Ft. Worth, TX 76133
817-370-5670
School Safety and Security Information

Crowley ISD is committed to providing safe, secure and nurturing schools for all students and staff across 23 campuses and multiple office buildings. Our school safety and security department, led by a former law enforcement officer who served in the United States Secret Service as well as a former Fort Worth Police officer, continually reviews and improves safety measures in our schools, including:

**Secured entries**
Every Crowley ISD school is equipped with safety vestibules that require all visitors to enter through the front office and be checked in. All other exterior doors are locked.

**Visitor screening**
We use the Raptor Visitor Management System to screen all visitors who are required to provide their driver’s license for background checks.

**Police on campus**
School Resource Officers (SROs) from the Crowley Police Department, Fort Worth Police Department and Tarrant County Sheriff’s Department help protect our campuses and are trained to provide immediate support to students and staff.

**Crime Stoppers**
Crowley ISD partners with Crime Stoppers of Tarrant County to encourage students, parents, staff and community members to submit anonymous tips if they see suspicious or illegal behavior.

**Surveillance cameras**
There are more than 1,400 surveillance cameras across our district monitored by campus and district administrators.

**Active shooter training**
Principals, assistant principals and campus monitors participate in active shooter training with the Fort Worth Police Department.

**Safety drills**
Students and staff participate in age-appropriate safety drills throughout the school year.

**Emergency procedures guides**
We post emergency operations flip charts in every classroom and office to make sure important instructions are readily-accessible during a crisis.

**Texas School Safety Center**
All 23 campus have received school safety certificates from the Texas School Safety Center.

For more information:

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817-297-5257

Margaret Terry  
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margaret.terry@crowley.k12.tx.us  
817-297-5262
# 2018-2019 School District Calendar

**First Day of School**: Tuesday, Aug. 21

**Last Day of School**: Friday, May 24

**Start/End Times**

- Elementary: 7:35 a.m. - 2:06 p.m.
- Middle/Intermediate: 8:06 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.
- High: 8:40 a.m. - 4:10 p.m.

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- New Staff Orientation: Aug. 1-2, 5
- Staff Development: Aug. 7-9
- Staff Monday: Aug. 16
- Staff Monday: Aug. 17
- First Day of School: Aug. 21
- Student/Staff Holiday: Sept. 3
- Early Release K-12/Staff Development: Oct. 5
- Student Holiday/Staff Development: Oct. 8
- Early Release K-12/Staff Development: Nov. 2
- Early Release 9-12/Staff Development: Nov. 19-23
- Early Release K-12/Staff Development: Dec. 21

**GRADING PERIODS**

1. Aug. 21 - Sept. 28
2. Oct. 1 - Nov. 2
3. Nov. 5 - Dec. 21
4. Jan. 8 - Feb. 15
5. Feb. 18 - April 12
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PREFACE

To Students and Parents:

Welcome to school year 2018-19! Education is a team effort, and we know that students, parents, teachers, and other staff members all working together can make this a wonderfully successful year for our students.

The Crowley ISD Student Handbook is designed to provide basic information that you and your child will need during the school year. The handbook is divided into two sections:

Section I—PARENTAL RIGHTS—with information to assist you in responding to school-related issues. We encourage you to take some time to closely review this section of the handbook.

Section II—OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS—organized alphabetically by topic, and, where possible, further divided by applicability to ages and/or grade levels, for quick access when searching for information on a specific issue.

Please be aware that the term “parent,” unless otherwise noted, is used to refer to the parent, legal guardian, any person granted some other type of lawful control of the student, or any other person who has agreed to assume school-related responsibility for a student.

Both students and parents should become familiar with the Crowley ISD Student Code of Conduct, which is a document adopted by the board and intended to promote school safety and an atmosphere for learning. That document may be found on the district’s website at www.crowleyisdtx.org and is available in hard copy upon request.

The Student Handbook is a general reference guide only and is designed to be in harmony with board policy and the Student Code of Conduct. Please be aware that it is not a complete statement of all policies, procedures, or rules that may be applicable in a given circumstance.

In case of conflict between board policy (including the Student Code of Conduct) and any provisions of the Student Handbook, the current provisions of board policy and the Student Code of Conduct are to be followed.

Also, please be aware that the Student Handbook is updated yearly, while policy adoption and revision may occur throughout the year. The district encourages parents to stay informed of proposed board policy changes by attending board meetings and reviewing newsletters and other communications explaining changes in policy or other rules that affect Student Handbook provisions. The district reserves the right to modify provisions of the Student Handbook at any time, whenever it is deemed necessary. Notice of any revision or modification will be given as is reasonably practical under the circumstances.

Although the Student Handbook may refer to rights established through law or district policy, the Student Handbook does not create any additional rights for students and parents. It does not, nor is it intended to, create contractual or legal rights between any student or parent and the district.

If you or your child has questions about any of the material in this handbook, please contact a teacher, the school counselor, or the principal.

Your child’s school will request that you provide contact information, such as your current phone number and e-mail address, in order for the school to communicate items specific to your child, your child’s school, or the district. If you consent to receive such information through a landline or wireless phone, please ensure that you notify the school’s administration office immediately upon a change in or disconnection of your phone number. The district or school may generate automated or pre-recorded messages, text messages, or real-time phone or e-mail communication, so prompt notification of any change in contact information will be crucial to
maintain timely communication with you. Standard messaging rates of your phone carrier may apply. If you have specific requests or needs related to how the district contacts you, please contact your child’s principal. Please see Safety for information regarding contact with parents during an emergency situation.

Also, please complete and return to your child’s campus the following forms provided in the registration packet:

1. Acknowledgment of Electronic Distribution of Student Handbook;
3. Parent’s Objection to the Release of Student Information to Military Recruiters and Institutions of Higher Education, if you choose to restrict the release of information to these entities; and

[See Objecting to the Release of Directory Information and Consent Required Before Student Participation in a Federally Funded Survey, Analysis, or Evaluation for more information.]

Please note that references to policy codes are included so that parents can refer to current board policy. The district’s official policy manual is available for review in the district administration office, in the school office or online at www.crowleyisdtx.org.

Accessibility

If you have difficulty accessing the information in this document because of disability, please contact Anthony Kirchner at anthony.kirchner@crowley.k12.tx.us or (817) 297-5800.
SECTION I: PARENTAL RIGHTS

This section of the Crowley ISD Student Handbook includes information related to certain rights of parents as specified in state or federal law.

CONSENT, OPT-OUT, AND REFUSAL RIGHTS

Consent to Conduct a Psychological Evaluation

A district employee will not conduct a psychological examination, test, or treatment without obtaining prior written parental consent unless the examination, test, or treatment is required under state or federal law regarding requirements for special education or by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for child abuse investigations and reports.

Consent to Display a Student’s Original Works and Personal Information

Teachers may display students’ work, which may include personally identifiable student information, in classrooms or elsewhere on campus as recognition of student achievement. However, the district will seek parental consent before displaying students’ artwork, special projects, photographs taken by students, original videos or voice recordings, and other original works on the district’s website, a website affiliated or sponsored by the district, such as a campus or classroom website, and in district publications, which may include printed materials, videos, or other methods of mass communication.

Consent to Receive Parenting and Paternity Awareness Instruction if Student is Under Age 14

A student under the age of 14 must have parental permission to receive instruction in the district’s parenting and paternity awareness program; otherwise, the student will not be allowed to participate in the instruction. This program, developed by the Office of the Texas Attorney General and the State Board of Education (SBOE), is incorporated into the district’s health education classes.

Consent to Video or Audio Record a Student When Not Otherwise Permitted by Law

State law permits the school to make a video or voice recording without parental permission for the following circumstances:

- When it is to be used for school safety;
- When it relates to classroom instruction or a co-curricular or extracurricular activity;
- When it relates to media coverage of the school; or
- When it relates to the promotion of student safety as provided by law for a student receiving special education services in certain settings.

The district will seek parental consent through a written request before making any other video or voice recording of your child not otherwise allowed by law.

[See Video Cameras for more information, including a parent’s right to request video and audio equipment be placed in certain special education settings.]

Limiting Electronic Communications with Students by District Employees

Teachers and other approved employees are permitted by the district to communicate with students through the use of electronic media within the scope of the individual’s professional
responsibilities. For example, a teacher may set up a social networking page for his or her class that has information related to class work, homework, and tests. As a parent, you are welcome to join or become a member of such a page.

An employee described above may also contact a student individually through electronic media to communicate about items such as homework or upcoming tests.

However, instant or text messages sent to an individual student are only allowed if a district employee with responsibility for an extracurricular activity needs to communicate with a student participating in the extracurricular activity. The employee is required to include his or her immediate supervisor and the student’s parent as recipients on all text messages.

If you prefer that your child not receive any one-to-one electronic communications from a district employee or if you have questions related to the use of electronic media by district employees, please contact the campus principal.

**Objecting to the Release of Directory Information**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, or FERPA, permits the district to disclose appropriately designated “directory information” from a child’s education records without written consent. “Directory information” is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. Examples include a student’s photograph for publication in the school yearbook; a student’s name and grade level for purposes of communicating class and teacher assignment; the name, weight, and height of an athlete for publication in a school athletic program; a list of student birthdays for generating school-wide or classroom recognition; a student’s name and photograph posted on a district-approved and -managed social media platform; and the names and grade levels of students submitted by the district to a local newspaper or other community publication to recognize the A/B honor roll for a specific grading period. Directory information will be released to anyone who follows procedures for requesting it.

However, a parent or eligible student may object to the release of a student’s directory information. [See the “Notice Regarding Directory Information and Parent’s Response Regarding Release of Student Information” included in the forms packet.]

As allowed by state law, the district has identified two directory information lists – one for school-sponsored purposes and the second for all other requests. For all district publications and announcements, the district has designated the following as directory information: student name, photograph, date of birth, major field of study, degrees, honors, awards, dates of attendance, grade level, most recent school previously attended, enrollment status, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, and student identifiers than cannot be used alone to gain access to electronic education records.

For all other purposes, the district has identified the following as directory information: student name, photograph, major field of study, degrees, honors, awards, grade level, enrollment status, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of member of athletic teams, and student identifiers than cannot be used alone to gain access to electronic education records.

Also review the information at **Authorized Inspection and Use of Student Records.**

**Objecting to the Release of Student Information to Military Recruiters and Institutions of Higher Education (Secondary Grade Levels Only)**

The district is required by federal law to comply with a request by a military recruiter or an institution of higher education for students’ names, addresses, and telephone listings, unless parents have advised the district not to release their child’s information without prior written
consent. A form included in the forms packet is available if you do not want the district to provide this information to military recruiters or institutions of higher education.

**Participation in Third-Party Surveys**

*Consent Required Before Student Participation in a Federally Funded Survey, Analysis, or Evaluation*

Your child will not be required to participate without parental consent in any survey, analysis, or evaluation—funded in whole or in part by the U.S. Department of Education—that concerns:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student’s parent.
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student’s family.
- Sexual behavior or attitudes.
- Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior.
- Critical appraisals of individuals with whom the student has a close family relationship.
- Relationships privileged under law, such as relationships with lawyers, physicians, and ministers.
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents.
- Income, except when the information is required by law and will be used to determine the student’s eligibility to participate in a special program or to receive financial assistance under such a program.

You will be able to inspect the survey or other instrument and any instructional materials used in connection with such a survey, analysis, or evaluation. [For further information, see policy EF (LEGAL).]

*“Opting Out” of Participation in Other Types of Surveys or Screenings and the Disclosure of Personal Information*

As a parent, you have a right to receive notice of and deny permission for your child’s participation in:

- Any survey concerning the private information listed above, regardless of funding.
- School activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information gathered from your child for the purpose of marketing, selling, or otherwise disclosing that information. **Note:** This does not apply to the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information collected from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating, or providing educational products or services for, or to, students or educational institutions.
- Any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered and scheduled by the school in advance and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student. Exceptions are hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under state law. [See policies EF and FFAA.]

As a parent, you may inspect a survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed to your child.
Human Sexuality Instruction

As a part of the district’s curriculum, students receive instruction related to human sexuality. The School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is involved with the selection of course materials for such instruction.

State law requires that any instruction related to human sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases, or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) must:

- Present abstinence from sexual activity as the preferred choice of behavior in relationship to all sexual activity for unmarried persons of school age;
- Devote more attention to abstinence from sexual activity than to any other behavior;
- Emphasize that abstinence is the only method that is 100 percent effective in preventing pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and the emotional trauma associated with adolescent sexual activity;
- Direct adolescents to a standard of behavior in which abstinence from sexual activity before marriage is the most effective way to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases; and
- If included in the content of the curriculum, teach contraception and condom use in terms of human use reality rates instead of theoretical laboratory rates.

In accordance with state law, below is a summary of the district’s curriculum regarding human sexuality instruction:

**Elementary and Intermediate School Grades K-6**

- Cleanliness, physical development, emotional development, self-responsibility, self-respect, healthy relationships, and respect for others are introduced in Kindergarten and reinforced through grade six in an ongoing manner.
- The changing body and universal precautions for diseases are introduced in grade two, reinforced in grade three, four and five, and further developed further in grade six through science and health curriculum.
- Human sexuality, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), sexually transmitted diseases (STD’S) and sexual harassment are discussed as in depth as necessary to meet the needs of the student population in grades five and six. The study of these topics in grade six are in relationship with the reproductive system (including birth, pregnancy, and conception, endocrine system, and heredity).

**Middle School Grades 7-8**

- In middle school, students learn about health behaviors that will safeguard their health as well as information related to understanding puberty and the reproductive process. Students are taught about factors in their environment that impact, not only their health and the health of their families, but the health of their communities as well. Middle school students learn to refine their critical-thinking skills to avoid unsafe situations, analyze health information and products, and maintain healthy relationships. Students begin to investigate health in the broader context of community.
Formal instruction in human sexuality is presented in health classes at the eighth grade level. The study begins with improving self-esteem and building healthy relationships with friends, in dating and in marriage.

The instruction then shifts to the study of the human body from childhood to adolescence. This includes the study of the reproductive and endocrine systems and heredity. The focus then moves to conception, pregnancy, and birth.

Infections and disease are the next topics covered leading to the study of AIDS, HIV, and STD’s.

**High School Grade 9**

- Human sexuality instruction at the ninth grade level is incorporated into the study of the systems of the body in Biology I. The reproductive system leads to a more scientific understanding of human sexuality. Also included in this unit is a focus on relationships in order to reinforce what has been presented to them prior to ninth grade.

- The study of AIDS, HIV, and STD’s are included within the topic of viruses. This study of viruses allows the students to gain a better understanding of how viruses affect the body and to better comprehend the effect of the viruses in AIDS, HIV, and STD’s.

**High School Grade 10-12**

- The second year of biology continues with the human sexuality instruction. The study continues to emphasize the scientific aspect of human sexuality. Stressed in this study is a strong foundation of abstinence and responsibility. The scientific study begins with sperm and egg formation, fertilization, conception, and concludes with birth.

- Instruction in contraception is presented from a reality standpoint in relation to prevention of AIDS, HIV, and STD’s. Underlying this aspect is the continued strong emphasis on abstinence and responsibility.

As a parent, you are entitled to review the curriculum materials. In addition, you may remove your child from any part of the human sexuality instruction with no academic, disciplinary, or other penalties. You may also choose to become more involved with the development of curriculum used for this purpose by becoming a member of the district’s SHAC. Please see the campus principal for additional information.

**Reciting a Portion of the Declaration of Independence in Grades 3–12**

You may request that your child be excused from recitation of a portion of the Declaration of Independence. State law requires students in social studies classes in grades 3–12 to recite a portion of the text of the Declaration of Independence during Celebrate Freedom Week unless (1) you provide a written statement requesting that your child be excused, (2) the district determines that your child has a conscientious objection to the recitation, or (3) you are a representative of a foreign government to whom the U.S. government extends diplomatic immunity. [See policy EHBK (LEGAL).]

**Reciting the Pledges to the U.S. and Texas Flags**

As a parent, you may request that your child be excused from participation in the daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag. The request must be in writing. State law does not allow your child to be excused from participation in the required minute of silence or silent activity that follows. [See Pledges of Allegiance and a Minute of Silence and policy EC (LEGAL).]
Religious or Moral Beliefs
You may remove your child temporarily from the classroom if an instructional activity in which your child is scheduled to participate conflicts with your religious or moral beliefs. The removal cannot be for the purpose of avoiding a test and may not extend for an entire semester. Further, your child must satisfy grade-level and graduation requirements as determined by the school and by state law.

Tutoring or Test Preparation
Based on informal observations, evaluative data such as grades earned on assignments or tests, or results from diagnostic assessments, a teacher may determine that a student is in need of additional targeted assistance in order for the student to achieve mastery in state-developed essential knowledge and skills. The school will always attempt to provide tutoring and strategies for test-taking in ways that prevent removal from other instruction as much as possible. In accordance with state law and policy EC, the school will not remove a student from a regularly scheduled class for remedial tutoring or test preparation for more than ten percent of the school days on which the class is offered, unless the student’s parent consents to this removal.

The school may also offer tutorial services, which students whose grades are below 70 will be required to attend.

[Also refer to policies EC and EHBC, and contact your student’s teacher with questions about any tutoring programs provided by the school.]

RIGHT OF ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS, CURRICULUM MATERIALS, AND DISTRICT RECORDS/POLICIES

Instructional Materials
As a parent, you have a right to review teaching materials, textbooks, and other teaching aids and instructional materials used in the curriculum, and to examine tests that have been administered to your child.

You are also entitled to request that the school allow your child to take home any instructional materials used by the student. If the school determines that sufficient availability exists to grant the request, the student must return the materials at the beginning of the next school day if requested to do so by the student’s teacher.

 Notices of Certain Student Misconduct to Noncustodial Parent
A noncustodial parent may request in writing that he or she be provided, for the remainder of the school year, a copy of any written notice usually provided to a parent related to his or her child’s misconduct that may involve placement in a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP) or expulsion. [See policy FO (LEGAL) and the Student Code of Conduct.]

Participation in Federally Required, State-Mandated, and District Assessments
You may request information regarding any state or district policy related to your child’s participation in assessments required by federal law, state law, or the district.

Student Records

Accessing Student Records
You may review your child’s student records. These records include:

• Attendance records,
• Test scores,
• Grades,
• Disciplinary records,
• Counseling records,
• Psychological records,
• Applications for admission,
• Health and immunization information,
• Other medical records,
• Teacher and school counselor evaluations,
• Reports of behavioral patterns,
• Records relating to assistance provided for learning difficulties, including information collected regarding any intervention strategies used with your child, as the term intervention strategy is defined by law,
• State assessment instruments that have been administered to your child, and
• Teaching materials and tests used in your child’s classroom.

**Authorized Inspection and Use of Student Records**

A federal law, known as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, or FERPA, affords parents and eligible students certain rights with respect to student education records. For purposes of student records, an “eligible” student is one who is age 18 or older or who is attending an institution of postsecondary education. These rights, as discussed in this section as well as at **Objecting to the Release of Directory Information**, are:

• The right to inspect and review student records within 45 days after the day the school receives a request for access.
• The right to request an amendment to a student record the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of FERPA.
• The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information from the student’s records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
• The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning failures by the school to comply with FERPA requirements. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are:

  Family Policy Compliance Office
  U.S. Department of Education
  400 Maryland Avenue, SW
  Washington, DC 20202-5901

Both FERPA and state laws safeguard student records from unauthorized inspection or use and provide parents and eligible students certain rights of privacy. Before disclosing any personally identifiable information from a student’s records, the district must verify the identity of the person, including a parent or the student, requesting the information.

Virtually all information pertaining to student performance, including grades, test results, and disciplinary records, is considered confidential educational records.
Inspection and release of student records is primarily restricted to an eligible student or a student’s parents—whether married, separated, or divorced—unless the school is given a copy of a court order terminating parental rights or the right to access a student’s education records.

Federal law requires that, as soon as a student reaches the age of 18, is emancipated by a court, or enrolls in a postsecondary institution, control of the records goes to the student. The parents may continue to have access to the records, however, if the student is a dependent for tax purposes and under limited circumstances when there is a threat to the health and safety of the student or other individuals.

FERPA permits the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student’s education records, without written consent of the parent or eligible student, in the following circumstances:

- When district school officials have what federal law refers to as a “legitimate educational interest” in a student’s records. School officials would include board members and employees, such as the superintendent, administrators, and principals; teachers, school counselors, diagnosticians, and support staff (including district health or district medical staff); a person or company with whom the district has contracted or allowed to provide a particular institutional service or function (such as an attorney, consultant, third-party vendor that offers online programs or software, auditor, medical consultant, therapist, school resource officer, or volunteer); a parent or student serving on a school committee; or a parent or student assisting a school official in the performance of his or her duties. “Legitimate educational interest” in a student’s records includes working with the student; considering disciplinary or academic actions, the student’s case, or an individualized education program for a student with disabilities; compiling statistical data; reviewing an educational record to fulfill the official’s professional responsibility to the school and the student; or investigating or evaluating programs.

- To authorize representatives of various governmental agencies, including juvenile service providers, the U.S. Comptroller General’s office, the U.S. Attorney General’s office, the U.S. Secretary of Education, TEA, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture’s office, and Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers or other child welfare representatives, in certain cases.

- To individuals or entities granted access in response to a subpoena or court order.

- To another school, school district/system, or institution of postsecondary education to which a student seeks or intends to enroll or in which he or she is already enrolled.

- In connection with financial aid for which a student has applied or which the student has received.

- To accrediting organizations to carry out accrediting functions.

- To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school, in order to develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; administer student aid programs; or improve instruction.

- To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency.

- When the district discloses information it has designated as directory information [see Objecting to the Release of Directory Information for opportunities to prohibit this disclosure].

Release of personally identifiable information to any other person or agency—such as a prospective employer or for a scholarship application—will occur only with parental or student permission as appropriate.
The superintendent is custodian of all records for currently enrolled students at the assigned school. The superintendent is the custodian of all records for students who have withdrawn or graduated.

A parent or eligible student who wishes to inspect the student’s records should submit a written request to the records custodian identifying the records he or she wishes to inspect. Records may be inspected by a parent or eligible student during regular school hours. The records custodian or designee will respond to reasonable requests for explanation and interpretation of the records.

A parent or eligible student who provides a written request and pays copying costs of ten cents per page may obtain copies. If circumstances prevent inspection during regular school hours and the student qualifies for free or reduced-price meals, the district will either provide a copy of the records requested or make other arrangements for the parent or student to review these records. The address of the superintendent’s office is 512 Peach Street, Crowley, TX 76036.

The addresses of the principals’ offices are located in the front of this handbook.

A parent (or eligible student) may inspect the student’s records and request a correction or amendment if the records are considered inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights. A request to correct a student’s record should be submitted to the appropriate records custodian. The request must clearly identify the part of the record that should be corrected and include an explanation of how the information in the record is inaccurate. If the district denies the request to amend the records, the parent or eligible student has the right to request a hearing. If the records are not amended as a result of the hearing, the parent or eligible student has 30 school days to exercise the right to place a statement commenting on the information in the student’s record.

Although improperly recorded grades may be challenged, contesting a student’s grade in a course or on an examination is handled through the general complaint process found in policy FNG (LOCAL). A grade issued by a classroom teacher can be changed only if, as determined by the board of trustees, the grade is arbitrary, erroneous, or inconsistent with the district’s grading policy. [See FINALITY OF GRADES at FNG (LEGAL), Report Cards/Progress Reports and Conferences, and Complaints and Concerns for an overview of the process.]

The district’s policy regarding student records found at policy FL is available from the principal’s or superintendent’s office or on the district’s website at www.crowleyisdtx.org.

The parent’s or eligible student’s right of access to and copies of student records do not extend to all records. Materials that are not considered educational records—such as a teacher’s personal notes about a student that are shared only with a substitute teacher—do not have to be made available to the parents or student.

**Teacher and Staff Professional Qualifications**

You may request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child’s teachers, including whether a teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction; whether the teacher has an emergency permit or other provisional status for which state requirements have been waived; and whether the teacher is currently teaching in the field of discipline of his or her certification. You also have the right to request information about the qualifications of any paraprofessional who may provide services to your child.
STUDENTS WITH EXCEPTIONALITIES OR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Children of Military Families

Children of military families will be provided flexibility regarding certain district requirements, including:

- Immunization requirements.
- Grade level, course, or educational program placement.
- Eligibility requirements for participation in extracurricular activities.
- Graduation requirements.

In addition, absences related to a student visiting with his or her parent, including a stepparent or legal guardian, who has been called to active duty for, is on leave from, or is returning from a deployment of at least four months will be excused by the district. The district will permit no more than five excused absences per year for this purpose. For the absence to be excused, the absence must occur no earlier than the 60th day before deployment or no later than the 30th day after the parent’s return from deployment.

Additional information may be found at Military Family Resources at the Texas Education Agency.

Parental Role in Certain Classroom and School Assignments

**Multiple Birth Siblings**

As a parent, if your children are multiple birth siblings (e.g., twins, triplets, etc.) assigned to the same grade and campus, you may request that they be placed either in the same classroom or in separate classrooms. Your written request must be submitted no later than the 14th day after the enrollment of your children. [See policy FDB (LEGAL).]

**Safety Transfers/Assignments**

As a parent, you may:

- Request the transfer of your child to another classroom or campus if your child has been determined by the district to have been a victim of bullying, which includes cyberbullying, as defined by Education Code 37.0832. Transportation is not provided for a transfer to another campus. See the superintendent or designee for information.
- Consult with district administrators if your child has been determined by the district to have engaged in bullying and the board decides to transfer your child to another classroom or campus. Transportation is not provided for a transfer to another campus. [See Bullying, policy FDB and policy FFI.]
- Request the transfer of your child to attend a safe public school in the district if your child attends school at a campus identified by TEA as persistently dangerous or if your child has been a victim of a violent criminal offense while at school or on school grounds. [See policy FDE.]
- Request the transfer of your child to another district campus if your child has been the victim of a sexual assault by another student assigned to the same campus, whether the assault occurred on or off campus, and that student has been convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication for that assault. If the victim does not wish to transfer, the district will transfer the assailant in accordance with policy FDE.
Service/Assistance Animal Use by Students

A parent of a student who uses a service/assistance animal because of the student’s disability must submit a request in writing to the principal at least ten district business days before bringing the service/assistance animal on campus. The district will try to accommodate a request as soon as possible but will do so within ten district business days.

Students in the Conservatorship of the State (Foster Care)

A student who is currently in the conservatorship (custody) of the state and who enrolls in the district after the beginning of the school year will be allowed credit-by-examination opportunities outside the district’s established testing windows, and the district will grant proportionate course credit by semester (partial credit) when a student only passes one semester of a two-semester course.

A student who is currently in the conservatorship of the state and who is moved outside of the district’s or school’s attendance boundaries, or who is initially placed in the conservatorship of the state and who is moved outside the district’s or school’s boundaries, is entitled to continue in enrollment at the school he or she was attending prior to the placement or move until the student reaches the highest grade level at the particular school. In addition, if a student in grade 11 or 12 transfers to another district but does not meet the graduation requirements of the receiving district, the student can request to receive a diploma from the previous district if he or she meets the criteria to graduate from the previous district.

In addition, for a student in the conservatorship of the state who is eligible for a tuition and fee exemption under state law and likely to be in care on the day preceding the student’s 18th birthday, the district will:

- Assist the student with the completion of any applications for admission or for financial aid;
- Arrange and accompany the student on campus visits;
- Assist in researching and applying for private or institution-sponsored scholarships;
- Identify whether the student is a candidate for appointment to a military academy;
- Assist the student in registering and preparing for college entrance examinations, including, subject to the availability of funds, arranging for the payment of any examination fees by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS); and
- Coordinate contact between the student and a liaison officer for students who were formerly in the conservatorship of the state.

[See also Credit by Examination For Advancement/Acceleration, Course Credit, and Students in Foster Care for more information.]

Students Who Are Homeless

Children who are homeless will be provided flexibility regarding certain district provisions, including:

- Proof of residency requirements;
- Immunization requirements;
- Educational program placement, if the student is unable to provide previous academic records, or misses an application deadline during a period of homelessness;
- Credit-by-examination opportunities;
- The award of partial credit (awarding credit proportionately when a student passes only one semester of a two-semester course);
- Eligibility requirements for participation in extracurricular activities; and
- Graduation requirements.

If a student in grade 11 or 12 is homeless and transfers to another school district but does not meet the graduation requirements of the receiving district, the student can request to receive a diploma from the previous district if he or she meets the criteria to graduate from the previous district.

Federal law also allows a homeless student to remain enrolled in what is called the “school of origin” or to enroll in a new school in the attendance area where the student is currently residing.

A student or parent who is dissatisfied by the district’s eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision may appeal through policy FNG (LOCAL). The district will expedite local timelines, when possible, for prompt dispute resolution.

[See also Credit by Examination for Advancement/Acceleration, Course Credit, and Homeless Students for more information.]

**Students Who Have Learning Difficulties or Who Need Special Education or Section 504 Services**

For those students who are having difficulty in the regular classroom, all school districts must consider tutorial, compensatory, and other academic or behavior support services that are available to all students, including a process based on Response to Intervention (RtI). The implementation of RtI has the potential to have a positive impact on the ability of districts to meet the needs of all struggling students.

If a student is experiencing learning difficulties, his or her parent may contact the individuals listed below to learn about the school’s overall general education referral or screening system for support services. This system links students to a variety of support options, including making a referral for a special education evaluation or for a Section 504 evaluation to determine whether the student needs specific aids, accommodations, or services. A parent may request an evaluation for special education or Section 504 services at any time.

**Special Education Referrals**

If a parent makes a written request for an initial evaluation for special education services to the director of special education services or to a district administrative employee of the school district, the district must respond no later than 15 school days after receiving the request. At that time, the district must give the parent prior written notice of whether it agrees or refuses to evaluate the student, along with a copy of the Notice of Procedural Safeguards. If the district agrees to evaluate the student, it must also give the parent the opportunity to give written consent for the evaluation. Note: A request for a special education evaluation may be made verbally; it does not need to be made in writing. Districts must still comply with all federal prior-written notices and procedural safeguard requirements as well as the requirements for identifying, locating, and evaluating children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education. However, a verbal request does not require the district to respond within the 15 school-day timeline. If the district decides to evaluate the student, it must complete the student’s initial evaluation and evaluation report no later than 45 school days from the day it receives a parent’s written consent. However, if the student is absent from school during the evaluation period for three or more school days, the evaluation period will be extended by the number of
school days equal to the number of school days that the student is absent. There is an exception to the 45-school-day timeline. If the district receives a parent’s consent for the initial evaluation at least 35 but less than 45 school days before the last instructional day of the school year, it must complete the written report and provide a copy of the report to the parent by June 30 of that year. However, if the student is absent from school for three or more days during the evaluation period, the June 30 due date no longer applies. Instead, the general timeline of 45 school days plus extensions for absences of three or more days will apply. Upon completing the evaluation, the district must give the parent a copy of the evaluation report at no cost. Additional information regarding special education is available from the school district in a companion document titled Parent’s Guide to the Admission, Review, and Dismissal Process.

**Contact Person for Special Education Referrals**

The designated person to contact regarding options for a student experiencing learning difficulties or regarding a referral for evaluation for special education services is Ruby Batiste, Chief of Special Services, at 817-279-5300.

**Section 504 Referrals**

Each school district must have standards and procedures in place for the evaluation and placement of student in the district’s Section 504 program. Districts must also implement a system of procedural safeguards that includes notice, an opportunity for a parent or guardian to examine relevant records, an impartial hearing with an opportunity for participation by the parent or guardian and representation by counsel, and a review procedure.

**Contact Person for Section 504 Referrals**

The designated person to contact regarding options for a student experiencing learning difficulties or regarding a referral for evaluation for Section 504 services is Dr. John Hamlett III, Coordinator of Support Programs, at 817-297-5800.

[See also Students with Physical or Mental Impairments Protected under Section 504 on page 17.

The following websites provide information to those who are seeking information and resources specific to students with disabilities and their families:

- Legal Framework for the Child-Centered Special Education Process
- Partners Resource Network
- Special Education Information Center
- Texas Project FIRST

**Notification to Parent of Intervention Strategies for Learning Difficulties Provided to Student in General Education**

The district will annually notify parents that it provides assistance to students, other than those already enrolled in a special education program, who need assistance for learning difficulties, including intervention strategies.

**Students Who Receive Special Education Services with Other School-Aged Children in the Home**

If a student is receiving special education services at a campus outside his or her attendance zone, the parent or guardian may request that any other student residing in the household be transferred to the same campus, if the appropriate grade level for the transferring student is offered on that campus. However, the district is not required to provide transportation to the other children in the household. The parent or guardian should speak with the principal of the
school regarding transportation needs prior to requesting a transfer for any other children in the home. [See policy FDB (LOCAL).]

**Students Who Speak a Primary Language Other than English**

A student may be eligible to receive specialized support if his or her primary language is not English, and the student has difficulty performing ordinary class work in English. If the student qualifies for these extra services, the Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) will determine the types of services the student needs, including accommodations or modifications related to classroom instruction, local assessments, and state-mandated assessments.

**Students with Physical or Mental Impairments Protected Under Section 504**

A student determined to have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity, as defined by law, and who does not otherwise qualify for special education services, may qualify for protections under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Section 504 is a federal law designed to prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities. When an evaluation is requested, a committee will be formed to determine if the student is in need of services and supports under Section 504 to receive a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE), as this is defined in federal law.

[See policy FB.]

[See also Students Who Have Learning Difficulties or Who Need Special Education or Section 504 Services on page 16 for more information.]

**SECTION II: OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

Topics in this section of the Student Handbook contain important information on academics, school activities, and school operations and requirements. Take a moment with your child to become familiar with the various issues addressed in this section. It is organized in alphabetical order to serve as a quick-reference when you or your child has a question about a specific school-related issue. Where possible, the topics are also organized to alert you to the applicability of each topic based on a student’s age or grade level. Should you be unable to find the information on a particular topic, please contact the campus principal.

**ABSENCES/ATTENDANCE**

Regular school attendance is essential for a student to make the most of his or her education—to benefit from teacher-led and school activities, to build each day’s learning on the previous day’s, and to grow as an individual. Absences from class may result in serious disruption of a student’s mastery of the instructional materials; therefore, the student and parent should make every effort to avoid unnecessary absences. Two state laws—one dealing with the required presence of school-aged children in school, e.g., compulsory attendance, the other with how a student’s attendance affects the award of a student’s final grade or course credit—are of special interest to students and parents. They are discussed below.

**Compulsory Attendance**

**Age 19 and Older**

A student who voluntarily attends or enrolls after his or her 19th birthday is required to attend each school day until the end of the school year. If a student age 19 or older has more than five unexcused absences in a semester, the district may revoke the student’s enrollment. The
student’s presence on school property thereafter would be unauthorized and may be considered trespassing. [See policy FEA.]

**Between Ages 6 and 19**

State law requires that a student between the ages of 6 and 19 attend school, as well as any applicable accelerated instruction program, extended year program, or tutorial session, unless the student is otherwise excused from attendance or legally exempt.

State law requires attendance in an accelerated reading instruction program when kindergarten, first grade, or second grade students are assigned to such a program. Parents will be notified in writing if their child is assigned to an accelerated reading instruction program as a result of a diagnostic reading instrument.

A student will be required to attend any assigned accelerated instruction program, which may occur before or after school or during the summer, if the student does not meet the passing standards on the state assessment for his or her grade level and/or applicable subject area.

**Prekindergarten and Kindergarten**

Students enrolled in prekindergarten or kindergarten are required to attend school and are subject to the compulsory attendance requirements as long as they remain enrolled.

**Exemptions to Compulsory Attendance**

**All Grade Levels**

State law allows exemptions to the compulsory attendance requirements for several types of absences if the student makes up all work. These include the following activities and events:

- Religious holy days;
- Required court appearances;
- Activities related to obtaining U.S. citizenship;
- Documented health-care appointments for the student or a child of the student, including absences for recognized services for students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders, if the student comes to school or returns to school on the same day as the appointment. A note from the health-care provider must be submitted upon the student’s arrival or return to campus; and
- For students in the conservatorship (custody) of the state,
  - An activity required under a court-ordered service plan; or
  - Any other court-ordered activity, provided it is not practicable to schedule the student’s participation in the activity outside of school hours.

As listed in Section I at **Children of Military Families**, absences of up to five days will be excused for a student to visit with a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian who has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or immediately returned from certain deployments.

**Secondary Grade Levels**

In addition, a junior or senior student’s absence of up to two days related to visiting a college or university will be considered an exemption, provided this has been authorized by the board under policy FEA (LOCAL), the student receives approval from the campus principal, follows the campus procedures to verify such a visit, and makes up any work missed.
An absence will also be considered an exemption if a student 17 years of age or older is pursuing enlistment in a branch of the U.S. armed services or Texas National Guard, provided the absence does not exceed four days during the period the student is enrolled in high school and the student provides verification to the district of these activities.

Absences of up to two days in a school year will also be considered an exemption for:

- A student serving as an early voting clerk, provided the district’s board has authorized this in policy FEA (LOCAL), the student notifies his or her teachers, and the student receives approval from the principal prior to the absences; and
- A student serving as an election clerk, if the student makes up any work missed.

An absence of a student in grades 6–12 for the purpose of sounding “Taps” at a military honors funeral for a deceased veteran will also be excused by the district.

**Failure to Comply with Compulsory Attendance**

**All Grade Levels**

School employees must investigate and report violations of the state compulsory attendance law. A student absent without permission from school; from any class; from required special programs, such as additional special instruction, termed “accelerated instruction” by the state; or from required tutorials will be considered in violation of the compulsory attendance law and subject to disciplinary action.

**Students with Disabilities**

If a student with a disability is experiencing attendance issues, the student’s ARD committee or Section 504 committee will be notified, and the committee will determine whether the attendance issues warrant an evaluation, a reevaluation, and/or modifications to the student's individualized education program or Section 504 plan, as appropriate.

**Age 19 and Older**

After a student age 19 or older incurs a third unexcused absence, the district will send the student a letter as required by law explaining that the district may revoke the student’s enrollment for the remainder of the school year if the student has more than five unexcused absences in a semester. As an alternative to revoking a student’s enrollment, the district may implement a behavior improvement plan.

**Between Ages 6 and 19**

When a student between ages 6 and 19 incurs unexcused absences for three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period, the school will send a notice to the student’s parent, as required by law, to remind the parent that it is the parent’s duty to monitor the student’s attendance and to require the student to come to school. The notice will also inform the parent that the district will initiate truancy prevention measures and request a conference between school administrators and the parent. These measures will include a behavior improvement plan, school-based community service, or referrals to either in-school or out-of-school counseling or other social services. Any other measures considered appropriate by the district will also be initiated.

The truancy prevention facilitator for the district is Stan Swann, Chief of Student Services. If you have questions about your student and the effect of his or her absences from school, please contact the facilitator or any other campus administrator.
A court of law may also impose penalties against a student’s parent if a school-aged student is deliberately not attending school. A complaint against the parent may be filed in court if the student is absent without excuse from school on ten or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year.

If a student ages 12–18 incurs unexcused absences on ten or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year, the district, in most circumstances, will refer the student to truancy court.

[See policy FEA (LEGAL).]

**Attendance for Credit or Final Grade (Kindergarten–Grade 12)**

To receive credit or a final grade in a class, a student in kindergarten–grade 12 must attend at least 90 percent of the days the class is offered. A student who attends at least 75 percent but fewer than 90 percent of the days the class is offered may receive credit or a final grade for the class if he or she completes a plan, approved by the principal that allows the student to fulfill the instructional requirements for the class. If a student is involved in a criminal or juvenile court proceeding, the approval of the judge presiding over the case will also be required before the student receives credit or a final grade for the class.

If a student attends less than 75 percent of the days a class is offered or has not completed the plan approved by the principal, then the student will be referred to the attendance review committee to determine whether there are extenuating circumstances for the absences and how the student can regain credit or a final grade lost because of absences. [See policy FEC.]

All absences, whether excused or unexcused, must be considered in determining whether a student has attended the required percentage of days. In determining whether there were extenuating circumstances for the absences, the attendance committee will use the following guidelines:

- If makeup work is completed, absences for the reasons listed above at **Exemptions to Compulsory Attendance** will be considered extenuating circumstances for purposes of attendance for credit or the award of a final grade.
- A transfer or migrant student begins to accumulate absences only after he or she has enrolled in the district.
- In reaching a decision about a student’s absences, the committee will attempt to ensure that it is in the best interest of the student.
- The committee will review absences incurred based on the student’s participation in board-approved extracurricular activities. These absences will be considered by the attendance committee as extenuating circumstances in accordance with the absences allowed under FM (LOCAL) if the student made up the work missed in each class.
- The committee will consider the acceptability and authenticity of documented reasons for the student’s absences.
- The committee will consider whether the absences were for reasons over which the student or the student’s parent could exercise any control.
- The committee will consider the extent to which the student has completed all assignments, mastered the essential knowledge and skills, and maintained passing grades in the course or subject.
The student or parent will be given an opportunity to present any information to the committee about the absences and to talk about ways to earn or regain credit or a final grade.

The student or parent may appeal the committee’s decision to the board by following policy FNG (LOCAL).

The actual number of days a student must be in attendance in order to receive credit or a final grade will depend on whether the class is for a full semester or for a full year.

### Official Attendance-Taking Time (All Grade Levels)

The district must submit attendance of its students to the TEA reflecting attendance at a specific time each day.

Official attendance is taken every day during the second instructional hour.

**2018-19 Campus Attendance Snapshot Times**

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A student absent for any portion of the day, including at the official attendance-taking time, should follow the procedures below to provide documentation of the absence.

Documentation After an Absence (All Grade Levels)
When a student is absent from school, the student—upon arrival or return to school—must bring a note signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence. A note signed by the student, even with the parent’s permission, will not be accepted unless the student is age 18 or older or is an emancipated minor under state law. A phone call from the parent may be accepted, but the district reserves the right to require a written note.

The campus will document in its attendance records for the student whether the absence is considered by the district to be excused or unexcused. NOTE: Unless the absence is for a statutorily allowed reason under compulsory attendance laws, the district is not required to excuse any absence, even if the parent provides a note explaining the absence.

Doctor’s Note After an Absence for Illness (All Grade Levels)
Upon return to school, a student absent for more than five (5) consecutive days because of a personal illness must bring a statement from a doctor or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the student’s extended absence from school. Otherwise, the student’s absence may be considered unexcused and, if so, would be considered to be in violation of compulsory attendance laws.

Should the student develop a questionable pattern of absences, the principal or attendance committee may require a statement from a doctor or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the student’s absence from school in order to determine whether the absence or absences will be excused or unexcused.

[See policy FEC (LOCAL).]

Driver License Attendance Verification (Secondary Grade Levels Only)
For a student between the ages of 16 and 18 to obtain a driver license, written parental permission must be provided for the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to access the student’s attendance records and, in certain circumstances, for a school administrator to provide the student’s attendance information to DPS. A verification of enrollment (VOE) form may be
obtained from the office, which the student will need to submit to DPS upon application for a driver license.

**ACCOUNTABILITY UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL LAW (All Grade Levels)**

Crowley ISD and each of its campuses are held to certain standards of accountability under state and federal law. A key component of the accountability requirements is the dissemination and publication of certain reports and information, which include:

- The Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) for the district, compiled by TEA, the state agency that oversees public education, based on academic factors and ratings;
- A School Report Card (SRC) for each campus in the district compiled by TEA based on academic factors and ratings;
- The district’s financial management report, which will include the financial accountability rating assigned to the district by TEA;
- Information compiled by TEA for the submission of a federal report card that is required by federal law.

This information can be found on the district’s website at [www.crowleyisdtx.org](http://www.crowleyisdtx.org). Hard copies of any reports are available upon request to the district’s administration office.

TEA also maintains additional accountability and accreditation information at [TEA Performance Reporting Division](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/reporting) and [TEA homepage](http://www.tea.state.tx.us).

**ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY TEST**

A student in grades 10–12 will be offered an opportunity to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test and consult with a military recruiter.

The test shall be offered on:

- October 10, 2018, at North Crowley High School;
- October 10, 2018, at Crowley High School;
- February 5, 2019, at Crowley High School; and
- February 6, 2019 at North Crowley High School

Please contact the principal for information about this opportunity.

**AWARDS AND HONORS (All Grade Levels)**

Awards and Honors include National Honor Society, National Merit Scholars, AP Scholars, and Honor Grads (see policy EIC).

**BULLYING (All Grade Levels)**

Bullying is defined in Section 37.0832 of the Education Code as a single significant act or a pattern of acts by one or more students directed at another student that exploits an imbalance of power and involves engaging in written or verbal expression, expression through electronic means, or physical conduct that:

- has the effect or will have the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student’s property; or
- places a student in reasonable fear of harm to the student’s person or of damage to the student’s property; or
• is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive enough that the action or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for a student.
• materially and substantially disrupts the educational process or the orderly operation of a classroom or school; or
• infringes on the rights of the victim at school.

Bullying includes cyberbullying. Cyberbullying is defined by Section 37.0832 of the Education Code as bullying that is done through the use of any electronic communication device, including through the use of a cellular or other type of telephone, a computer, a camera, electronic mail, instant messaging, text messaging, a social media application, an Internet website, or any other Internet-based communication tool.

The district is required to adopt policies and procedures regarding:
• Bullying that occurs on or is delivered to school property or to the site of a school-sponsored or school-related activity on or off school property;
• Bullying that occurs on a publicly or privately owned school bus or vehicle being used for transportation of students to or from school or a school-sponsored or school-related activity; and
• Cyberbullying that occurs off school property or outside of a school-sponsored or school-related activity if the cyberbullying interferes with a student’s educational opportunities or substantially disrupts the orderly operation of a classroom, school, or school-sponsored or school-related activity.

Bullying is prohibited by the district and could include hazing, threats, taunting, teasing, confinement, assault, demands for money, destruction of property, theft of valued possessions, name-calling, rumor-spreading, or ostracism. If a student believes that he or she has experienced bullying or has witnessed bullying of another student, it is important for the student or parent to notify a teacher, school counselor, principal, or another district employee as soon as possible to obtain assistance and intervention. The administration will investigate any allegations of bullying or other related misconduct. The district will also provide notice to the parent of the alleged victim and the parent of the student alleged to have engaged in bullying.

A student may anonymously report an alleged incident of bullying by omitting their name and/or other identifying information in writing, including completing the online bullying report available on the district’s website at CISD Online Bullying Report.

If the results of an investigation indicate that bullying has occurred, the administration will take appropriate disciplinary action and may notify law enforcement in certain circumstances. Disciplinary or other action may be taken even if the conduct did not rise to the level of bullying. Available counseling options will be provided to these individuals, as well as to any students who have been identified as witnesses to the bullying.

Any retaliation against a student who reports an incident of bullying is prohibited.

Upon the recommendation of the administration, the board may, in response to an identified case of bullying, decide to transfer a student found to have engaged in bullying to another classroom at the campus. In consultation with the student’s parent, the student may also be transferred to another campus in the district. The parent of a student who has been determined by the district to be a victim of bullying may request that his or her child be transferred to another classroom or campus within the district. [Also see Safety Transfers/Assignments.]

A copy of the district’s policy is available in the principal’s office, superintendent’s office, and on the district’s website, and is included at the end of this handbook in the form of an appendix.
Procedures related to reporting allegations of bullying may also be found on the district’s website.

A student or parent who is dissatisfied with the outcome of an investigation may appeal through policy FNG (LOCAL).

[Also see Safety Transfers/Assignments, Dating Violence, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation, Hazing, policy FFI, and the district improvement plan, a copy of which can be viewed in the campus office.]

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) PROGRAMS (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program in CISD is dedicated to preparing young people to manage the dual roles of family member and wage earner. Career and technical programs prepare students for various aspects of home and work through Career Pathways. Career clusters identify several career pathways leading from secondary school to two- and four-year colleges, graduate school, and the workplace, so students can learn in school what they can do in the future. The district offers courses in almost all of the nationally recognized Career Clusters including: Agriculture, Foods & Natural Resources; Architecture & Construction; Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communication; Business Management & Administration; Education & Training; Finance; Government and Public Administration; Health Science; Hospitality & Tourism; Human Services; Information Technology; Law, Public Safety; Corrections; Security; Marketing; and Science, Technology, Pre-Engineering; and Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics. Admission to these programs is based on open enrollment.

It is the policy of the district not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

The district will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

[Also see Nondiscrimination Statement for the name and contact information for the Title IX coordinator and Section 504 coordinator, who will address certain allegations of discrimination.]

CELEBRATIONS (All Grade Levels)

Although a parent or grandparent is not prohibited from providing food for a school-designated function or for children in the child’s or grandchild’s classroom for his or her birthday, please be aware that children in the school may have severe allergies to certain food products. Therefore, it is imperative to discuss this with the child’s teacher prior to bringing any food in this circumstance. Occasionally, the school or a class may host certain functions or celebrations tied to the curriculum that will involve food. The school or teacher will notify students and parents of any known food allergies when soliciting potential volunteers for bringing food products.

[Also see Food Allergies.]

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND OTHER MALTREATMENT OF CHILDREN (All Grade Levels)

The district has established a plan for addressing child sexual abuse and other maltreatment of children. As a parent, it is important for you to be aware of warning signs that could indicate a child may have been or is being sexually abused. Sexual abuse in the Texas Family Code is
defined as any sexual conduct harmful to a child’s mental, emotional, or physical welfare as well as a failure to make a reasonable effort to prevent sexual conduct with a child. A person who compels or encourages a child to engage in sexual conduct commits abuse. It is illegal to make or possess child pornography or to display such material to a child. Anyone who suspects that a child has been or may be abused or neglected has a legal responsibility, under state law, for reporting the suspected abuse or neglect to law enforcement or to Child Protective Services (CPS).

Possible physical warning signs of sexual abuse could be difficulty sitting or walking, pain in the genital areas, and claims of stomachaches and headaches. Behavioral indicators may include verbal references or pretend games of sexual activity between adults and children, fear of being alone with adults of a particular gender, or sexually suggestive behavior. Emotional warning signs to be aware of include withdrawal, depression, sleeping and eating disorders, and problems in school.

A child who has experienced sexual abuse or any other type of abuse or neglect should be encouraged to seek out a trusted adult. Be aware as a parent or other trusted adult that disclosures of sexual abuse may be more indirect than disclosures of physical abuse and neglect, and it is important to be calm and comforting if your child, or another child, confides in you. Reassure the child that he or she did the right thing by telling you.

As a parent, if your child is a victim of sexual abuse or other maltreatment, the school counselor or principal will provide information regarding counseling options for you and your child available in your area. The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) also manages early intervention counseling programs. To find out what services may be available in your county, see Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Programs Available in Your County.

Be aware the children and adolescents who have experienced dating violence may show similar physical, behavioral, and emotional warning signs. [See Dating Violence, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (All Grade Levels) on page 34.]

The following websites might help you become more aware of child abuse and neglect:

- Child Welfare Information Gateway Factsheet
- KidsHealth, For Parents, Child Abuse
- Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, Resources
- Texas Attorney General, What We Can Do About Child Abuse Part 1
- Texas Attorney General, What We Can Do About Child Abuse Part 2

Reports of abuse or neglect may be made to:

The CPS division of the TDFPS (1-800-252-5400 or on the web at Texas Abuse Hotline Website).

**CLASS RANK/HIGHEST-RANKING STUDENT (Secondary Grade Levels Only)**

Class rankings are calculated for the first time at the end of the freshman year. Final rank in class for purpose of determining valedictorian, salutatorian and honor graduates is calculated at the end of the fifth six-week grading period of the senior year.

For two school years following his or her graduation, a district student who graduates in the top ten percent of his or her class is eligible for automatic admission into four-year public universities and colleges in Texas if the student:
Completes the Recommended or Distinguished Level of Achievement Program; or
Satisfies the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks or earns at least a 1500 out of 2400 on the SAT.

The University of Texas at Austin may limit the number of students automatically admitted to 75 percent of the University’s enrollment capacity for incoming resident freshmen. For students who are eligible to enroll in the University of Texas at Austin, during the summer or fall 2011 term SB 175 went into effect and is currently scheduled to be in effect for applicants through summer/fall 2017 and spring 2018, which indicates the University will be admitting the top eight percent of the high school’s graduating class who meet the above requirements. Additional applicants will be considered by the University through an independent review process.

Students and parents should contact the counselor or the campus principal for further information about automatic admissions, the application process, and deadlines.

Class rank is used to report a student’s academic standing relative to his peers. It is used to determine honor graduates, valedictorian, and salutatorian, as well as eligibility for automatic admission to a Texas university. Class rank for seniors shall be based on a weighted grade point average using semester grades earned in grades 9-12 for state graduation credit and in any high school course taken in middle school for state graduation credit. These semester grades shall be converted to grade points according to the District’s weighted grade point scale. Class rank shall be calculated for graduation at the end of the fifth six-week grading period of the senior year to determine valedictorian, salutatorian, and honor graduates. The average of the fourth and fifth six-week grades shall be used as the second semester grade for this purpose. The final calculation of class rank shall occur once all grades have been recorded and all graduation requirements have been met.

Class rank calculations for regular classes will use a four-point calibrated scale. A weighted point calibrated scale will be used for all high school credit courses, including those taken in middle school, for pre-advanced placement, advanced placement, gifted, dual credit, and other advanced academic.

To be eligible as an honor graduate, the student must have attended Crowley High School or North Crowley High School the last year of his or her work, entering not later than the first day of the second six-week grading period in the first semester. The student shall have completed either the Foundation High School Program with an Endorsement or Distinguished Level of Achievement High School Program as defined in Texas Curriculum Requirements, 19 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 74.

The class ranking process shall use a scale in averaging all regular and advanced courses taken for high school credit through the fifth six-week grading period of the senior year, except local credit courses. All graduating students meeting all of the following criteria shall be recognized as honor graduates:

1. Rank in the top 20 percent of the graduating class;
2. Have completed the Foundation High School Program with an Endorsement or Distinguished Level of Achievement Program; and
3. Have attended the District high school for the entire senior year, with the student entering no later than the first day of the second six-week grading period of the senior year.

Honor graduates shall be classified and recognized as follows:

1. Summa cum laude – top two percent of the graduating class, including the valedictorian and salutatorian;
2. Magna cum laude – top three to ten percent of the graduating class; and
3. Cum laude – top 11 to 20 percent of the graduating class.
The top two honor graduates shall be named based on grade point average and residency requirements:

- **Valedictorian** – the highest GPA
- **Salutatorian** – the second highest GPA

To be eligible for valedictorian and salutatorian honors, the student shall have attended Crowley High School or North Crowley High School from which he or she is graduating for the last two consecutive years prior to graduation. In case of a tie for valedictorian, the student with the highest numerical average shall be named valedictorian. If a tie still remains, the student with the highest overall SAT score shall be named valedictorian. Co-valedictorians shall be named if a tie still remains.

Students who transfer to the District high school with credit for G/T, honors, dual credit, AP, or Pre-AP courses from previous schools shall only be granted the extra points for those courses if a comparable G/T, honors, dual credit, AP, or Pre-AP course was available to students enrolled at the District high school at the time the transferring student earned the course credit.

[For further information, see policy EIC.]

**CLASS SCHEDULES (Secondary Grade Levels Only)**

All students are expected to attend school for the entire school day and maintain a class/course schedule to fulfill each period of the day. Exceptions may be made occasionally by the campus principal for students in grades 9–12 who meet specific criteria and receive parental consent to enroll in less than a full-day’s schedule.

[See **Schedule Changes** for information related to student requests to revise their course schedule.]

**COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID (Secondary Grade Levels Only)**

For two school years following his or her graduation, a district student who graduates in the top ten percent and, in some cases, the top 25 percent, of his or her class is eligible for automatic admission into four-year public universities and colleges in Texas if the student:

- Completes the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation graduation program (a student must graduate with at least one endorsement and must have taken Algebra II as one of the four required math courses); or
- Satisfies the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks or earns at least a 1500 out of 2400 on the SAT.

In addition, the student must submit a completed application for admission in accordance with the deadline established by the college or university. The student is ultimately responsible for ensuring that he or she meets the admission requirements of the university or college to which the student submits an application.

The University of Texas at Austin may limit the number of students automatically admitted to 75 percent of the University’s enrollment capacity for incoming resident freshmen. For students who are eligible to enroll in the University during the summer or fall 2019 term, the University will admit the top six percent of the high school’s graduating class who meet the above requirements. Additional applicants will be considered by the University through a holistic review process.
Should a college or university adopt an admissions policy that automatically accepts the top 25 percent of a graduating class, the provisions above will also apply to a student ranked in the top 25 percent of his or her class.

Upon enrolling in their first course that is eligible for high school credit, the district will provide written notice concerning automatic college admission, the curriculum requirements for financial aid, and the benefits of completing the requirements for automatic admission and financial aid.

Students and parents should contact the school counselor for further information about automatic admissions, the application process, and deadlines.

[See Class Rank/Highest-Ranking Student for information specifically related to how the district calculates a student’s rank in class, and requirements for Graduation for information associated with the foundation graduation program].

[See Students in the Conservatorship of the State (Foster Care) for information on assistance in transitioning to higher education for students in foster care.]

**COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES (Secondary Grade Levels Only)**

Students in grades 9–12 have opportunities to earn college credit through the following methods:

- Certain courses taught at the high school campus, which may include courses termed dual credit, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or college preparatory;
- Enrollment in an AP or dual credit course through the Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN);
- Enrollment in courses taught in conjunction and in partnership with Tarrant Count College Contact information: 817-515-8223, e-mail info.center@tccd.edu; which may be offered on or off campus;
- Enrollment in courses taught at other colleges or universities; and
- Certain CTE courses.

All of these methods have eligibility requirements and must be approved prior to enrollment in the course. Please see the school counselor for more information. Depending on the student’s grade level and the course, a state-mandated end-of-course assessment may be required for graduation.

It is important to keep in mind that not all colleges and universities accept credit earned in all dual credit or AP courses taken in high school for college credit. Students and parents should check with the prospective college or university to determine if a particular course will count toward the student’s desired degree plan.

**Communications—Automated**

**Emergency**

The district will rely on contact information on file with the district to communicate with parents in an emergency situation, which may include real-time or automated messages. An emergency purpose may include early dismissal or delayed opening because of severe weather or another emergency, or if the campus must restrict access due to a security threat. It is crucial to notify your child’s school when a phone number previously provided to the district has changed.

[See Safety for information regarding contact with parents during an emergency situation.]
Nonemergency

Your child’s school will request that you provide contact information, such as your phone number and e-mail address, in order for the school to communicate items specific to your child, your child’s school, or the district. If you consent to receive such information through a landline or wireless phone, please ensure that you notify the school’s administration office immediately upon a change in your phone number. The district or school may generate automated or pre-recorded messages, text messages, or real-time phone or e-mail communications that are closely related the school’s mission, so prompt notification of any change in contact information will be crucial to maintain timely communication with you. Standard messaging rates of your phone carrier may apply. If you have specific requests or needs related to how the district contacts you, please contact your child’s principal. [See Safety for information regarding contact with parents during an emergency situation.]

COMPLAINTS AND CONCERNS (All Grade Levels)

Usually student or parent complaints or concerns can be addressed informally by a phone call or a conference with the teacher or principal. For those complaints and concerns that cannot be handled so easily, the board has adopted a standard complaint policy at FNG (LOCAL) in the district’s policy manual. A copy of this policy and complaint form may be obtained in the principal’s or superintendent’s office.

Should a parent or student feel a need to file a formal complaint, the parent or student should file a district complaint form within the timelines established in policy FNG (LOCAL). In general, the student or parent should submit the written complaint form to the campus principal. If the concern is not resolved, a request for a conference should be sent to the superintendent. If still unresolved, the district provides for the complaint to be presented to the board of trustees.

CONDUCT (All Grade Levels)

Applicability of School Rules

As required by law, the board has adopted a Student Code of Conduct that prohibits certain behaviors and defines standards of acceptable behavior—both on and off campus as well as on district vehicles—and consequences for violation of these standards. The district has disciplinary authority over a student in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Students and parents should be familiar with the standards set out in the Student Code of Conduct, as well as campus and classroom rules. During any periods of instruction during the summer months, the Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct in place for the year immediately preceding the summer period shall apply, unless the district amends either or both documents for the purposes of summer instruction.
Campus Behavior Coordinator

By law, each campus has a campus behavior coordinator to apply discipline management techniques and administer consequences for certain student misconduct, as well as provide a point of contact for student misconduct. The campus behavior coordinator at each district campus is listed below:

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Disruptions of School Operations

Disruptions of school operations are not tolerated and may constitute a misdemeanor offense. As identified by law, disruptions include the following:

- Interference with the movement of people at an exit, entrance, or hallway of a district building without authorization from an administrator.
- Interference with an authorized activity by seizing control of all or part of a building.
- Use of force, violence, or threats in an attempt to prevent participation in an authorized assembly.
- Use of force, violence, or threats to cause disruption during an assembly.
- Interference with the movement of people at an exit or an entrance to district property.
- Use of force, violence, or threats in an attempt to prevent people from entering or leaving district property without authorization from an administrator.
- Disruption of classes or other school activities while on district property or on public property that is within 500 feet of district property. Class disruption includes making loud noises; trying to entice a student away from, or to prevent a student from attending,
a required class or activity; and entering a classroom without authorization and disrupting the activity with loud or profane language or any misconduct.

- Interference with the transportation of students in vehicles owned or operated by the district.

Social Events
School rules apply to all school social events. Guests attending these events are expected to observe the same rules as students, and a student inviting a guest will share responsibility for the conduct of his or her guest.

A student attending a social event will be asked to sign out when leaving before the end of the event; anyone leaving before the official end of the event will not be readmitted.

Please contact the campus principal if you are interested in serving as a chaperone for any school social events.

COUNSELING

Academic Counseling

Elementary, Intermediate, and Middle School Grade Levels
The school counselor is available to students and parents to talk about the importance of postsecondary education and how best to plan for postsecondary education, including appropriate courses to consider and financial aid availability and requirements.

In either grade 7 or 8, each student will receive instruction related to how the student can best prepare for high school, college, and a career.

High School Grade Levels
High school students and their parents are encouraged to talk with a school counselor, teacher, or principal to learn more about course offerings, graduation requirements, and early graduation procedures. Each year, high school students will be provided information on anticipated course offerings for the next school year and other information that will help them make the most of academic and CTE opportunities, as well as information on the importance of postsecondary education.

The school counselor can also provide information about entrance examinations and application deadlines, as well as information about automatic admission, financial aid, housing, and scholarships as these relate to state colleges and universities. The school counselor can also provide information about workforce opportunities after graduation or technical and trade school opportunities, including opportunities to earn industry-recognized certificates and licenses.

Personal Counseling (All Grade Levels)
The school counselor is available to assist students with a wide range of personal concerns, including such areas as social, family, emotional or mental health issues, or substance abuse. A student who wishes to meet with the school counselor should make an appointment with the counselor’s office. As a parent, if you are concerned about your child’s mental or emotional health, please speak with the school counselor for a list of resources that may be of assistance.

[Also see Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention and Suicide Awareness and Mental Health Support and Child Sexual Abuse and Other Maltreatment of Children and Dating Violence.]
COURSE CREDIT (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

A student in grades 9–12, or in a lower grade when a student is enrolled in a high school credit-bearing course, will earn credit for a course only if the final grade is 70 or above. For a two-semester (1 credit) course, the student’s grades from both semesters will be averaged and credit will be awarded if the combined average is 70 or above. Should the student’s combined average be less than 70, the student will be required to retake the semester in which he or she failed.

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION—If a Student Has Taken the Course/Subject (All Grade Levels)

A student who has previously taken a course or subject—but did not receive credit or a final grade for it—may, in circumstances determined by the principal or attendance committee, be permitted to earn credit or a final grade by passing an examination approved by the district’s board of trustees on the essential knowledge and skills defined for that course or subject. Prior instruction may include, for example, incomplete coursework due to a failed course or excessive absences, homeschooling, or coursework by a student transferring from a non-accredited school. The opportunity to take an examination to earn credit for a course or to be awarded a final grade in a subject after the student has had prior instruction is sometimes referred to as “credit recovery.”

If the student is granted approval to take an examination for this purpose, the student must score at least 70 on the examination to receive credit for the course or subject.

The attendance review committee may also offer a student with excessive absences an opportunity to earn credit for a course by passing an examination.

[For further information, see the school counselor and policy EHDB (LOCAL).]

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION FOR ADVANCEMENT/ACCELERATION—If a Student Has Not Taken the Course/Subject

A student will be permitted to take an examination to earn credit for an academic course or subject area for which the student has had no prior instruction, i.e., for advancement or to accelerate to the next grade level. The examination offered by the district are approved by the district’s board of trustees, and state law requires the use of certain examinations, such as a district developed test, College Board Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests, Texas Tech University or The University of Texas at Austin when applicable. The dates on which examinations are scheduled during the 2018-19 school year will be published in appropriate district publications and on the district’s website. The only exceptions to the published dates will be for any examinations administered by another entity besides the district or if a request is made outside of these time frames by a student experiencing homelessness or by a student involved in the foster care system. When another entity administers an examination, a student and the district must comply with the testing schedule of the other entity. During each testing window provided by the district, a student may attempt a specific examination only once.

The school counselor or principal would determine if the student could take an examination for this purpose. If approval is granted, the student must score at least 80 on the examination to receive credit for the course or subject. If a student plans to take an examination, the student (or parent) must register with the school counselor no later than 30 days prior to the scheduled testing date. [For further information, see policy EHDC.]

Students in Grades 1–5

The district policy related to student acceleration in grades 1-5 is under review.
Students in Grades 6–12

The district policy related to student acceleration in grades 6-12 is under review.

Credit by Examination Dates

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With Prior Instruction (Credit Retrieval): [See EHDB]

July 30 – August 1, 2019

The students will sign up online for a link to be given before school is out and the cost will be $25.00 per test.

DATING VIOLENCE, DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND RETALIATION (All Grade Levels)

The district believes that all students learn best in an environment free from dating violence, discrimination, harassment, and retaliation and that their welfare is best served when they are free from this prohibited conduct while attending school. Students are expected to treat other students and district employees with courtesy and respect, to avoid behaviors known to be offensive, and to stop those behaviors when asked or told to stop. District employees are expected to treat students with courtesy and respect.

The board has established policies and procedures to prohibit and promptly respond to inappropriate and offensive behaviors that are based on a person’s race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, national origin, disability, age or any other basis prohibited by law. A copy of the district’s policy is available in the principal’s office and in the superintendent’s office or on the district’s website. [See policy FFH.]

Dating Violence

Dating violence occurs when a person in a current or past dating relationship uses physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control the other person in the relationship. Dating violence also occurs when a person commits these acts against a person in a marriage or dating relationship with the individual who is or was once in a marriage or dating relationship with the person committing the offense. This type of conduct is considered harassment if the conduct is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it affects the student’s ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity; creates an intimidating, threatening, hostile, or offensive educational environment; or substantially interferes with the student’s academic performance.

Examples of dating violence against a student may include, but are not limited to, physical or sexual assaults; name-calling; put-downs; threats to hurt the student, the student’s family members, or members of the student’s household; destroying property belonging to the student; threats to commit suicide or homicide if the student ends the relationship; threats to harm a student’s current dating partner; attempts to isolate the student from friends and family; stalking; or encouraging others to engage in these behaviors.
Discrimination

Discrimination is defined as any conduct directed at a student on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, national origin, disability, age, or any other basis prohibited by law that negatively affects the student.

Harassment

Harassment, in general terms, is conduct so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it affects the student’s ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity; creates an intimidating, threatening, hostile, or offensive educational environment; or substantially interferes with the student’s academic performance.

Examples of harassment may include, but are not limited to, offensive or derogatory language directed at a person’s religious beliefs or practices, accent, skin color, or need for accommodation; threatening, intimidating, or humiliating conduct; offensive jokes, name-calling, slurs, or rumors; physical aggression or assault; graffiti or printed material promoting racial, ethnic, or other negative stereotypes; or other kinds of aggressive conduct such as theft or damage to property.

In addition to dating violence as described above, two other types of prohibited harassment are described below.

Sexual Harassment and Gender-Based Harassment

Sexual harassment and gender-based harassment of a student by an employee, volunteer, or another student are prohibited.

Examples of sexual harassment may include, but not be limited to, touching private body parts or coercing physical contact that is sexual in nature; sexual advances; jokes or conversations of a sexual nature; and other sexually motivated conduct, communications, or contact.

Sexual harassment of a student by an employee or volunteer does not include necessary or permissible physical contact not reasonably construed as sexual in nature, such as comforting a child with a hug or taking the child’s hand. However, romantic and other inappropriate social relationships, as well as all sexual relationships, between students and district employees are prohibited, even if consensual.

Gender-based harassment includes harassment based on a student’s gender, expression by the student of stereotypical characteristics associated with the student’s gender, or the student’s failure to conform to stereotypical behavior related to gender.

Examples of gender-based harassment directed against a student, regardless of the student’s or the harasser’s actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity, may include, but not be limited to, offensive jokes, name-calling, slurs, or rumors; physical aggression or assault; threatening or intimidating conduct; or other kinds of aggressive conduct such as theft or damage to property.

Retaliation

Retaliation against a person who makes a good faith report of discrimination or harassment, including dating violence, is prohibited. Retaliation against a person who is participating in an investigation of alleged discrimination or harassment is also prohibited. A person who makes a false claim or offers false statements or refuses to cooperate with a district investigation, however, may be subject to appropriate discipline.
Examples of retaliation may include threats, rumor spreading, ostracism, assault, destruction of property, unjustified punishments, or unwarranted grade reductions. Unlawful retaliation does not include petty slights or annoyances.

**Reporting Procedures**

Any student who believes that he or she has experienced dating violence, discrimination, harassment, or retaliation should immediately report the problem to a teacher, school counselor, principal, or other district employee. The report may be made by the student’s parent. [See policy FFH (LOCAL) and (EXHIBIT) for other appropriate district officials to whom to make a report.]

Upon receiving a report of prohibited conduct as defined by policy FFH, the district will determine whether the allegations, if proven, would constitute prohibited conduct as defined by that policy. If not, the district will refer to policy FFI to determine if the allegations, if proven, would constitute bullying, as defined by law and that policy. If the alleged prohibited conduct, if proven, would constitute prohibited conduct and would also be considered bullying as defined by law and policy FFI, an investigation of bullying will also be conducted.

The district will promptly notify the parents of any student alleged to have experienced prohibited conduct involving an adult associated with the district. In the event alleged prohibited conduct involves another student, the district will notify the parents of the student alleged to have experienced the prohibited conduct when the allegations, if proven, would constitute a violation as defined by policy FFH.

**Investigation of Report**

To the extent possible, the district will respect the privacy of the student; however, limited disclosures may be necessary to conduct a thorough investigation and to comply with law. Allegations of prohibited conduct, which includes dating violence, discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, will be promptly investigated.

If a law enforcement or other regulatory agency notifies the district that it is investigating the matter and requests that the district delay its investigation, the district will resume the investigation at the conclusion of the agency’s investigation.

During the course of an investigation and when appropriate, the district will take interim action to address the alleged prohibited conduct.

If the district’s investigation indicates that prohibited conduct occurred, appropriate disciplinary action, and, in some cases, corrective action, will be taken to address the conduct. The district may take disciplinary and corrective action even if the conduct that is the subject of the complaint was not unlawful.

All involved parties will be notified of the outcome of the district investigation within the parameters and limits allowed under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

A student or parent who is dissatisfied with the outcome of the investigation may appeal in accordance with policy FNG (LOCAL).

**DISCRIMINATION**

[See **Dating Violence, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation.**]
DISTANCE LEARNING

All Grade Levels

Distance learning and correspondence courses include courses that encompass the state-required essential knowledge and skills but are taught through multiple technologies and alternative methodologies such as mail, satellite, Internet, video-conferencing, and instructional television.

The distance learning opportunities that the district makes available to district students are available in each counseling office.

If a student wishes to enroll in a correspondence course or a distance learning course that is not provided through the Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN), as described below, in order to earn credit in a course or subject, the student must receive permission from the principal prior to enrolling in the course or subject. If the student does not receive prior approval, the district may not recognize and apply the course or subject toward graduation requirements or subject mastery.

Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN) (Secondary Grade Levels)

The Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN) has been established by the state as one method of distance learning. A student has the option, with certain limitations, to enroll in a course offered through the TXVSN to earn course credit for graduation.

Depending on the TXVSN course in which a student enrolls, the course may be subject to the “no pass, no play” rules. [See Extracurricular Activities, Clubs, and Organizations.] In addition, for a student who enrolls in a TXVSN course for which an end-of-course (EOC) assessment is required, the student must still take the corresponding EOC assessment.

If you have questions or wish to make a request that your child be enrolled in a TXVSN course, please contact the school counselor. Unless an exception is made by the campus principal, a student will not be allowed to enroll in a TXVSN course if the school offers the same or a similar course.

A copy of policy EHDE will be distributed to parents of middle and high school students at least once each year. If you do not receive a copy or have questions about this policy, please contact the campus principal.

The additional distance learning opportunities available to district students will be provided through the Global Prep Academy. Global Prep Academy is a digital learning community for students wishing to take a majority of their courses in an online environment. If you have questions or wish to enroll, please contact the school counselor.

If students wants to add courses to their current course load that are not offered on a CISD secondary campus, online opportunities may be available. Please contact the school counselor.

DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE, PUBLISHED MATERIALS, OR OTHER DOCUMENTS (All Grade Levels)

School Materials

Publications prepared by and for the school may be posted or distributed, with the prior approval of the principal, sponsor, or teacher. Such items may include school posters, brochures, flyers, etc.

The school newspaper and the yearbook are available to students.

All school publications are under the supervision of a teacher, sponsor, and the principal.
Non-school Materials

From Students

Students must obtain prior approval from the campus principal before selling, posting, circulating, or distributing more than ten (10) copies of written or printed materials, handbills, photographs, pictures, films, tapes, or other visual or auditory materials that were not developed under the oversight of the school. To be considered, any non-school material must include the name of the sponsoring person or organization. The decision regarding approval will be made within two school days.

The principal shall designate an area where material by students that have been approved for distribution are to be placed for voluntary viewing by other students. The campus principal may develop reasonable time, place and manner restrictions regarding the distribution of materials at designated areas. [See policy FNAA.]

A student may appeal a decision in accordance with policy FNG (LOCAL). Any student who sells, posts, circulates, or distributes non-school material without prior approval will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Materials displayed without approval will be removed. [See FNG(Local) for student complaint procedures.]

From Others

Written or printed materials, handbills, photographs, pictures, films, tapes, or other visual or auditory materials not sponsored by the district or by a district-affiliated school-support organization will not be sold, circulated, distributed, or posted on any district premises by any district employee or by persons or groups not associated with the district, except as permitted by policy GKDA. To be considered for distribution, any non-school material must meet the limitations on content established in the policy, include the name of the sponsoring person or organization, and be submitted to the campus principal for prior review. The principal will approve or reject the materials within two school days of the time the materials are received. The requestor may appeal a rejection in accordance with the appropriate district complaint policy. [See policies at DGBA or GF.]

The campus principal will designate a location for approved non-school materials to be placed for voluntary viewing or collection.

Prior review will not be required for:

- Distribution of materials by an attendee to other attendees of a school-sponsored meeting intended for adults and held after school hours.
- Distribution of materials by an attendee to other attendees of a community group meeting held after school hours in accordance with policy GKD (LOCAL) or a non-curriculum related student group meeting held in accordance with FNAB (LOCAL).
- Distribution for electioneering purposes during the time a school facility is being used as a polling place, in accordance with state law.

All non-school materials distributed under these circumstances must be removed from district property immediately following the event at which the materials are distributed.

DRESS AND GROOMING (All Grade Levels)

The district’s dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student’s personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:
2018-19 Dress Code for 9-12 Grade

Crowley ISD believes students should dress in a manner appropriate for the learning environment. Students are expected to be in dress code beginning the first day of school. Dress code violations shall be handled at the campus level. Dress Code(s) for specialized programs will be described in the individual program guidelines.

GENERAL
- Any clothing, jewelry or accessories with decorations, patches, lettering, advertisements, etc. that may be considered obscene or offensive are not to be worn to school. This includes any clothing, jewelry or accessories having criminal street gang identifiers, accessories that may be used as weapons, and accessories having drug, sex, tobacco, or alcoholic beverage references or designs.
- Form-fitting garments such as Spandex, Leggings, and Yoga Pants may only be worn with another layer of clothing, which meets the dress code.

SHIRTS AND BLOUSES
- The display of cleavage is unacceptable. Low cut blouses, tops, sweaters, etc. with plunging necklines are not allowed.
- The length of an untucked shirt must be no longer than the tip of the longest finger with the student's hand fully extended down the side of the student's leg.
- Transparent and/or see-through material is considered unacceptable.
- Shirts/tops must touch the waist of pants/skirts at all times (i.e. when in movement, when arms are extended or raised, and when in seated position, etc.).
- Shirts should cover the entire crown of the shoulder.

DRESSES, SKIRTS, SHORTS, SKORTS
- The length of skirts/dresses/shorts/skorts must be no more than five inches above the middle of the knee.
- When measuring skirts, dresses or shorts that have slits, the length will be determined by measuring from the top of the slit.

PANTS
- Torn, cut/slashd or frayed material that reveals any area of skin or undergarment above the knee is considered inappropriate.
- No pajama bottoms, sleepwear.

SAGGING PANTS
- Students shall wear their pants and shorts properly at the waist. No sagging.

ACCESSORIES
- All students must wear shoes at all times. Students participating in physical education class shall wear athletic footwear to participate. House shoes and slippers including non-slip bottom slippers are prohibited.
- Hair should be kept neat, clean and reasonably styled.
- Any type of head covering is unacceptable except for special occasions approved by the principal. Head coverings cannot be visible on campus, even if carried or worn attached to the waist or on a backpack. Head coverings include, but are not limited to, sweatbands, caps, hats, bandanas (and those worn as headbands) and skull caps. Hoods may not be worn inside the building.
- Religious and cultural exceptions must be cleared by the principal.
- Proper undergarments should be worn but not visible.
- Facial hair should be neat, clean, closely trimmed and not be a distraction to the learning environment.
- Other unacceptable items:
  - Armocks
  - Chain (such as those connected to wallets, clothing, etc.) or large medallions
  - Ear gels
  - Items with spikes including, but not limited to, dog collars
  - Jewelry referring to alcohol and other drugs, tobacco, profanity, sex, violence, gang membership or displaying obscene pictures
  - Excessive body piercing
  - Visible, excessive tattoos that distract from the academic climate
  - Any other item that is judged by administration to distract from the learning environment.

IDENTIFICATION BADGES
All high school students shall wear their Crowley ISD-issued student identification badges or temporary badges at all times while on a school campus, and may be required to wear and/or present when attending a school-related extracurricular activity. Badges must be visible to CISD employees at all times. Badges cannot be worn under regular clothing and cannot be carried in a student's pocket, backpack, bag, purse, etc.

Board Approved March 22, 2018
CROWLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2018-19 Standards of Dress for Pre-Kindergarten – Eighth Grade

Crowley ISD believes students should dress in a manner appropriate for the learning environment. Students are expected to be in dress code beginning the first day of school. Campus principals may designate certain days per year as exempt days and will determine what can be worn on those days. Families in need of financial assistance should contact their campus principal for available resources. Dress code violations shall be handled at the campus level. Dress Code(s) for specialized programs will be described in the individual program guidelines.

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

TOPS
- Styles: Button-style polo, Oxford, dress shirts, turtlenecks or knitted-collared shirts. All shirts must have collars and may be short or long sleeved.
- Colors: Any solid color
- Dresses: Polo/Tennis dresses (polo shirt style) in any solid color
- School Spirit Shirts: School spirit sweatshirts and t-shirts must have the school logo or mascot and be campus approved by the principal to be worn daily (e.g. - varsity football, campus spirit shirt, etc.)
- Undershirts: Thermal shirts and henley shirts are allowed in any solid color.
- Logos: Restricted to university/professional embroidered logos. School approved logos such as name/mascot are acceptable.
- Tucking: Shirts must be fully tucked during the school day. (See important information regarding tucking policy and dress code waiver in the student handbook)

BOTTOMS
- Colors: Solid single colors only – black, navy, or any solid shade of khaki; grey or brown
- Styles: Pants, shorts, skirts, shorts, caps or jumpers are acceptable; all must be pleated or flat front style and hemmed or cuffed
- Fabrics: Chino, cotton twill or corduroy
- Jumpers: Must have an acceptable shirt top under them at all times (e.g. knit collared shirt, turtleneck, blouses, etc.)
- Leggings: Any solid color may be worn under approved bottoms.
- Length: Hem of the polo/Tennis dresses/jumpers/skirts/shorts/shirts must be three inches above the knee or below, including when worn with leggings.

FOOTWEAR
- Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times while on school property.
- Styles: Athletic shoes, boots, dress shoes, or either closed toe shoes (tie, Velcro or slip on)

BELTS
- Belts may be any color or pattern

HAIR
- Hairstyles must be neat and clean appearing
- Subtle shades of natural or ethnically acceptable hair colors and/or highlights

OUTERWEAR
- All outerwear must be worn over standardized dress and must fit appropriately (not oversized)
- Sweatshirts, canvas vests, and lightweight jackets (beanies, windbreakers, etc.) are allowed
- One manufacturers/professional logo is allowed

UNACCEPTABLE DRESS CODE

- Jogging or oversized pants and pant legs
- Clothing appearing to be pajamas, loungewear, or joggers
- Sleeveless or front-zipped shirts/terryshirts
- Clothing with any emblems/stickers; torn or ragged
- Denim material of any color is prohibited (e.g. black, blue, or khaki) with the exception of incentive days
- Leather, cuirass, spandex, nylon, vinyl, or stretch-type materials (e.g. “leggings”) or opaque light or revealing tops or bottoms (see through, low cut, revealing or holes)
- Rolled up pant legs
- Shoos with cleats; roller heels, flip flops, house shoes, moccasins, slippers, open toe sandals and shoes, steel-tread boots and footwear without an enclosed heel
- Backpacks larger than the size of a student ID card/credit card (approximately two inches by three inches)
- Any item (e.g. jewelry) referring to alcohol and other drugs, tobacco, profanity, sex, violence, gang membership, or displaying obscene pictures
- Combs or picks worn in the hair
- Extreme styles such as Mohawk, tails, excessive earings, inappropriate design or symbols, and unusual colors
- Head coverings are not permitted in the school building or in the waiting areas on campus except for special occasions approved by the principal
- Hood coverings include, but are not limited to, hoods, earwarmers, caps, hats, and skull caps
- Full-length jackets/coats such as those commonly referred to as “trench” coats or “bushes”
- No designs (cuts or earings) are allowed in eyewear
- Undergarments should not be visible at any time on school premises
- Miscellaneous: Accessories: bandannas, sunglasses, necklaces, extreme styles of contact lenses, chains (such as those connected to clothing, wallets, etc.), large medallions, excessive earrings, gauging (holes in the ears), body piercing and visible tattoos that distract or take away from the academic climate, teeth grills, and stickers with spikes (including dog collars)

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If the principal determines that a student’s grooming or clothing violates the school’s dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

**Student I.D. Cards**

All students at campuses where students are expected to wear ID cards are subject to disciplinary action when they are in violation of the campus policy. Students may be given the opportunity to correct violation or placed in ISS/OSS. All students will be provided a temporary ID for not wearing their ID card for any reason - e.g. lost, stolen or forgotten.

Students’ at all secondary campuses are required to wear ID cards and are subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the **Student Code of Conduct** when they are in violation of this campus policy.

- First (1st) infraction
  - No charge will be assessed. A temporary ID will be issued.
- Second (2nd) infraction
  - The student may be issued a temporary identification badge, and a detention may be assigned per campus policy.
- Persistent infractions
  - The student may be disciplined and parental involvement will be initiated only after persistent incidents related to ID badges has occurred.

ID infractions that lead to disciplinary action for insubordination will follow the Student Code of Conduct.

There is a student ID card replacement fee for Secondary Students of $3.00 and for Elementary Students of $2.00 and a lanyard replacement fee of $2.00.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES (All Grade Levels)**

**Possession and Use of Personal Telecommunications Devices, Including Mobile Telephones**

For safety purposes, the district permits students to possess personal mobile telephones; however, these devices must remain turned off during the instructional day, including during all testing, unless they are being used for approved instructional purposes in accordance with district and campus rules. A student must have approval to possess and utilize non-district issued devices such as netbooks, laptops, tablets, or other portable computers.

Students should adhere to the ‘Bring Your Own Technology’ (BYOT) policy. Per the BYOT policy, students may not use technology in the classroom without teacher permission or it will be confiscated and turned in to an administrator. (See applicable campus addendum for the BYOT policy)
The use of telecommunication devices or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event.

If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day, the device will/can be confiscated. The parent may pick up the confiscated telecommunications device from the administration office for a fee of $15.

Confiscated telecommunications devices that are not retrieved by the student or the student’s parents will be disposed of after the notice required by law. [See policy FNCE.]

In limited circumstances and in accordance with law, a student’s personal telecommunications device may be searched by authorized personnel. [See Searches and policy FNF.]

Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The district is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen telecommunications devices or any other technology assigned to the student or brought by the student to campus.

**Possession and Use of Other Personal Electronic Devices**

Except as described below, students are not permitted to possess or use personal electronic devices such as MP3 players, video or audio recorders, DVD players, cameras, games, e-readers, or other electronic devices at school, unless prior permission has been obtained. Without such permission, teachers will collect the items and turn them in to the administration office. The administration will determine whether to return items to students at the end of the day or to contact parents to pick up the items.

In limited circumstances and in accordance with law, a student’s personal electronic device may be searched by authorized personnel. [See Searches and policy FNF.]

Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The district is not responsible for any damaged, lost, or stolen electronic device.

**Instructional Use of Personal Electronic Communications and Other Electronic Devices**

In some cases, students may find it beneficial or might be encouraged to use personal electronic communications or other personal electronic devices for instructional purposes while on or off campus.

Electronic communications include all forms of social media, such as text messaging, instant messaging, electronic mail (e-mail), Web logs (blogs), wikis, electronic forums (chat rooms), video-sharing websites (e.g., YouTube), editorial comments posted on the Internet, and social network sites and applications (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, etc.). Electronic communications also includes all forms of telecommunication such as landlines, cell/smart phones, and Web-based applications.

Students must obtain prior approval before using personal electronic communications or other personal electronic devices for instructional use. Students must also sign a user agreement that contains applicable rules for use (separate from this handbook). When students are not using the devices for approved instructional purposes, all devices must be turned off during the instructional day. Violations of the user agreement may result in withdrawal of privileges and other disciplinary action.

**Acceptable Use of District Technology Resources**

District-owned technology resources for instructional purposes; may be issued to individual students. Use of these technological resources, which include the district’s network systems and
use of district equipment, is restricted to approved instructional purposes only. Students and parents will be asked to sign a user agreement (separate from this handbook) regarding use of these district resources. Violations of the user agreement may result in withdrawal of privileges and other disciplinary action.

**Unacceptable and Inappropriate Use of Technology Resources**

Students are prohibited from possessing, sending, forwarding, posting, accessing, or displaying electronic communications that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another’s reputation, or illegal. This prohibition also applies to conduct off school property, whether the equipment used to send such messages is district-owned or personally owned, if it results in a substantial disruption to the educational environment.

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Any person taking, disseminating, transferring, possessing, or sharing obscene, sexually oriented, lewd, or otherwise illegal images or other content, commonly referred to as “sexting,” will be disciplined according to the Student Code of Conduct, may be required to complete an educational program related to the dangers of this type of behavior, and, in certain circumstances, may be reported to law enforcement. Because engaging in this type of behavior can lead to bullying or harassment, as well as possibly impede future endeavors of a student, we encourage you to review with your child the [Before You Text' Sexting Prevention Course], a state-developed program that addresses the consequences of engaging in inappropriate behavior using technology.

In addition, any student who engages in conduct that results in a breach of the district’s computer security will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, and, in some cases, the consequence may rise to the level of expulsion.

**END-OF-COURSE (EOC) ASSESSMENTS**

[See Graduation and Standardized Testing.]

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (All Grade Levels)**

A student who is an English language learner is entitled to receive specialized services from the district. To determine whether the student qualifies for services, a Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) will be formed, which will consist of both district personnel and at least one parent representative. The student’s parent must consent to any services recommended by the LPAC for an English language learner. However, pending the receipt of parental consent or denial of services, an eligible student will receive the services to which the student is entitled and eligible.

In order to determine a student’s level of proficiency in English, the LPAC will use information from a variety of assessments. If the student qualifies for services, and once a level of proficiency has been established, the LPAC will then designate instructional accommodations or additional special programs that the student will require to eventually become proficient at grade level work in English. Ongoing assessments will be conducted to determine a student’s continued eligibility for the program.
The LPAC will also determine whether certain accommodations are necessary for any state-mandated assessments. The STAAR Spanish, as mentioned at Standardized Testing, may be administered to an English language learner for a student up to grade 5. In limited circumstances, a student’s LPAC may exempt the student from an otherwise required state-mandated assessment or may waive certain graduation requirements related to the English I end-of-course (EOC) assessment. The Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) will also be administered to English language learners who qualify for services.

If a student is considered an English language learner and receives special education services because of a qualifying disability, the student’s ARD committee will make instructional and assessment decisions in conjunction with the LPAC.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, AND ORGANIZATIONS (All Grade Levels)**

Participation in school-sponsored activities is an excellent way for a student to develop talents, receive individual recognition, and build strong friendships with other students; participation, however, is a privilege, not a right.

Participation in some of these activities may result in events that occur off-campus. When the district arranges transportation for these events, students are required to use the transportation provided by the district to and from the events. Exceptions to this may only be made with the approval of the activity’s coach or sponsor. [See Transportation.]

Eligibility for initial and continuing participation in many of these activities is governed by state law and the rules of the University Interscholastic League (UIL)—a statewide association overseeing inter-district competition. If a student is involved in an academic, athletic, or music activity governed by UIL, the student and parent are expected to know and follow all rules of the UIL organization. Students involved in UIL athletic activities and their parents can access the UIL Parent Information Manual at UIL Parent Information Manual; a hard copy can be provided by the coach or sponsor of the activity on request. To report a complaint of alleged noncompliance with required safety training or an alleged violation of safety rules required by law and the UIL, please contact the curriculum division of TEA at (512) 463-9581 or curriculum@tea.texas.gov.

[See UIL Texas for additional information on all UIL-governed activities.]

In addition, the following provisions apply to all extracurricular activities:

- A student who receives at the end of a grading period a grade below 70 in any academic class—other than an Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) course; or an honors or dual credit course in English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, or language other than English—may not participate in extracurricular activities for at least three school weeks.

- A student who receives special education services and who fails to meet the standards in the individualized education program (IEP) may not participate for at least three school weeks.

- An ineligible student may practice or rehearse but may not participate in any competitive activity.

- A student is allowed in a school year up to 10 absences not related to post-district competition, a maximum of 5 absences for post-district competition prior to state, and a maximum of 2 absences for state competition. All extracurricular activities and public performances, whether UIL activities or other activities approved by the board, are subject to these restrictions.
• An absence for participation in an activity that has not been approved will receive an unexcused absence.

**Standards of Behavior**

Sponsors of student clubs and performing groups such as the band, choir, and drill and athletic teams may establish standards of behavior—including consequences for misbehavior—that are stricter than those for students in general. If a violation is also a violation of school rules, the consequences specified by the Student Code of Conduct or by board policy will apply in addition to any consequences specified by the organization’s standards of behavior.

**Offices and Elections**

Certain clubs, organizations, and performing groups will hold elections for student officers.

**FEES (All Grade Levels)**

Materials that are part of the basic educational program are provided with state and local funds at no charge to a student. A student, however, is expected to provide his or her own pencils, paper, erasers, and notebooks and may be required to pay certain other fees or deposits, including:

• Costs for materials for a class project that the student will keep.
• Membership dues in voluntary clubs or student organizations and admission fees to extracurricular activities.
• Security deposits.
• Personal physical education and athletic equipment and apparel.
• Voluntarily purchased pictures, publications, class rings, yearbooks, graduation announcements, etc.
• Voluntarily purchased student health and accident insurance.
• Musical instrument rental and uniform maintenance, when uniforms are provided by the district.
• Personal apparel used in extracurricular activities that becomes the property of the student.
• Parking fees and student identification cards.
• Fees for lost, damaged, or overdue library books.
• Fees for driver training courses, if offered.
• Fees for optional courses offered for credit that require use of facilities not available on district premises.
• Summer school for courses that are offered tuition-free during the regular school year.
• A reasonable fee for providing transportation to a student who lives within two miles of the school. [See Buses and Other School Vehicles.]
• A fee not to exceed $50 for costs of providing an educational program outside of regular school hours for a student who has lost credit or has not been awarded a final grade because of absences and whose parent chooses the program in order for the student to meet the 90 percent attendance requirement. The fee will be charged only if the parent or guardian signs a district-provided request form.
• In some cases, a fee for a course taken through the Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN). Any required fee or deposit may be waived if the student and parent are unable to pay. Application for such a waiver may be made to the campus principal. [For further information, see policy FP.]

**2018-2019 Student Fees, Fines, and Charges**

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**Student Fees, Fines, and Charges for specialized programs will be described in the individual program guidelines and proposals.**

*Students may be charged a fine or fee for minor violations related to the campus/district discipline management program. [Board Policy FNCE Local]*
CROWLEY ISD LIBRARY FINE POLICY

Elementary and Intermediate Library Fines
Fines:
There will be no overdue book fines collected at the elementary level or at the intermediate level.

Damaged Books:
When a student damages a book, fines will be assessed according to the damaged book schedule for CISD.

Lost Books:
When a student loses a book, they will have to pay the replacement cost of the book.

Recovered Lost Books:
When a student pays for a lost book and later finds and returns it to the library, they will be refunded their money. If the book is not returned before the end of the school year in which it was lost, there will be no refund.

Secondary Library Fines
Fines:
There will be no overdue book fines collected at the middle school or high school levels.

Damaged Books:
When a student damages a book, fines will be assessed according to the damaged book schedule for CISD.

Lost Books:
When a student loses a book, they will have to pay the replacement cost of the book.

Recovered Lost Books:
When a student pays for a lost book and later finds and returns it to the library, they will be refunded their money. If the book is not returned before the end of the school year in which it was lost, there will be no refund.

FUNDRAISING (All Grade Levels)
Student groups or classes and/or parent groups may be permitted to conduct fundraising drives for approved school purposes in accordance with administrative regulations. [For further information, see policies FJ and GE.]

GANG-FREE ZONES (All Grade Levels)
Certain criminal offenses, including those involving organized criminal activity such as gang-related crimes, will be enhanced to the next highest category of offense if they are committed in a gang-free zone. For purposes of the district, a gang-free zone includes a school bus and a location in, on, or within 1,000 feet of any district-owned or leased property or campus playground.

GENDER-BASED HARASSMENT
[See Dating Violence, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation.]
GRADE-LEVEL CLASSIFICATION (Grades 9–12 Only)

After the ninth grade, students are classified according to the number of credits earned toward graduation.

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GRADING GUIDELINES (All Grade Levels)

Grading guidelines for each grade level or course will be communicated and distributed to students and their parents by the classroom teacher. These guidelines have been reviewed by each applicable curriculum department and have been approved by the campus principal. These guidelines establish the minimum number of assignments, projects, and examinations required for each grading period. In addition, these guidelines establish how the student’s mastery of concepts and achievement will be communicated (i.e., letter grades, numerical averages, checklist of required skills, etc.). Grading guidelines also outline in what circumstances a student will be allowed to redo an assignment or retake an examination for which the student originally made a failing grade. Procedures for a student to follow after an absence will also be addressed.

[See Report Cards/Progress Reports and Conferences for additional information on grading guidelines.]

District Philosophy of Grading:

- All grading practices should be used to promote learning, achievement and academic growth, in a climate of encouragement and high expectations.
- All learning experiences, written assignments, and assessments should be designed to provide challenge, growth, feedback for improvement, and opportunities to correct mistakes.
- Clear and timely communication with parents regarding student progress is essential in all schools. There should be no report card surprises.
- Grades should be seen as a tool to foster academic growth, not a means of punishment. All CISD campuses should have school-wide intervention plans in place to assist students who are not passing all subjects or classes at the earliest sign of need.
- Responsibility and organization skills should be taught at each grade level to help students be prepared to turn in quality, completed learning assignments.

What does a report card grade represent?

- A six weeks or semester grade should represent the level of mastery a student has achieved in relationship to the learning objectives found in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)

Grading Practice Guidelines and Standards

- All grading practices and procedures used by teachers to calculate grades must be in writing and shared with students and parents at least twice per year or upon entry to the class.
- All grading practices must align with school board policies as well as campus handbook and addendum requirements.
Teachers are required to enter grades into the online home access system within one week of the assignment due date. Exceptions to this timeline may be made for major projects or research papers with approval from campus administration.

Reporting period grades (report card) may be changed after printing when the grade issued by the teacher is arbitrary, not consistent with the district grading policy or guidelines (which also includes clearing a grade of incomplete or replacing a grade from an opportunity to re-do or re-test) or contains an error. Teachers are required to submit a grade change form to the principal who will approve the change to be made.

All assignments and assessments recorded in the teacher’s gradebook will have a weighting equal to one (1).

Individual daily grades or assessment grades should not be recorded multiple times to meet the required minimum number of grades to be taken.

Progress reports are issued at the 3 week point of each six weeks according to district policy. Failure to receive a failing progress report at 3 weeks does not guarantee a passing grade at the end of the reporting period.

Parent conferences and/or documented phone conferences should be held by the teacher of record and will be required at the secondary level when a student’s academic progress (grade) falls 10 or more points within a three-week period or at the end of each marking period that results in the student failing the marking period and/or course.

No academic grades or extra-credit points may be given for non-instructional events such as having all school supplies, or being on time to class, etc.

Per Administrative Regulation EIAB (Local): Late Work, Makeup Work and Incompletes: Zeros cannot be assigned until the campus intervention plan and/or late work policies have been utilized.

Students qualifying for special education services must be graded using all modifications as specified in the student’s IEP.

Teachers are encouraged to provide written feedback on graded assignments regarding how a student can improve their academic performance.

Grade Calculations

- **Elementary** (Gr. 1-6) - All daily and test grades are averaged together for a six weeks average. Each six weeks grade is added and divided by 3 for the semester average. The yearly grade is calculated by adding the two semester grades together and dividing by two.

- **Secondary** (Gr. 7-12 and CLC) - All daily assignments count 50% of the total six weeks grade and assessments (tests) also count 50% of the total six weeks grade. Assessments include: Unit Tests, Major Projects, Research Papers, Labs, [Demonstration (Participation) – CTE only] [Semester average is defined as Average of three marking periods in the semester multiplied by 85% added to the Semester Exam grade multiplied by 15%– calculated 0.85*Avg of 3 MPs + 0.15*Sem Ex or ((MP1+MP2+MP3) / 3)*0.85 + Sem Ex*0.15 = Semester Average --*exception for EOC courses]

Minimum Number of Grades to be Taken

- A minimum number of daily and assessment grades will be established for the calculation of six weeks grades. Individual daily grades or assessment grades should not be recorded multiple times to meet the required minimum number of grades to be taken.

Minimum number of grades to be recorded per six weeks:

- **Elementary** (Grades 1-6):
  - Science and Social Studies: 6 grades minimum
Math: 10 grades minimum

Reading/Lang. Arts/Spelling: 12 grades (total) minimum
(The Spelling average for the six weeks will count for one of the grades that make up the final Eng/Language Arts average for the six weeks)

Middle School: (Grades 7-8)
All subjects: At least 8 daily grades and at least 2 assessments (tests)

High School: (Grades 9-12)
All subjects: At least 8 daily grades and at least 2 assessments (tests)
(The grade minimum requirements do not apply to students enrolled in dual credit courses, which are governed by the cooperating institution of higher education.)

In grades PK-6 any subject areas graded with an E, S, N, or U shall utilize the following grading rubric:

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<tr>
<td>Skills</td>
<td>Consistently Master Skills</td>
<td>Master most of the skills</td>
<td>Master some skills</td>
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Citizenship Grades

A student’s citizenship grade shall be based on the student expectations outlined in the CISD Student Code of Conduct. Teacher-based consequences and standards for behavior as well as systems of classroom management should also align with the Student Code of Conduct and campus handbooks.

- Citizenship grades shall be defined in this manner:
  - E: Excellent behavior – Observes rules/expectations almost all of the time
  - S: Satisfactory behavior- Observes rules/expectations most of the time
  - N: Needs to improve behavior- Observes rules/expectations some of the time
  - U: Unsatisfactory behavior- Almost never observes rules/expectations

- Repeated student misbehavior should be documented in writing.
- Teachers and campus administrators shall contact parents if a student misbehavior pattern develops. Any documented student misbehavior that results in a discipline referral requires parent contact.
- A student shall not be punished academically for a behavioral issue.
- A one-time serious violation of the Student Code of Conduct may result in lowering a citizenship grade.
- Teachers shall notify parents if an “N” or a “U” in citizenship is being assigned.

Intervention for Students Who are Failing

- Each campus will develop school-wide plans of intervention for students who are not showing academic success at the earliest sign of need.
• Campuses should have intervention plans that include the teaching of responsibility and organization skills for students who are failing because of not turning in assignments or for habitual late work.

• Parent conferences and/or documented phone conferences should be held by the teacher of record, and will be required at the secondary level, when a student’s academic progress (grade) falls 10 or more points within a three-week period or at the end of each marking period that results in the student failing the marking period and/or course.

Re-Teaching

• All students will be given re-teaching opportunities at the earliest sign of need. Re-teaching can be done in a variety of ways during class time or through tutorial times arranged at the discretion of the teacher.

Re-Testing or Redoing Failed Assignments

• The purpose of offering reasonable opportunities to redo an assignment or re-test is to insure no student is placed in a position of hopelessness based on past performance. For purposes of these guidelines, “reasonable opportunity” shall be defined a minimum of one week after the student has received their assignment/test grade in writing. These guidelines do not apply to grades received due to failure to adhere to campus late work policies.

• A re-teaching intervention or a remediation assignment with feedback on that assignment from the teacher should take place prior to re-testing

• UIL eligibility may not change based upon redoing assignments or re-testing.

Elementary (Gr. 1-6):

• Students shall have the opportunity to correct any failing assignment or test after re-teaching has been provided. A failing grade may be corrected for a grade up to a 70.

Secondary (Gr. 7-12):

• Students shall have the opportunity to correct any failing assignment or test after re-teaching has been provided. A failing grade may be corrected for a grade up to a 70. The student must take initiative to request re-testing times.

Late Work, Makeup Work and Incompletes

Late Work Policies

• All campus late work policies must align with the district’s philosophy of grading.

• Students are expected to complete and turn in all assignments on time. The CISD Student Code of Conduct section entitled “Expectations for Student Behavior” states in part that students are expected to,

*Behave in a responsible manner”…and

*Be prepared for each class; take appropriate materials and assignments to class.”

• Zeroes cannot be assigned until the campus intervention plan and/or late work policies have been utilized.

• Teachers may assign a penalty for assignments turned in late according to the campus late work policy.

Elementary: (Gr. 1-6)

• Each campus or grade level shall develop a late work policy that includes a written plan for students who are not turning in work and/or failing during a six weeks period.
• Each campus or grade level must have a late work policy in writing and is communicated to parents in writing.
• Campus administration will have the final approval for all late work policies.

Secondary: (Gr. 7-12)
• Assignments late 1 school day will be reduced by 10%
• Late assignments any day thereafter will be reduced up to 50% within a six weeks grading period. Each campus may determine departmental guidelines for specific penalty points to be assigned.
• The teacher will set a final cut off date for late work within campus and district late work guidelines.
• Each campus shall develop school-wide intervention strategies for work not turned in on time.

Makeup Work

Elementary: (Gr. 1-6)
• For any class missed, teachers may assign the student makeup work based on the instructional objectives (TEKS) for the subject or course and the individual needs of the student.
• Students shall be responsible for obtaining and completing all makeup assignments within the timeline outlined by the teacher. The timeline should take into account the number of days missed by the student.

Secondary: (Gr. 7-12)
• All learning assignments, tests and other class work missed by a student due to absences must be turned in to the teacher within the appropriate timeline as outlined by the teacher according to the campus and district guidelines. The timeline should take into account the number of days missed by the student.
• All student work turned in after the appropriate timeline as outlined by the teacher may be subject to late work policies and grade reductions according to the campus and district guidelines.

Incompletes
• A grade of “Incomplete” may be given in situations where a student has missing work and needs a brief time extension to make up assignments because of extenuating circumstances.
• Teachers will have 5 school days to remove an “I” after the last reporting day of the six weeks except the final reporting period. A final grade must be given to all students at the end of the school year regardless of missing work unless approved by the campus principal; upon completion of missing work, the grade may be changed by the teacher or appropriate administrator, in absence of the teacher of record.
• (Grades 7-12) - If the “I” is not removed after the 5 day deadline, the student is ineligible to participate in any UIL or other extra-curricular activity until the next three week evaluation period and is currently passing as outlined in the “no pass, no play” provisions. An Incomplete “I” counts as a zero for UIL purposes.
• For non UIL or non extra-curricular situations, an “I” can be removed on a date later than this timeline.
• Elementary only: Teachers who will be assigning an “I” should consult with campus administration.
CISD Local Assessment Guidelines

Common Formative Assessments (CFAs) / District Benchmarks

CFAs/Benchmarks are a periodic “check for understanding”. The data gathered is used to drive curriculum and instructional planning and decision making throughout the year at the campus and district level.

District Expectations:

- K-12 Core content area teachers will follow the district scope and sequence housed in the district’s Curriculum and Instruction website.
- All K-12 Core content CFAs/Benchmarks will be administered according to the timeline established by the pacing calendar and district assessment calendar.
- All K-12 core content area teachers, including AP, will be expected to administer assessments are expected to be administered within three (3) school days upon completion of the unit. No deviations to this timeline or unit assessment administrations are allowed unless approved by central office administrators.
- Teachers may give students a grade for CFAs/Benchmarks, however all teachers are expected to adhere to the district’s grading guidelines contained in this document.
- Students who receive services under special education and who will be administered the:
  - Regular state assessments will follow the same district guidelines for their enrolled grade level and will take district administered CFAs and Benchmarks. Accommodations, as prescribed in the student’s ARD, will be followed.
  - Modified state assessments will take CFAs and Benchmarks at their enrolled grade level. Accommodations, as prescribed in the student’s ARD, will be followed.
  - Alternate will receive on-going assessment checkpoints as outlined by the structure of the Alternate assessment guidelines.
  - ARD committees will consider the district-set expectations listed above for local assessments when making the final decisions for individual students. Deviations from the district expectations must be disability-based and will be justified in the ARD document.
- Students who receive services under Section 504:
  - Will follow the same district guidelines for their enrolled grade level and will take district administered CFAs and Benchmarks. Accommodations, as prescribed by their 504 Individual Accommodation Plan (AIP) and are allowable on the state assessment, will be followed.
- Your first point of contact regarding questions about CFAs and should be the campus Instructional Support Specialist for your content area. They will contact central administration if they are unable to answer your question.

GRADUATION (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

Requirements for a Diploma Beginning with the 2014–15 School Year

Beginning with students who entered grade 9 in the 2014–15 school year, a student must meet the following requirements to receive a high school diploma from the district:

- Complete the required number of credits established by the state and any additional credits required by the district;
- Complete any locally required courses in addition to the courses mandated by the state;
• Achieve passing scores on certain end-of-course (EOC) assessments or approved substitute assessments, unless specifically waived as permitted by state law; and
• Demonstrate proficiency, as determined by the district, in the specific communication skills required by the State Board of Education (SBOE).

**Testing Requirements for Graduation**

Students are required, with limited exceptions and regardless of graduation program, to perform satisfactorily on the following EOC assessments: English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, and U.S. History. A student who has not achieved sufficient scores on the EOC assessments to graduate will have opportunities to retake the assessments. State law and state rules also provide for certain scores on norm-referenced national standardized assessments or on the state-developed assessment used for entrance into Texas public universities to substitute for the requirement to meet satisfactory performance on an applicable EOC assessment, should a student choose this option. [See the school counselor for more information on the state testing requirements for graduation.]

If a student fails to perform satisfactorily on an EOC assessment, the district will provide remediation to the student in the content area for which the performance standard was not met. This may require participation of the student before or after normal school hours or at times of the year outside normal school operations.

In limited circumstances, a student who fails to demonstrate proficiency on two or fewer of the required assessments may still be eligible to graduate if an individual graduation committee, formed in accordance with state law, unanimously determines that the student is eligible to graduate.

[Also see Standardized Testing for more information.]

Information regarding specific courses required or offered in each curriculum area, along with a description of advanced measures available to students in the Distinguished Level of Achievement Program from the options listed above, will be distributed to students each spring in order to enroll in courses for the upcoming school year.

The 83rd Legislature created a new graduation program for students entering grade 9 in 2013-14 and beyond. Preliminary information is being provided below. As TEA updates graduation program information, Crowley ISD will provide updates to parents via addendums, website notices, and handouts to students.
Minimum, Recommended, and Distinguished Level of Achievement Program

Preliminary Curriculum and Graduation Requirements Posted June 2013 for Students beginning 9th grade in 2013-2014

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<td>SBOE by rule shall require that curriculum requirements for Foundation HS program include a requirement that students successfully complete:</td>
<td>A student may earn a distinguished level of achievement under the Foundation HS program by successfully completing:</td>
<td>In adopting rules under Subsection (c-1), the SBOE shall:</td>
<td>A student may earn a performance acknowledgement on their diploma and transcript for outstanding performance:</td>
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<td>□ 4 credits English (I, II, III and I Advanced English)</td>
<td>□ 4 credits in Math, which must include Algebra II and include the courses described in subsection (b-1) (2) (Sec. 28.025, HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECORD)</td>
<td>1. require a student in order to earn any endorsement to successfully complete:</td>
<td>□ in a dual credit course</td>
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<td>□ 3 credits Math (Algebra I, Geometry, I Advanced Math)</td>
<td>□ 4 credits in Science and include the courses described in subsection (b-1) (3)</td>
<td>□ 4 credits Math which must include courses described subsection (b-1) (2) and an additional advanced math course or an advanced CTE course designated by the SBOE</td>
<td>□ in bilingualism and biliteracy</td>
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<td>□ 3 credits Science (Biology, 1 Advanced Science, 1 Integrated physics and chemistry or in an additional Advanced Science)</td>
<td>□ The remaining curriculum under subsection (b-1); and</td>
<td>□ 4 credits Science which must include courses described subsection (b-1) (3) and an additional advanced science course or an advanced CTE course</td>
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<td>□ 2 credits in same language in a language other than English or by substituting 2 credits in computer programming</td>
<td>□ The curriculum requirements for at least one endorsement.</td>
<td>□ 2 credits Electives in addition to the elective credits required under subsection (b-1); and</td>
<td>□ on the PSAT, ACT-PLAN, SAT or ACT, or</td>
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<td>□ 5 credits electives</td>
<td>SBOE shall adopt rules to ensure a student may comply with curriculum requirements under Subsection (b-1) by:</td>
<td>2. develop additional curriculum requirement for each endorsement with partnerships with educators, business and industry representatives, and shall require school districts to report to the agency the categories of endorsements they are offering.</td>
<td>□ for earning a nationally or internationally recognized industry certification</td>
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<td>□ 1 credit Fine Arts</td>
<td>□ successfully completing an advanced CTE course, including a course that may lead to an industry recognized certificate or an associate degree</td>
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<td>□ 1 credit PE</td>
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<td>□ successfully completing a combined world history and world geography course developed by SBOE</td>
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*A student may graduate under the foundation HS program w/o earning an endorsement if, after their 10th grade year if student and parent are advised by a school counselor of benefits of graduating with one or more endorsements and student’s parent files with a school counselor written permission.

School district shall ensure that each student entering 9th grade indicates in writing an endorsement that the student intends to earn.
Endorsements include:

- **STEM** includes courses directly related to science, including environmental science; technology, including computer science; engineering and advanced math.

- **Arts & Humanities** includes courses directly related to political science, world languages, cultural studies, English literature, history, and fine arts.

- **Business & Industry** includes courses directly related to database management, information technology, communications, accounting, finance, marketing, graphic design, architecture, construction, welding, logistics, automotive technology, agriculture science, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.

- **Public Services** includes courses directly related to health science and occupations, education and training, law enforcement, culinary arts and hospitality.

- **Multidisciplinary Studies** allows a student to select courses from curriculum of each endorsement area, and earn credits in a variety of advanced courses from multiple content areas sufficient to complete the distinguished level of achievement.

Please be aware that not all courses are offered at every secondary campus in the district. A student who wants to take a course not offered at his or her regular campus should contact the school counselor about a transfer or other alternatives. If the parents of at least 22 students request a transfer for those students to take a course in the required curriculum other than fine arts or CTE, the district will offer the course for the following year either by teleconference or at the school from which the transfers were requested.

**Foundation Graduation Program**

Every student in a Texas public school who entered grade 9 in the 2014–15 school year and thereafter will graduate under the “foundation graduation program.” Within the foundation graduation program are “endorsements,” which are paths of interest that include Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); Business and Industry; Public Services; Arts and Humanities; and Multidisciplinary Studies. Endorsements earned by a student will be noted on the student’s transcript. The foundation graduation program also involves the term “distinguished level of achievement,” which reflects the completion of at least one endorsement and Algebra II as one of the required advanced mathematics credits. A personal graduation plan will be completed for each high school student.

State law and rules prohibit a student from graduating solely under the foundation graduation program without an endorsement unless, after the student’s sophomore year, the student and student’s parent are advised of the specific benefits of graduating with an endorsement and submit written permission to the school counselor for the student to graduate without an endorsement. A student who anticipates graduating under the foundation graduation program without an endorsement and who wishes to attend a four-year university or college after graduation must carefully consider whether this will satisfy the admission requirements of the student’s desired college or university.

Graduating under the foundation graduation program will also provide opportunities to earn “performance acknowledgments” that will be acknowledged on a student’s transcript. Performance acknowledgments are available for outstanding performance in bilingualism and biliteracy, in a dual credit course, on an AP or IB exam, on certain national college preparatory and readiness or college entrance exams, or for earning a state recognized or nationally or internationally recognized license or certificate. The criteria for earning these performance
acknowledgments are prescribed by state rules, and the school counselor can provide more information about these acknowledgments.

Credits Required
The foundation graduation program requires completion of the following credits:

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Additional considerations apply in some course areas, including:

- **Mathematics:** In order to obtain the distinguished level of achievement under the foundation graduation program, which will be included on a student’s transcript and is a requirement to be considered for automatic admission purposes to a Texas four-year college or university, a student must complete an endorsement and take Algebra II as one of the 4 mathematics credits.

- **Physical education:** A student who is unable to participate in physical activity due to a disability or illness may be able to substitute a course in English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, or another locally determined credit-bearing course for the required credit of physical education. This determination will be made by the student’s ARD committee, Section 504 committee, or other campus committee, as applicable.
• **Language other than English:** Students are required to earn two credits in the same language other than English to graduate. Any student may substitute computer programming languages for these credits. In limited circumstances, a student may be able to substitute this requirement with other courses, as determined by a district committee authorized by law to make these decisions for the student.

**Available Endorsements:**
A student must specify upon entering grade 9 the endorsement he or she wishes to pursue.

- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- Business Industry
- Public Services
- Art and Humanities
- Multidisciplinary Studies

**Personal Graduation Plans for Students**
A personal graduation plan will be developed for each high school student. The district encourages all students to pursue a personal graduation plan that includes the completion of at least one endorsement and to graduate with the distinguished level of achievement. Attainment of the distinguished level of achievement entitles a student to be considered for automatic admission to a public four-year college or university in Texas, depending on his or her rank in class. The school will review personal graduation plan options with each student entering grade 9 and his or her parent. Before the end of grade 9, a student and his or her parent will be required to sign off on a personal graduation plan that includes a course of study that promotes college and workforce readiness and career placement and advancement, as well as facilitates the transition from secondary to postsecondary education. The student’s personal graduation plan will denote an appropriate course sequence based on the student’s choice of endorsement.

Please also review [TEA's Graduation Toolkit](#).

A student may, with parental permission, amend his or her personal graduation plan after the initial confirmation.

**Available Course Options for All Graduation Programs**
Information regarding specific courses required or offered in each curriculum area will be distributed to students each spring in order to enroll in courses for the upcoming school year. **Note:** The district may require the completion of certain courses for graduation even if these courses are not required by the state for graduation.

Please be aware that not all courses are offered at every secondary campus in the district. A student who wants to take a course not offered at his or her regular campus should contact the school counselor about a transfer or other alternatives. If the parents of at least 22 students request a transfer for those students to take a course in the required curriculum other than fine arts or CTE, the district will offer the course for the following year either by teleconference or at the school from which the transfers were requested.

**Certificates of Coursework Completion**
A certificate of coursework completion will be issued to a student who has successfully completed state and local credit requirements for graduation but has not yet demonstrated satisfactory performance on the state-mandated tests required for graduation.
Students with Disabilities

Upon the recommendation of the admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee, a student with a disability who receives special education services may be permitted to graduate under the provisions of his or her IEP and in accordance with state rules.

A student who receives special education services and has completed four years of high school, but has not met the requirements of his or her IEP, may participate in graduation ceremonies and receive a certificate of attendance. Even if the student participates in graduation ceremonies to receive the certificate of attendance, he or she may remain enrolled to complete the IEP and earn his or her high school diploma; however, the student will only be allowed to participate in one graduation ceremony.

[See policy FMH(LEGAL).]

ARD committees for students with disabilities who receive special education services will make instructional and assessment decisions for these students in accordance with state law and rules. In order to earn an endorsement under the foundation program, a student must perform satisfactorily on the EOC assessments and receive no modified curriculum in the student’s chosen endorsement area. A student may still be awarded an endorsement when the student fails to perform satisfactorily on no more than two EOC assessments but meets the other requirements for graduation under state law.

Graduation Activities

(See the applicable campus Student Handbook Addendum)

To be eligible to participate in commencement activities and ceremonies, a student shall meet all state and local graduation requirements, including all applicable state testing according to board policy FMH (LOCAL). [See EI, EIF]

Graduation Speakers

Certain graduating students will be given an opportunity to have speaking roles at graduation ceremonies.

A student must meet local eligibility criteria, which may include requirements related to student conduct, to have a speaking role. Students eligible for speaking roles will be notified by the principal and given an opportunity to volunteer.

[See FNA(LOCAL) and the Student Code of Conduct. For student speakers at other school events, see Student Speakers.]

Graduation Expenses

Because students and parents will incur expenses in order to participate in the traditions of graduation—such as the purchase of invitations, senior ring, cap and gown, and senior picture—both the student and parent should monitor progress toward completion of all requirements for graduation. The expenses often are incurred in the junior year or first semester of the senior year. [See Fees.]

Scholarships and Grants

Students who have a financial need according to federal criteria and who complete the foundation graduation program may be eligible under the TEXAS Grant Program and the Teach for Texas Grant Program for tuition and fees to Texas public universities, community colleges, and technical schools, as well as to private institutions.
Contact the school counselor for information about other scholarships and grants available to students.

**HARASSMENT**

[See Dating Violence, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation.]

**HAZING (All Grade Levels)**

Hazing is defined as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act occurring on or off campus directed against a student that endangers the mental or physical health or the safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated to, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include other students. Examples include:

- Any type of physical brutality;
- Any type of physical activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of physical or mental harm, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement to small spaces, or calisthenics.
- Any activity involving consumption of food, liquids, drugs, or other substances that subjects the student to unreasonable risk of physical or mental harm;
- Any activity that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student, such as ostracism, shame, or humiliation; and
- Any activity that induces, causes, or requires the student to violate the Penal Code.

Hazing will not be tolerated by the district. If an incident of hazing occurs, disciplinary consequences will be handled in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. It is a criminal offense if a person engages in hazing; solicits, encourages, directs, aids, or attempts to aid another in hazing; or has firsthand knowledge of an incident of hazing being planned or having occurred and fails to report this to the principal or superintendent.

[See Bullying and policies FFI and FNCC.]

**HEALTH-RELATED MATTERS**

**Student Illness (All Grade Levels)**

When your child is ill, please contact the school to let us know he or she will not be attending that day. It is important to remember that schools are required to exclude students with certain illnesses from school for periods of time as identified in state rules. For example, if your child has a fever over 100 degrees, he or she must stay out of school until fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medications. In addition, students with diarrheal illnesses must stay home until they are diarrhea free without diarrhea-suppressing medications for at least 24 hours.

A full list of conditions for which the school must exclude children can be obtained from the school nurse.

If a student becomes ill during the school day, he or she must receive permission from the teacher before reporting to the school nurse. If the nurse determines that the child should go home, the nurse will contact the parent.

The district is also required to report certain contagious (communicable) diseases or illnesses to the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) or our local/regional health authority. The school nurse can provide information from TDSHS on these notifiable conditions.
Contact the school nurse if you have questions or if you are concerned about whether or not your child should stay home.

**Bacterial Meningitis (All Grade Levels)**

State law requires the district to provide information about bacterial meningitis:

- **What is meningitis?**
  Meningitis is an inflammation of the covering of the brain and spinal cord. It can be caused by viruses, parasites, fungi, and bacteria. Viral meningitis is common and most people recover fully. Parasitic and fungal meningitis are very rare. Bacterial meningitis is very serious and may involve complicated medical, surgical, pharmaceutical, and life support management.

- **What are the symptoms?**
  Someone with meningitis will become very ill. The illness may develop over one or two days, but it can also rapidly progress in a matter of hours. Not everyone with meningitis will have the same symptoms.

  Children (over 2 years old) and adults with bacterial meningitis commonly have a severe headache, high fever, and neck stiffness. Other symptoms might include nausea, vomiting, discomfort looking into bright lights, confusion, and sleepiness. In both children and adults, there may be a rash of tiny, red-purple spots. These can occur anywhere on the body.

  The diagnosis of bacterial meningitis is based on a combination of symptoms and laboratory results.

- **How serious is bacterial meningitis?**
  If it is diagnosed early and treated promptly, the majority of people make a complete recovery. In some cases it can be fatal or a person may be left with a permanent disability.

- **How is bacterial meningitis spread?**
  Fortunately, none of the bacteria that cause meningitis are as contagious as diseases like the common cold or the flu, and they are not spread by casual contact or by simply breathing the air where a person with meningitis has been. They are spread when people exchange respiratory or throat secretions (such as by kissing, coughing, or sneezing).

  The germ does not cause meningitis in most people. Instead, most people become carriers of the germ for days, weeks, or even months. The bacteria rarely overcome the body’s immune system and cause meningitis or another serious illness.

- **How can bacterial meningitis be prevented?**
  Maintaining healthy habits, like getting plenty of rest, can help prevent infection. Using good health practices such as covering your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing and washing your hands frequently with soap and water can also help stop the spread of the bacteria. It’s a good idea not to share food, drinks, utensils, toothbrushes, or cigarettes. Limit the number of persons you kiss.

  There are vaccines available to offer protection from some of the bacteria that can cause bacterial meningitis.* The vaccines are safe and effective (85–90 percent). They can cause mild side effects, such as redness and pain at the injection site lasting up to two days. Immunity develops within seven to ten days after the vaccine is given and lasts for up to five years.
What should you do if you think you or a friend might have bacterial meningitis?
You should seek prompt medical attention.

Where can you get more information?
Your school nurse, family doctor, and the staff at your local or regional health department office are excellent sources for information on all communicable diseases. You may also call your local health department or Regional Department of State Health Services office to ask about a meningococcal vaccine. Additional information may also be found at the websites for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Department of State Health Services, Department of State Health Services.

Note: DSHS requires at least one meningococcal vaccination on or after the student’s 11th birthday, unless the student received the vaccine at age 10. Also, note that entering college students must show, with limited exception, evidence of receiving a bacterial meningitis vaccination within the five-year period prior to enrolling in and taking courses at an institution of higher education. Please see the school nurse for more information, as this may affect a student who wishes to enroll in a dual credit course taken off campus.

[See Immunization for more information.]

Food Allergies (All Grade Levels)
The district requests to be notified when a student has been diagnosed with a food allergy, especially those allergies that could result in dangerous or possibly life-threatening reactions either by inhalation, ingestion, or skin contact with the particular food. It is important to disclose the food to which the student is allergic, as well as the nature of the allergic reaction. Please contact the school nurse or campus principal if your child has a known food allergy or as soon as possible after any diagnosis of a food allergy.

The district has developed and annually reviews a food allergy management plan, which addresses employee training, dealing with common food allergens, and specific strategies for dealing with students diagnosed with severe food allergies. When the district receives information that a student has a food allergy that puts the student at risk for anaphylaxis, individual care plans will be developed to assist the student in safely accessing the school environment. The district’s food allergy management plan can be accessed in the health clinic office.

[See policy FFAF and Celebrations.]

Head Lice (All Grade Levels)
Head lice, although not an illness or a disease, is very common among children and is spread very easily through head-to-head contact during play, sports, or nap time and when children share things like brushes, combs, hats, and headphones. If careful observation indicates that a student has head lice, the school nurse will contact the student’s parent to determine whether the student will need to be picked up from school and to discuss a plan for treatment with an FDA-approved medicated shampoo or cream rinse that may be purchased from any drug or grocery store. After the student has undergone one treatment, the parent should check in with the school nurse to discuss the treatment used. The nurse can also offer additional recommendations, including subsequent treatments and how best to get rid of lice and prevent their return.

Notice will also be provided to parents of elementary school students in the affected classroom.

More information on head lice can be obtained from the DSHS website at Managing Head Lice. (See policy FFAA.)
Physical Activity Requirements

Elementary School
In accordance with policies at EHAB, EHAC, EHBG, and FFA, the district will ensure that students in full-day prekindergarten–grade 5 engage in moderate or vigorous physical activity for at least 30 minutes per day or 135 minutes per week.

For additional information on the district’s requirements and programs regarding elementary school student physical activity requirements, please see the principal.

Junior High/Middle School
In accordance with policies at EHAB, EHAC, EHBG, and FFA, the district will ensure that students in middle or junior high school will engage in 30 minutes of moderate or vigorous physical activity per day for at least four semesters or at least 225 minutes of moderate or vigorous physical activity within each two-week period for at least four semesters.

For additional information on the district’s requirements and programs regarding junior high and middle school student physical activity requirements, please see the principal.

School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) (All Grade Levels)
During the preceding school year, the district’s School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) held four (4) meetings. Additional information regarding the district’s SHAC is available from the District Health Services Coordinator.

The duties of the SHAC range from recommending curriculum to developing strategies for integrating curriculum into a coordinated school health program encompassing issues such as school health services, counseling services, a safe and healthy school environment, recess recommendations, improving student fitness, mental health concerns, and employee wellness.

[See policies at BDF and EHAA. See Human Sexuality Instruction for additional information.]

Student Wellness Policy/Wellness Plan (All Grade Levels)
Crowley ISD is committed to encouraging healthy students and therefore has developed a board-adopted wellness policy at FFA (LOCAL) and corresponding plans and procedures to implement the policy. You are encouraged to contact District Health Services Coordinator with questions about the content or implementation of the district’s wellness policy and plan.

Other Health-Related Matters

Physical Fitness Assessment (Grades 3–12)
Annually, the district will conduct a physical fitness assessment of students in grades 3–12 who are enrolled in a physical education course or a course for which physical education credit is awarded. At the end of the school year, a parent may submit a written request to the campus principal to obtain the results of his or her child’s physical fitness assessment conducted during the school year.

Vending Machines (All Grade Levels)
The district has adopted and implemented the state and federal policies and guidelines for food service, including the guidelines to restrict student access to vending machines. For more information regarding these policies and guidelines, see the campus principal. [See policies CO and FFA.]
**Tobacco and E-Cigarettes Prohibited (All Grade Levels and All Others on School Property)**

Students are prohibited from possessing or using any type of tobacco product, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), or any other electronic vaporizing device, while on school property at any time or while attending an off-campus school-related activity.

The district and its staff strictly enforce prohibitions against the use of all tobacco products, e-cigarettes, or any other electronic vaporizing device, by students and all others on school property and at school-sponsored and school-related activities. [See the Student Code of Conduct and policies FNCD and GKA.]

**Asbestos Management Plan (All Grade Levels)**

The district works diligently to maintain compliance with federal and state law governing asbestos in school buildings. A copy of the district’s Asbestos Management Plan is available at each campus facility and the Administration Building. If you have any questions or would like to examine the district’s plan in more detail, please contact the Director of Maintenance, the district designated asbestos coordinator, at 817-297-5942.

**Pest Management Plan (All Grade Levels)**

The district is required to follow integrated pest management (IPM) procedures to control pests on school grounds. Although the district strives to use the safest and most effective methods to manage pests, including a variety of non-chemical control measures, pesticide use is sometimes necessary to maintain adequate pest control and ensure a safe, pest-free school environment.

All pesticides used are registered for their intended use by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and are applied only by certified pesticide applicators. Except in an emergency, signs will be posted 48 hours before indoor application. All outdoor applications will be posted at the time of treatment, and signs will remain until it is safe to enter the area. Parents who have further questions or who want to be notified prior to pesticide application inside their child’s school assignment area may contact Director of Maintenance, the district’s IPM coordinator, at 817-297-5942.

**HOMELESS STUDENTS (All Grade Levels)**

You are encouraged to inform the district if you or your child are experiencing homelessness. Campus staff such as the campus counselor and district staff can share resources with you that may be able to assist you and your family.

For more information on services for homeless students, contact the district’s Liaison for Homeless Children and Youths, Dr. John Hamlett III, at 817-297-5800.

[See Students Who Are Homeless.]

**HOMEWORK (All Grade Levels)**

The district provides homework parameters for the campuses based on current research and allows each campus to develop and provide in writing to the parents a Campus Homework Policy that is consistent with current research.

**ILLNESS**

[See Student Illness under Health-Related Matters.]
IMMUNIZATION (All Grade Levels)
A student must be fully immunized against certain diseases or must present a certificate or statement that, for medical reasons or reasons of conscience, including a religious belief, the student will not be immunized. For exemptions based on reasons of conscience, only official forms issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Immunization Branch, can be honored by the district. This form may be obtained by writing the DSHS Immunization Branch (MC 1946), P.O. Box 149347, Austin, Texas 78714-9347; or online at Affidavit Request for Exemption from Immunization. The form must be notarized and submitted to the principal or school nurse within 90 days of notarization. If the parent is seeking an exemption for more than one student in the family, a separate form must be provided for each student.

The immunizations required are: diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis; rubeola (measles), mumps, and rubella; polio; hepatitis A; hepatitis B; varicella (chicken pox); and meningococcal. The school nurse can provide information on age-appropriate doses or on an acceptable physician-validated history of illness required by the DSHS. Proof of immunization may be established by personal records from a licensed physician or public health clinic with a signature or rubber-stamp validation.

If a student should not be immunized for medical reasons, the student or parent must present a certificate signed by a U.S. registered and licensed physician stating that, in the doctor’s opinion, the immunization required is medically contraindicated or poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of the student or a member of the student’s family or household. This certificate must be renewed yearly unless the physician specifies a lifelong condition.

As noted at Bacterial Meningitis, entering college students must also, with limited exception, furnish evidence of having received a bacterial meningitis vaccination within the five years prior to enrolling in and attending classes at an institution of higher education. A student wanting to enroll in a dual credit course taken off campus may be subject to this requirement.

[For further information, see policy FFAB (LEGAL) and the DSHS website: Texas School & Child Care Facility Immunization Requirements.]

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES (All Grade Levels)

Questioning of Students
When law enforcement officers or other lawful authorities wish to question or interview a student at school, the principal will cooperate fully regarding the conditions of the interview, if the questioning or interview is part of a child abuse investigation. In other circumstances:

- The principal will verify and record the identity of the officer or other authority and ask for an explanation of the need to question or interview the student at school.
- The principal ordinarily will make reasonable efforts to notify the parents unless the interviewer raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection.
- The principal ordinarily will be present unless the interviewer raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection.

Students Taken Into Custody
State law requires the district to permit a student to be taken into legal custody:

- To comply with an order of the juvenile court.
- To comply with the laws of arrest.
- By a law enforcement officer if there is probable cause to believe the student has engaged in delinquent conduct or conduct in need of supervision.
- By a law enforcement officer to obtain fingerprints or photographs for comparison in an investigation.
- By a law enforcement officer to obtain fingerprints or photographs to establish a student’s identity, where the child may have engaged in conduct indicating a need for supervision, such as running away.
- By a probation officer if there is probable cause to believe the student has violated a condition of probation imposed by the juvenile court.
- By an authorized representative of Child Protective Services (CPS), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), a law enforcement officer, or a juvenile probation officer, without a court order, under the conditions set out in the Family Code relating to the student’s physical health or safety.
- To comply with a properly issued directive from a juvenile court to take a student into custody.

Before a student is released to a law enforcement officer or other legally authorized person, the principal will verify the officer’s identity and, to the best of his or her ability, will verify the official’s authority to take custody of the student.

The principal will immediately notify the superintendent and will ordinarily attempt to notify the parent unless the officer or other authorized person raises what the principal considers to be a valid objection to notifying the parents. Because the principal does not have the authority to prevent or delay a student’s release to a law enforcement officer, any notification will most likely be after the fact.

**Notification of Law Violations**

The district is required by state law to notify:

- All instructional and support personnel who have responsibility for supervising a student who has been taken into custody, arrested, or referred to the juvenile court for any felony offense or for certain misdemeanors.
- All instructional and support personnel who have regular contact with a student who is thought to have committed certain offenses or who has been convicted, received deferred prosecution, received deferred adjudication, or was adjudicated for delinquent conduct for any felony offense or certain misdemeanors.
- All appropriate district personnel in regards to a student who is required to register as a sex offender.

[For further information, see policy FL (LEGAL) and GRAA (LEGAL).]

**LEAVING CAMPUS (All Grade Levels)**

Please remember that student attendance is crucial to learning. We ask that appointments be scheduled outside of school hours as much as reasonably possible. Also note that picking up a child early on a regular basis results in missed opportunities for learning. Unless the principal has granted approval because of extenuating circumstances, a student will not regularly be released before the end of the school day.
State rules require that parental consent be obtained before any student is allowed to leave campus for any part of the school day. The district has put the following procedures in place in order to document parental consent:

- For students in elementary and middle school, a parent or otherwise authorized adult must come to the office and sign the student out. Please be prepared to show identification. Once an identity is verified, a campus representative will then call for the student or collect the student and bring him or her to the office. For safety purposes and stability of the learning environment, we cannot allow you to go to the classroom or other area unescorted to pick up the student. If the student returns to campus the same day, the parent or authorized adult must sign the student back in through the main office upon the student’s return. Documentation regarding the reason for the absence will also be required.

- For students in high school, the same process will be followed. If the student’s parent will authorize the student to leave campus unaccompanied, a note provided by the parent must be submitted to the main office in advance of the absence, no later than two hours prior to the student’s need to leave campus. A phone call received from the parent may be accepted, but the school may ultimately require a note to be submitted for documentation purposes. Once the office has received information that the student’s parent consents to the student leaving campus, a pass will be issued to the student to hand to his or her teacher with the necessary information. The student must sign out through the main office and sign in upon his or her return, if the student returns the same day. If a student is 18 years of age or is an emancipated minor, the student may produce a note on his or her own behalf. Documentation regarding the reason for the absence will be required.

- If a student becomes ill during the school day and the school nurse or other district personnel determines that the student should go home, the nurse will contact the student’s parent and document the parent’s wishes regarding release from school. Unless directed by the parent to release the student unaccompanied, the parent or other authorized adult must follow the sign-out procedures as listed above. If a student is allowed to leave campus by himself or herself, as permitted by the student’s parent, or if the student is age 18 or is an emancipated minor, the nurse will document the time of day the student was released. Under no circumstances will a child in elementary or middle school be released unaccompanied by a parent or adult authorized by the parent.

At Any Time During the School Day
Students are not authorized to leave campus during regular school hours for any other reason, except with the permission of the principal.

Students who leave campus in violation of these rules will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

LOST AND FOUND (All Grade Levels)
A “lost and found” collection box is located in the campus office. If your child has lost an item, please encourage him or her to check the lost and found box. The district discourages students from bringing to school personal items of high monetary value, as the district is not responsible for lost or stolen items. The campus will dispose of lost and found items at the end of each semester.
MAKEUP WORK

Makeup Work Because of Absence (All Grade Levels)

For any class missed, the teacher may assign the student makeup work based on the instructional objectives for the subject or course and the needs of the individual student in mastering the essential knowledge and skills or in meeting subject or course requirements.

A student will be responsible for obtaining and completing the makeup work in a satisfactory manner and within the time specified by the teacher. A student who does not make up assigned work within the time allotted by the teacher will receive a grade of zero for the assignment.

A student is encouraged to speak with his or her teacher if the student knows of an absence ahead of time, including absences for extracurricular activities, so that the teacher and student may plan any work that can be completed before or shortly after the absence. Please remember the importance of student attendance at school and that, even though absences may be excused or unexcused, all absences account for the 90 percent threshold in regards to the state laws surrounding “attendance for credit or final grade.” [See also Attendance for Credit or Final Grade.]

A student involved in an extracurricular activity must notify his or her teachers ahead of time about any absences.

A student will be permitted to make up tests and to turn in projects due in any class missed because of absence. Teachers may assign a late penalty to any long-term project in accordance with time lines approved by the principal and previously communicated to students.

DAEP Makeup Work

Elementary and Middle/Junior High School Grade Levels

Grades 9–12

A high school student removed to a disciplinary alternative education program (DAEP) during the school year will have an opportunity to complete, before the beginning of the next school year, a foundation curriculum course in which the student was enrolled at the time of removal. The district may provide the opportunity to complete the course through an alternative method, including a correspondence course, another distance learning option, or summer school. The district will not charge the student for any method of completion provided by the district. [See policy FOCA (LEGAL).]

In-School Suspension (ISS) Makeup Work (All Grade Levels)

A student removed from the regular classroom to in-school suspension or another setting, other than a DAEP, will have an opportunity to complete before the beginning of the next school year each course the student was enrolled in at the time of removal from the regular classroom. The district may provide the opportunity by any method available, including a correspondence course, another distance learning option, or summer school. The district will not charge the student for any method of completion provided by the district. [See policy FO (LEGAL).]

MEDICINE AT SCHOOL (All Grade Levels)

Medication that must be administered to a student during school hours must be provided by the student’s parent. All medication, whether prescription or nonprescription, must be kept in the nurse’s office and administered by the nurse or another authorized district employee, unless the
student is authorized to possess his or her own medication because of asthma or a severe allergy as described below or as otherwise allowed by law.

The district will not purchase nonprescription medication to give to a student. District employees will not give a student prescription medication, nonprescription medication, herbal substances, anabolic steroids, or dietary supplements, with the following exceptions:

Only authorized employees, in accordance with policy FFAC, may administer:

- Prescription medication, in the original, properly labeled container, provided by the parent, along with a written request.
- Prescription medication from a properly labeled unit dosage container filled by a registered nurse or another qualified district employee from the original, properly labeled container.
- Nonprescription medication, in the original, properly labeled container, provided by the parent along with a written request.
- Herbal or dietary supplements provided by the parent only if required by the student’s individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan for a student with disabilities.

Students whose schedules provide for regular time spent outdoors, including for recess and physical education classes, should apply sunscreen before coming to school.

For students at the elementary level, the student’s teacher or other district personnel will apply sunscreen to a student’s exposed skin if the student brings the sunscreen to school and requests assistance with the application of the sunscreen. Nothing prohibits a student at this level from applying his or her own sunscreen if the student is capable of doing so.

For students at the secondary level, a student may possess and apply sunscreen when necessary. If the student will need assistance with this application, please address the need for assistance with the school nurse.

Whether a student is at the elementary or secondary level, if sunscreen needs to be administered to treat any type of medical condition, this should be handled through communication with the school nurse so that the district is made aware of any safety and medical issues.

A student with asthma or severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) may be permitted to possess and use prescribed asthma or anaphylaxis medication at school or school-related events only if he or she has written authorization from his or her parent and a physician or other licensed health-care provider. The student must also demonstrate to his or her physician or health-care provider and to the school nurse the ability to use the prescribed medication, including any device required to administer the medication.

If the student has been prescribed asthma or anaphylaxis medication for use during the school day, the student and parents should discuss this with the school nurse or principal.

In accordance with a student’s individual health plan for management of diabetes, a student with diabetes will be permitted to possess and use monitoring and treatment supplies and equipment while at school or at a school-related activity. See the school nurse or principal for information. [See policy FFAF (LEGAL).]

**Psychotropic Drugs**

A psychotropic drug is a substance used in the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of a disease or as a component of a medication. It is intended to have an altering effect on perception, emotion, or behavior and is commonly described as a mood- or behavior-altering substance.
Teachers and other district employees may discuss a student’s academic progress or behavior with the student’s parents or another employee as appropriate; however, they are not permitted to recommend use of psychotropic drugs. A district employee who is a registered nurse, an advanced nurse practitioner, a physician, or a certified or credentialed mental health professional can recommend that a student be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner, if appropriate. [For further information, see policy FFAC.]

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT (All Grade Levels)

In its efforts to promote nondiscrimination and as required by law, Crowley ISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, or any other basis prohibited by law, in providing education services, activities, and programs, including CTE programs, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following district representatives have been designated to coordinate compliance with these legal requirements:

- Title IX Coordinator, for concerns regarding discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment or gender-based harassment: Bill Johnson, 512 Peach Street, Crowley, TX 76036, 817-297-5800.
- ADA/Section 504 Coordinator, for concerns regarding discrimination on the basis of disability: Dr. John Hamlett III, 512 Peach Street, Crowley, TX 76036, 817-297-5800.
- All other concerns regarding discrimination: See the Superintendent

[See policies FB, FFH, and GKD.]

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT (All Grade Levels)

Working Together

Both experience and research tell us that a child’s education succeeds best when there is good communication and a strong partnership between home and school. Your involvement and engagement in this partnership may include:

- Encouraging your child to put a high priority on education and working with your child on a daily basis to make the most of the educational opportunities the school provides.
- Ensuring that your child completes all homework assignments and special projects and comes to school each day prepared, rested, and ready to learn.
- Becoming familiar with all of your child’s school activities and with the academic programs, including special programs, offered in the district.
- Discussing with the school counselor or principal any questions you may have about the options and opportunities available to your child.
- Reviewing the requirements and options for graduation with your child in middle school and again while your child is enrolled in high school.
- Monitoring your child’s academic progress and contacting teachers as needed. [See Academic Counseling.]
- Attending scheduled conferences and requesting additional conferences as needed. To schedule a telephone or in-person conference with a teacher, school counselor, or principal, please call the school office for an appointment. The teacher will usually return your call or meet with you during his or her conference period or before or after school. [See Report Cards/Progress Reports and Conferences.]
- Becoming a school volunteer.  [For further information, see policy GKG and Volunteers.]
- Participating in campus parent organizations.
- Serving as a parent representative on the district-level or campus-level planning committees, assisting in the development of educational goals and plans to improve student achievement.  [For further information, see policies at BQA and BQB, and contact the campus principal.]
- Serving on the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), assisting the district in ensuring local community values are reflected in health education instruction and other wellness issues.  [See policies at BDF, EHAA, FFA, and information in this handbook at School Health Advisory Council (SHAC).]
- Being aware of the school’s ongoing bullying and harassment prevention efforts.
- Contacting school officials if you are concerned with your child’s emotional or mental well-being.
- Attending board meetings to learn more about district operations.  [See policies at BE and BED for more information.]

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS/HEALTH SCREENINGS

Athletics Participation (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

A student who wishes to participate in, or continue participation in, the district’s athletics program governed by the UIL must submit certification from a health-care provider authorized under UIL rules that the student has been examined and is physically able to participate in the athletic program.

This examination is required to be submitted annually to the district.

Spinal Screening Program

School-based spinal screening helps identify adolescents with abnormal spinal curvature and refer them for appropriate follow-up by their physician. Screening can detect scoliosis at an early stage, when the curve is mild and may go unnoticed. Early detection is key to controlling spinal deformities. All students who meet the Texas Department of State Health Services criteria will be screened for abnormal spinal curvature before the end of the school year. For information on spinal screening by an outside professional or exemption from spinal screening based on religious beliefs, see policy FFAA(LEGAL) or contact the superintendent. Spinal screening is non-invasive and conducted following the most recent, nationally accepted and peer-reviewed standards for spinal screening.

Other Exams and Screenings (All Grade Levels)

Students may undergo a risk assessment for type 2 diabetes at the same time the district screens students for hearing and vision issues, or for abnormal spinal curvatures.

[See policy FFAA.]

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MINUTE OF SILENCE (All Grade Levels)

Each school day, students will recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag. Parents may submit a written request to the principal to excuse their child from reciting a pledge.  [See Reciting the Pledges to the U.S. and Texas Flags.]
State law requires that one minute of silence follow recitation of the pledges. Each student may choose to reflect, pray, meditate, or engage in any other silent activity during that minute so long as the silent activity does not interfere with or distract others. In addition, state law requires that each campus provide for the observance of one minute of silence at the beginning of the first class period when September 11 falls on a regular school day in remembrance of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

[See policy EC for more information.]

**PRAYER (All Grade Levels)**

Each student has a right to individually, voluntarily, and silently pray or meditate in school in a manner that does not disrupt instructional or other activities of the school. The school will not encourage, require, or coerce a student to engage in or to refrain from such prayer or meditation during any school activity.

**PROMOTION AND RETENTION**

A student will be promoted only on the basis of academic achievement or demonstrated proficiency in the subject matter of the course or grade level, the recommendation of the student’s teacher, the score received on any criterion-referenced or state-mandated assessment, and any other necessary academic information as determined by the district.

In addition, at certain grade levels a student—with limited exceptions—will be required to pass the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR), if the student is enrolled in a public Texas school on any day between January 1 and the date of the first administration of the STAAR.

**Elementary and Middle/Junior High Grade Levels**

In grades 1-2, promotion is based on an overall average of 70 on a scale of 100 based on course-level, grade-level standards (essential knowledge and skills) for all subject areas and a grade of 70 or above in language arts and mathematics.

In grades 3-8, promotion to the next grade level shall be based on an overall average of 70 on a scale of 100 based on course-level, grade-level standards (essential knowledge and skills) for all subject areas and a grade of 70 or above in three of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. [For further information, see policies at [EIE]](https://example.com).

Grade-level advancement for students in grades 9-12 shall be earned by course credits. [For further information, see policies at [EI](https://example.com) and Grade Classification]

In order to be promoted to grade 6, students enrolled in grade 5 must perform satisfactorily on the mathematics and reading sections of the grade 5 assessment in English or Spanish.

In order to be promoted to grade 9, students enrolled in grade 8 must perform satisfactorily on the mathematics and reading sections of the grade 8 assessment in English.

If a student in grade 5 or 8 is enrolled in a course that earns high school credit and for which an end-of-course (EOC) assessment will be administered, the student will not be subject to the promotion requirements described above for the relevant grade 5 or 8 assessment. The student will instead take the corresponding EOC assessment.

If a student in grades 3–8 is enrolled in a class or course intended for students above his or her current grade level in which the student will be administered a state-mandated assessment, the student will be required to take an applicable state-mandated assessment only for the course in which he or she is enrolled, unless otherwise required to do so by federal law.
A student in grade 5 or 8 will have two additional opportunities to take a failed assessment. If a student fails a second time, a grade placement committee, consisting of the principal or designee, the teacher, and the student’s parent, will determine the additional special instruction the student will receive. After a third failed attempt, the student will be retained; however, the parent can appeal this decision to the committee. In order for the student to be promoted, based on standards previously established by the district, the decision of the committee must be unanimous and the student must complete additional special instruction before beginning the next grade level. Whether the student is retained or promoted, an educational plan for the student will be designed to enable the student to perform at grade level by the end of the next school year. [See policy EIE.]

Certain students—some with disabilities and some classified as English language learners—may be eligible for exemptions, accommodations, or deferred testing. An admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee meeting will be convened if a student receiving special education services in grade 5 or 8 fails to meet satisfactory performance after the first STAAR administrations in reading or math. For more information, see the principal, school counselor, or special education director.

Parents of a student at or above grade level 3 who does not perform satisfactorily on his or her state-mandated exams will be notified that their child will participate in special instructional programs designed to improve performance. The student may be required to participate in this instruction before or after normal school hours or outside of the normal school year. Failure of a student to attend these programs may result in violations of required school attendance as well as the student not being promoted to the next grade level.

A Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) will be prepared for any student at the middle school or junior high level who did not perform satisfactorily on a state-mandated assessment or is determined by the district as not likely to earn a high school diploma before the fifth school year following enrollment in grade 9. The PGP will be designed and implemented by a school counselor, teacher, or other staff member designated by the principal. The plan will, among other items, identify the student’s educational goals, address the parent’s educational expectations for the student, and outline an intensive instruction program for the student. [For additional information, see the school counselor or principal and policy EIF (LEGAL).] For a student receiving special education services, the student’s IEP may serve as the student’s PGP and would therefore be developed by the student’s ARD committee.

[For information related to the development of personal graduation plans for high school students, see Personal Graduation Plans.]

High School Grade Levels

To earn credit in a course, a student must receive a grade of at least 70 based on course-level or grade-level standards.

A student in grades 9–12 will be advanced a grade level based on the number of course credits earned. [See Grade Level Classification.]

Students will also have multiple opportunities to retake EOC assessments. [See Graduation and Standardized Testing for more information about EOC assessments.]

RELEASE OF STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL

[See Leaving Campus.]
REPORT CARDS/PROGRESS REPORTS AND CONFERENCES (All Grade Levels)

Report cards with each student’s grades or performance and absences in each class or subject are issued at least once every six weeks.

At the end of the first three weeks of a grading period, parents will be given a written progress report if their child’s performance in any course/subject area is near or below 70, or is below the expected level of performance. If the student receives a grade lower than 70 in any class or subject at the end of a grading period, the parent will be requested to schedule a conference with the teacher of that class or subject. [See Working for how to schedule a conference.]

Teachers follow grading guidelines that have been approved by the principal pursuant to the board-adopted policy and are designed to reflect each student’s relative mastery of each assignment for the grading period, semester, or course. State law provides that a test or course grade issued by a teacher cannot be changed unless the board determines that the grade was arbitrary or contains an error, or that the teacher did not follow the district’s grading policy. [See policy EIA (LOCAL) and Grading Guidelines.]

Questions about grade calculation should first be discussed with the teacher; if the question is not resolved, the student or parent may request a conference with the principal in accordance with FNG (LOCAL).

The report card or unsatisfactory progress report will state whether tutorials are required for a student who receives a grade lower than 70 in a class or subject.

Report cards and unsatisfactory progress reports must be signed by the parent and returned to the school within five (5) days. The district may use an electronic program to communicate academic information about your child, including for report card and progress reporting purposes. An electronic signature of the parent will be accepted by the district, but you are entitled to request the option to provide a handwritten signature of acknowledgment instead.

RETALIATION

[See Dating Violence, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation.]

SAFETY (All Grade Levels)

Student safety on campus, at school-related events, and on district vehicles is a high priority of the district. Although the district has implemented safety procedures, the cooperation of students is essential to ensuring school safety. A student is expected to:

- Avoid conduct that is likely to put the student or others at risk.
- Follow the behavioral standards in this handbook and the Student Code of Conduct, as well as any additional rules for behavior and safety set by the principal, campus behavior coordinator, teachers, or bus drivers.
- Remain alert to and promptly report to a teacher or the principal any safety hazards, such as intruders on campus or threats made by any person toward a student or staff member.
- Know emergency evacuation routes and signals.
- Follow immediately the instructions of teachers, bus drivers, and other district employees who are overseeing the welfare of students.
Accident Insurance
Soon after the school year begins, parents will have the opportunity to purchase low-cost accident insurance that would help meet medical expenses in the event of injury to their child.

Insurance for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs
If the board purchases accident, liability, or automobile insurance coverage for students or businesses involved in the district’s CTE programs, the district will notify the affected students and parents.

Preparedness Drills: Evacuation, Severe Weather, and Other Emergencies
From time to time, students, teachers, and other district employees will participate in preparedness drills of emergency procedures. When the command is given or alarm is sounded, students need to follow the direction of teachers or others in charge quickly, quietly, and in an orderly manner.

Emergency Medical Treatment and Information
If a student has a medical emergency at school or a school-related activity when the parent cannot be reached, the school may have to rely on previously provided written parental consent to obtain emergency medical treatment, and information about allergies to medications, foods, insect bites, etc. Therefore, parents are asked each year to complete an emergency care consent form. Parents should keep emergency care information up-to-date (name of doctor, emergency phone numbers, allergies, etc.). Please contact the school nurse to update any information that the nurse or the teacher needs to know.

Emergency School-Closing Information
Each year, parents are asked to complete an emergency release form to provide contact information in the event that school is dismissed early or opening is delayed because of severe weather or another emergency, or if the campus must restrict access due to a security threat.

The district will rely on contact information on file with the district to communicate with parents in an emergency situation, which may include real-time or automated messages. It is crucial to notify your child’s school when a phone number previously provided to the district has changed.

If the campus must close, delay opening, or restrict access to the building because of an emergency, the district will also alert the community in the following ways: Emergency school-closing information will be posted on the district website, social media and the following news outlets will be notified.

- WBAP 820AM
- KDFW (Ch. 4)
- WFAA (Ch. 8)
- KRLD 1080AM
- KXAS (Ch. 5)
- KTVT (Ch. 11)

[See Communications-Automated, Emergency for more information.]

SAT, ACT, AND OTHER STANDARDIZED TESTS
[See Standardized Testing.]

SCHEDULE CHANGES (Middle/Junior High and High School Grade Levels)
(See the applicable campus Student Handbook Addendum)
SCHOOL FACILITIES

Use by Students Before and After School (All Grade Levels)

Certain areas of the school will be accessible to students before and after school for specific purposes. Students are required to remain in the area where their activity is scheduled to take place.

(See the applicable campus Student Handbook Addendum)

Unless the teacher or sponsor overseeing an activity gives permission, a student will not be permitted to go to another area of the building or campus.

After dismissal of school in the afternoon, unless a student is involved in an activity under the supervision of a teacher or other authorized employee or adult, or unless students are granted permission to remain on campus in accordance with policy FNAB, students must leave campus immediately.

Conduct Before and After School (All Grade Levels)

Teachers and administrators have full authority over student conduct at before- or after-school activities on district premises and at school-sponsored events off district premises, such as play rehearsals, club meetings, athletic practices, and special study groups or tutorials. Students are subject to the same rules of conduct that apply during the instructional day and will be subject to consequences established by the Student Code of Conduct or any stricter standards of behavior established by the sponsor for extracurricular participants.

Use of Hallways During Class Time (All Grade Levels)

Loitering or standing in the halls during class is not permitted. During class time, a student must have a hall pass to be outside the classroom for any purpose. Failure to obtain a pass will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Cafeteria Services (All Grade Levels)

The district participates in the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program and offers students nutritionally balanced meals daily in accordance with standards set forth in state and federal law.

The 2018-19 meal prices are as follows:

- K-6 lunch $2.70
- 7-12 lunch: $2.95
- Breakfast $1.15

Free and reduced-price meals are available based on financial need or household situation. Information about a student’s participation is confidential; however, disclosure of a student’s eligibility may be made without prior notice or consent to programs, activities, and individuals that are specifically authorized access under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA), which is the law that sets forth the disclosure limits for the district’s child nutrition programs. A student’s name, eligibility status, and other information may be disclosed to certain agencies as authorized under the NSLA to facilitate the enrollment of eligible children in Medicaid or the state children’s health insurance program (CHIP) unless the student’s parent notifies the district that a student’s information should not be disclosed. A parent’s decision will not affect the student’s eligibility for free and reduced price meals or free milk. Contact Sonia Borrayo, Administrative Assistant to Food Services, at 817-297-5940 to apply for free or reduced price meal services.
Parents are strongly encouraged to continually monitor their child’s meal account balance. When a student’s meal account is depleted, the district will notify the parent. The student will be allowed to continue purchasing meals according to the grace period set by the school board, and the district will present the parent with a schedule of repayment for any outstanding account balance and an application for free or reduced meals. If the district is unable to work out an agreement with the student’s parent on replenishment of the student’s meal account and payment of any outstanding balance, the student will receive an alternate meal. The district will make every effort to avoid bringing attention to such a student.

**Library (All Grade Levels)**

The library is a learning laboratory with books, computers, magazines, and other materials available for classroom assignments, projects, and reading or listening pleasure. The library is open for independent student use during the following times with a teacher permit:

(See the applicable campus Student Handbook Addendum)

**Meetings of Non-curriculum Related Groups (Secondary Grade Levels Only)**

Student-organized, student-led non-curriculum related groups are permitted to meet during the hours designated by the principal before and after school. These groups must comply with the requirements of policy FNAB (LOCAL).

A list of these groups is available in the principal’s office.

**SEARCHES**

In the interest of promoting student safety and attempting to ensure that schools are safe and drug free, district officials may from time to time conduct searches. Such searches are conducted without a warrant and as permitted by law.

**Students’ Desks and Lockers (All Grade Levels)**

Students’ desks and lockers are school property and remain under the control and jurisdiction of the school even when assigned to an individual student.

Students are fully responsible for the security and contents of their assigned desks and lockers. Students must be certain that their lockers are locked, and that the combinations are not available to others.

Searches of desks or lockers may be conducted at any time there is reasonable suspicion to believe that they contain articles or materials prohibited by policy, whether or not a student is present.

The parent will be notified if any prohibited items are found in the student’s desk or locker.

**Telecommunications and Other Electronic Devices (All Grade Levels)**

Use of district-owned equipment and its network systems is not private and will be monitored by the district. [See policy CQ for more information.]

Any searches of personal telecommunications or other personal electronic devices will be conducted in accordance with law, and the device may be confiscated in order to perform a lawful search. A confiscated device may be turned over to law enforcement to determine whether a crime has been committed.

[See policy FNF (LEGAL) and **Electronic Devices and Technology Resources** for more information.]
**Vehicles on Campus (Secondary Grade Levels Only)**

A student has full responsibility for the security and content of his or her vehicle parked on district property and must make certain that it is locked and that the keys are not given to others. [See the Student Code of Conduct.]

Vehicles parked on district property are under the jurisdiction of the district. School officials may search any vehicle any time there is reasonable suspicion to do so, with or without the permission of the student. If a vehicle subject to search is locked, the student will be asked to unlock the vehicle. If the student refuses, the student’s parent will be contacted. If a search is also refused by the student’s parent, the district will turn the matter over to law enforcement. The district may, in certain circumstances, contact law enforcement even if permission to search is granted.

**Trained Dogs (All Grade Levels)**

The district will use trained dogs to alert school officials to the presence of prohibited or illegal items, including drugs and alcohol. At any time, trained dogs may be used around lockers and the areas around vehicles parked on school property. Searches of classrooms, common areas, or student belongings may also be conducted by trained dogs when students are not present. An item in a classroom, a locker, or a vehicle to which a trained dog alerts may be searched by school officials.

**Metal Detectors (All Grade Levels)**

[For further information, see policy FNF (LOCAL).]

**Drug Testing (Secondary Grade Levels Only)**

[For further information, see policy FNF (LOCAL). Also see Steroids.]

**SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

[See Dating Violence, Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation.]

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS (All Grade Levels)**

The district provides special programs for gifted and talented students, homeless students, bilingual students, migrant students, English language learners, students diagnosed with dyslexia, and students with disabilities. The coordinator of each program can answer questions about eligibility requirements, as well as programs and services offered in the district or by other organizations. A student or parent with questions about these programs should contact Curriculum and Instruction department at 817-297-5800.

**STANDARDIZED TESTING**

**Secondary Grade Levels**

**SAT/ACT (Scholastic Aptitude Test and American College Test)**

Many colleges require either the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) for admission. Students are encouraged to talk with the school counselor early during their junior year to determine the appropriate examination to take; these examinations are usually taken at the end of the junior year. The Preliminary SAT (PSAT) and ACT-Aspire are the corresponding preparatory and readiness assessments for the SAT and ACT, and more information can be obtained on these assessments from the school counselor.
Note: Participation in these assessments may qualify a student to receive a performance acknowledgment on his or her transcript under the foundation graduation program and may qualify as a substitute for an end-of-course testing requirement in certain circumstances. A student’s performance at a certain level on the SAT or ACT also makes the student eligible for automatic admission to a Texas public institution of higher education.

**TSI (Texas Success Initiative) Assessment**

Prior to enrollment in a Texas public college or university, most students must take a standardized test called the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) assessment. The purpose of the TSI assessment is to assess the reading, mathematics, and writing skills that entering freshmen-level students should have if they are to perform effectively in undergraduate certificate or degree programs in Texas public colleges and universities. This assessment may be required before a student enrolls in a dual credit course offered through the district as well. Achieving certain benchmark scores on this assessment for college readiness may also waive certain end-of-course assessment requirements in limited circumstances.

**STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness)**

**Grades 3–8**

In addition to routine tests and other measures of achievement, students at certain grade levels are required to take the state assessment, called STAAR, in the following subjects:

- Mathematics, annually in grades 3–8
- Reading, annually in grades 3–8
- Writing, including spelling and grammar, in grades 4 and 7
- Science in grades 5 and 8
- Social Studies in grade 8

Successful performance on the reading and math assessments in grades 5 and 8 is required by law in order for the student to be promoted to the next grade level, unless the student is enrolled in a reading or math course intended for students above the student’s current grade level. Exceptions may apply for students enrolled in a special education program if the admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee concludes the student has made sufficient progress in the student’s individual education plan (IEP). [See Promotion and Retention for additional information.]

STAAR Alternate 2 is available for eligible students receiving special education services who meet certain criteria established by the state as determined by the student’s ARD committee.

An admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee for a student receiving special education services will determine whether successful performance on the EOC assessments will be required for graduation within the parameters identified in state rules and the student’s personal graduation plan (PNP).

STAAR Spanish is available for eligible students for whom a Spanish version of STAAR is the most appropriate measure of their academic progress.

**High School Courses—End-of-Course (EOC) Assessments**

STAAR end-of-course (EOC) assessments are administered for the following courses:

- Algebra I
- English I and English II
- Biology
- U.S. History

Satisfactory performance on the applicable assessments will be required for graduation, unless otherwise waived or substituted as allowed by state law and rules.

There are three testing windows during the year in which a student may take an EOC assessment, which will occur during the fall, spring, and summer months. If a student does not meet satisfactory performance, the student will have additional opportunities to retake the assessment.

STAAR Alternate 2 is available for eligible students receiving special education services who meet certain criteria established by the state as determined by the student’s ARD committee.

An ARD committee for a student receiving special education services will determine whether successful performance on the EOC assessments will be required for graduation within the parameters identified in state rules and the student’s personal graduation plan.

[See Graduation for additional information.]

The individual student results for all state mandated tests will be made available to parents according to the timeline established by the Texas Education Agency. The results will be shared in the following manner(s) depending on the student’s grade level and the test taken:

1. Electronic results via the district’s Family Access
2. Paper copies sent home with students
3. Paper copies mailed home

STEROIDS (Secondary Grade Levels Only)

State law prohibits students from possessing, dispensing, delivering, or administering an anabolic steroid. Anabolic steroids are for medical use only, and only a physician can prescribe use.

Bodybuilding, muscle enhancement, or the increase of muscle bulk or strength through the use of an anabolic steroid or human growth hormone by a healthy student is not a valid medical use and is a criminal offense.

STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE (All Grade Levels)

In an effort to provide educational stability, the district strives to assist any student who is currently placed or newly placed in foster care (temporary or permanent custody of the state, sometimes referred to as substitute care) with the enrollment and registration process, as well as other educational services throughout the student’s enrollment in the district.

Please contact Dr. John Hamlett III, who has been designated as the district’s foster care liaison, at 817-297-5800 with any questions.

[See also Students in the Conservatorship of the State for more information.]

STUDENT SPEAKERS (All Grade Levels)

At the beginning of each school year, the elementary and secondary school principals shall meet to establish a uniform set of public speaking opportunities on elementary campuses. Each elementary school principal shall provide notice to campus students of those volunteer opportunities. As other opportunities become known to the principal, the principal may, with the approval of the Superintendent, add to the list.

Students are eligible to use the limited public forum if they:
1. Are in the highest two grade levels of the school,
2. Volunteer,
3. Are not in a disciplinary placement at the time of the speaking event and have not violated extracurricular standards of behavior, and
4. Have not abused a prior speaking opportunity by engaging in prohibited or illegal speech as provided herein.

A student who is eligible and wishes to introduce one of the school events listed above should submit his or her name to the principal during the first week of the fall semester and/or spring semester. The names of all students who volunteered will be randomly drawn and matched to the event for which the student will give the introduction. If the selected student speaker declines or becomes ineligible, then no student introduction will be made at that event. The selection of students to introduce school events will occur at the beginning of each semester.

As determined by the principal, students who have been selected for special honors, such as captain of an athletic team, student council officers, leaders of school-sponsored organizations, homecoming king or queen, or prom king or queen may also address school audiences at designated events.

[See policy FNA(LOCAL) regarding other speaking opportunities and Graduation for information related to student speakers at graduation ceremonies.]

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION (All Grade Levels)**

If you are worried that your child may be using or is in danger of experimenting, using, or abusing illegal drugs or other prohibited substances, please contact the school counselor. The school counselor can provide you with a list of community resources that may be of assistance to you. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) maintains information regarding children’s mental health and substance abuse intervention services on its website: Services for Children and Adolescents.

**SUICIDE AWARENESS AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT (All Grade Levels)**

The district is committed to partnering with parents to support the healthy mental, emotional, and behavioral development of its students. If you are concerned about your child, please access Texas Suicide Prevention or contact the school counselor for more information related to suicide prevention services available in your area.

You may also contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

**SUMMER SCHOOL (All Grade Levels)**

Our summer school program is not part of the regular school year program. Students voluntarily attend summer school for several reasons: credit retrieval (to re-take courses they did not pass in the regular school year or catch up on credits), credit advancement (to gain original credit in a course never taken) or to receive intensive instruction in subject areas where they did not demonstrate mastery on the state assessment instruments. During summer school, students are expected to abide by the rules of conduct that are in place during the school year. We will handle minor, isolated violations of conduct expectations through parent conferences; however, students who commit serious offenses or who have persistent behavior problems while enrolled in summer school will be withdrawn from the program. The specific courses offered in each subject area will depend on student enrollment. For more information, please contact your school counselor.
TARDIES (All Grade Levels)
(See the applicable campus Student Handbook Addendum)

TEXTBOOKS, ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOKS, TECHNOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS (All Grade Levels)

Textbooks and other district-approved instructional materials are provided to students free of charge for each subject or class. Any books must be covered by the student, as directed by the teacher, and treated with care. Electronic textbooks and technological equipment may also be provided to students, depending on the course and course objectives. A student who is issued a damaged item should report the damage to the teacher. Any student failing to return an item in acceptable condition loses the right to free textbooks and technological equipment until the item is returned or the damage paid for by the parent; however, the student will be provided the necessary instructional resources and equipment for use at school during the school day.

TRANSFERS (All Grade Levels)

The principal is authorized to transfer a student from one classroom to another.

[See Safety Transfers/Assignments, Bullying, and Students Who Have Learning Difficulties or Who Need Special Education or Section 504 Services, for other transfer options.]

TRANSPORTATION (All Grade Levels)

School-Sponsored Trips

Students who participate in school-sponsored trips are required to use transportation provided by the school to and from the event. As approved by the principal, a coach or sponsor of an extracurricular activity may establish procedures related to making an exception to this requirement when a parent requests that the student be released to the parent or to another adult designated by the parent.

Buses and Other School Vehicles

The district makes school bus transportation available to all students living two or more miles from school. This service is provided at no cost to students.

Bus routes and stops will be designated annually, and any subsequent changes will be posted at the school and on the district’s website. For the safety of the operator of the vehicle and all passengers, students must board buses or other vehicles only at authorized stops, and drivers must unload passengers only at authorized stops.

A parent may also designate a child-care facility or grandparent’s residence as the regular pickup and drop-off location for his or her child. The designated facility or residence must be on an approved stop on an approved route. For information on bus routes and stops or to designate an alternate pickup or drop-off location, you may contact 817-297-5946.

[See the Student Code of Conduct for provisions regarding transportation to the DAEP.]

Students are expected to assist district staff in ensuring that buses and other district vehicles remain in good condition and that transportation is provided safely. When riding in district vehicles, including buses, students are held to behavioral standards established in this handbook and the Student Code of Conduct. Students must:

- Follow the driver’s directions at all times.
- Enter and leave the vehicle in an orderly manner at the designated stop.
- Keep feet, books, instrument cases, and other objects out of the aisle.
- Not deface the vehicle or its equipment.
- Not put head, hands, arms, or legs out of the window, hold any object out of the window, or throw objects within or out of the vehicle.
- Not possess or use any form of tobacco or e-cigarettes in any district vehicle.
- Observe all usual classroom rules.
- Be seated while the vehicle is moving.
- Fasten their seat belts, if available.
- Wait for the driver’s signal upon leaving the vehicle and before crossing in front of the vehicle.
- Follow any other rules established by the operator of the vehicle.

Misconduct will be punished in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct; the privilege to ride in a district vehicle, including a school bus, may be suspended or revoked.

VANDALISM (All Grade Levels)
The taxpayers of the community have made a sustained financial commitment for the construction and upkeep of school facilities. To ensure that school facilities can serve those for whom they are intended—both this year and for years to come—littering, defacing, or damaging school property is not tolerated. Students will be required to pay for damages they cause and will be subject to criminal proceedings as well as disciplinary consequences in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

VIDEO CAMERAS (All Grade Levels)
For safety purposes, video and audio recording equipment is used to monitor student behavior, including on buses and in common areas on campus. Students will not be told when the equipment is being used.

The principal will review the video and audio recordings routinely and document student misconduct. Discipline will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Upon written request of a parent of a student who receives special education services, a staff member (as this term is defined by law), a principal or assistant principal, or the board, state law requires the district to place video and audio recording equipment in a classroom in which the student spends at least 50 percent of his or her instructional day, referred to in the law as a self-contained classroom. The majority of students in this type of classroom must also be students who receive special education services. Before the district places a video camera in a classroom or other setting in which your child receives special education services, the district will provide notice to you. Please speak directly with the principal, Executive Director of Special Services or Director of Safety and Security, whom have been designated by the district to coordinate the implementation of and compliance with this law, for further information or to request the installation and operation of this equipment.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL (All Grade Levels)

General Visitors
Parents and others are welcome to visit district schools. For the safety of those within the school and to avoid disruption of instructional time, all visitors must first report to the main office and
must comply with all applicable district policies and procedures. When arriving on campus, all parents and other visitors should be prepared to show identification.

Visits to individual classrooms during instructional time are permitted only with approval of the principal and teacher and only so long as their duration or frequency does not interfere with the delivery of instruction or disrupt the normal school environment. Even if the visit is approved prior to the visitor’s arrival, the individual must check in at the main office first.

All visitors are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of courtesy and conduct; disruptive behavior will not be permitted.

Unauthorized Persons
In accordance with Education Code 37.105, a school administrator, school resource officer (SRO), or district police officer has the authority to refuse entry or eject a person from district property if the person refuses to leave peaceably on request and:

- The person poses a substantial risk of harm to any person; or
- The person behaves in a manner that is inappropriate for a school setting and the person persists in the behavior after being given a verbal warning that the behavior is inappropriate and may result in refusal of entry or ejection.

Appeals regarding refusal of entry or ejection from district property may be filed in accordance with FNG(LOCAL) or GF(LOCAL).

[See also Student Code of Conduct.]

Visitors Participating in Special Programs for Students

Business, Civic, and Youth Groups
The district may invite representatives from patriotic societies listed in Title 36 of the United States Code to present information to interested students about membership in the society.

College Night
On CISD District College Night, the district invites representatives from colleges and universities and other higher education institutions, prospective employers, and military recruiters to present information to interested students.

VOLUNTEERS (All Grade Levels)
We appreciate so much the efforts of parent and grandparent volunteers that are willing to serve our district and students. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the campus principal for more information and to complete an application.

VOTER REGISTRATION (Secondary Grade Levels Only)
A student who is eligible to vote in any local, state, or federal election may obtain a voter registration application at the main campus office.

WITHDRAWING FROM SCHOOL (All Grade Levels)
A student under age 18 may be withdrawn from school only by a parent. The school requests notice from the parent at least three days in advance so that records and documents may be prepared. The parent may obtain a withdrawal form from the principal’s office.
A student who is age 18 or older, who is married, or who has been declared by a court to be an emancipated minor may withdraw without parental signature.
Glossary

**Accelerated instruction** is an intensive supplemental program designed to address the needs of an individual student in acquiring the knowledge and skills required at his or her grade level and/or as a result of a student not meeting the passing standard on a state-mandated assessment.

ACT, or the American College Test, is one of the two most frequently used college or university admissions examinations. The test may be required for admission to certain colleges or universities.

**ACT-Aspire** refers to an assessment that took the place of ACT-Plan and is designed as a preparatory and readiness assessment for the ACT. This is usually taken by students in grade 10.

**ACT** refers to one of the two most frequently used college or university admissions exams: the American College Test. The test may be a requirement for admission to certain colleges or universities.

**ARD** is the admission, review, and dismissal committee convened for each student who is identified as needing a full and individual evaluation for special education services. The eligible student and his or her parents are members of the committee.

**Attendance review committee** is responsible for reviewing a student’s absences when the student’s attendance drops below 90 percent, or in some cases 75 percent, of the days the class is offered. Under guidelines adopted by the board, the committee will determine whether there were extenuating circumstances for the absences and whether the student needs to complete certain conditions to master the course and regain credit or a final grade lost because of absences.

CPS stands for Child Protective Services.

**DAEP** stands for disciplinary alternative education program, a placement for students who have violated certain provisions of the Student Code of Conduct.

DFPS is the Texas Department of Family Protective Services.

DPS stands for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

**EOC (end-of-course) assessments** are end-of-course tests, which are state-mandated, and are part of the STAAR program. Successful performance on EOC assessments are required for graduation. These examinations will be given in English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, and U.S. History.

ESSA is the federal Every Student Succeeds Act passed in December 2015.

**FERPA** refers to the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act that grants specific privacy protections to student records. The law contains certain exceptions, such as for directory information, unless a student’s parent or a student 18 or older directs the school not to release directory information.

**IEP** is the written record of the individualized education program prepared by the ARD committee for a student with disabilities who is eligible for special education services. The IEP contains several parts, such as a statement of the student’s present educational performance; a statement of measurable annual goals, with short-term objectives; the special education and related services and supplemental aids and services to be provided, and program modifications or support by school personnel; a statement regarding how the student’s progress will be measured and how the parents will be kept informed; accommodations for state or districtwide tests; whether successful completion of state-mandated assessments is required for graduation, etc.

**IGC** is the individual graduation committee, formed in accordance with state law, to determine a student’s eligibility to graduate when the student has failed to demonstrate satisfactory performance on no more than two of the required state assessments.
ISS refers to in-school suspension, a disciplinary technique for misconduct found in the Student Code of Conduct. Although different from out-of-school suspension and placement in a DAEP, ISS removes the student from the regular classroom.

PGP stands for Personal Graduation Plan, which is required for high school students and for any student in middle school who fails a section on a state-mandated test or is identified by the district as not likely to earn a high school diploma before the fifth school year after he or she begins grade 9.

PSAT is the preparatory and readiness assessment for the SAT. It also serves as the basis for the awarding of National Merit Scholarships.

SAT refers to one of the two most frequently used college or university admissions exams: the Scholastic Aptitude Test. The test may be a requirement for admissions to certain colleges or universities.

SHAC stands for School Health Advisory Council, a group of at least five members, a majority of whom must be parents, appointed by the school board to assist the district in ensuring that local community values and health issues are reflected in the district’s health education instruction, along with providing assistance with other student and employee wellness issues.

Section 504 is the federal law that prohibits discrimination against a student with a disability, requiring schools to provide opportunities for equal services, programs, and participation in activities. Unless the student is determined to be eligible for special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), general education with appropriate instructional accommodations will be provided.

STAAR is the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, the state’s system of standardized academic achievement assessments.

STAAR Alternate 2 is an alternative state-mandated assessment designed for students with severe cognitive disabilities receiving special education services who meet the participation requirements, as determined by the student’s ARD committee.

STAAR Spanish is an alternative state-mandated assessment administered to eligible students for whom a Spanish version of STAAR is the most appropriate measure of their academic progress.

State-mandated assessments are required of students at certain grade levels and in specified subjects. Successful performance sometimes is a condition of promotion, and passing the STAAR EOC assessments is a condition of graduation. Students have multiple opportunities to take the tests if necessary for promotion or graduation.

Student Code of Conduct is developed with the advice of the district-level committee and adopted by the board and identifies the circumstances, consistent with law, when a student may be removed from a classroom, campus, or district vehicle. It also sets out the conditions that authorize or require the principal or another administrator to place the student in a DAEP. It outlines conditions for out-of-school suspension and for expulsion. The Student Code of Conduct also addresses notice to the parent regarding a student’s violation of one of its provisions.

TELPAS stands for the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System, which assesses the progress that English language learners make in learning the English language, and is administered for those who meet the participation requirements in kindergarten–grade 12.

TSI assessment is the Texas Success Initiative assessment designed to measure the reading, mathematics, and writing skills that entering college-level freshmen students should have if they are to be successful in undergraduate programs in Texas public colleges and universities.
**TXVSN** is the Texas Virtual School Network, which provides online courses for Texas students to supplement the instructional programs of public school districts. Courses are taught by qualified instructors, and courses are equivalent in rigor and scope to a course taught in a traditional classroom setting.

**UIL** refers to the University Interscholastic League, the statewide voluntary nonprofit organization that oversees educational extracurricular academic, athletic, and music contests.
APPENDIX I:
Freedom from Bullying Policy

Note that school board policies may be revised at any time. For legal context and the most current copy of the local policy, visit [www.crowleysisdtx.org](http://www.crowleysisdtx.org). Below is the text of Crowley ISD’s policy FFI (LOCAL) as of the date that this handbook was finalized for this school year.

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**FFI (LOCAL)**

**Note:** This policy addresses bullying of District students. For purposes of this policy, the term bullying includes cyber-bullying.

For provisions regarding discrimination and harassment involving District students, see FFH. Note that FFI shall be used in conjunction with FFH for certain prohibited conduct. For reporting requirements related to child abuse and neglect, see FFG.

**Bullying Prohibited**
The District prohibits bullying, including cyberbullying, as defined by state law. Retaliation against anyone involved in the complaint process is a violation of District policy and is prohibited.

**Examples**
Bullying of a student could occur by physical contact or through electronic means and may include hazing, threats, taunting, teasing, confinement, assault, demands for money, destruction of property, theft of valued possessions, name calling, rumor spreading, or ostracism.

**Retaliation**
The District prohibits retaliation by a student or District employee against any person who in good faith makes a report of bullying, serves as a witness, or participates in an investigation.

**Examples**
Examples of retaliation may include threats, rumor spreading, ostracism, assault, destruction of property, unjustified punishments, or unwarranted grade reductions. Unlawful retaliation does not include petty slights or annoyances.

**False Claim**
A student who intentionally makes a false claim, offers false statements, or refuses to cooperate with a District investigation regarding bullying shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

**Timely Reporting**
Reports of bullying shall be made as soon as possible after the alleged act or knowledge of the alleged act. A failure to immediately report may impair the District’s ability to investigate and address the prohibited conduct.

**Reporting Procedures**

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Report Format
A report may be made orally or in writing. The principal or designee shall reduce any oral reports to written form.

Notice of Report
When an allegation of bullying is reported, the principal or designee shall notify a parent of the alleged victim on or before the third business day after the incident is reported. The principal or designee shall also notify a parent of the student alleged to have engaged in the conduct within a reasonable amount of time after the incident is reported.

Prohibited Conduct
The principal or designee shall determine whether the allegations in the report, if proven, would constitute prohibited conduct as defined by policy FFH, including dating violence and harassment or discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, or disability. If so, the District shall proceed under policy FFH. If the allegations could constitute both prohibited conduct and bullying, the investigation under FFH shall include a determination on each type of conduct.

Investigation of Report
The principal or designee shall conduct an appropriate investigation based on the allegations in the report. The principal or designee shall promptly take interim action calculated to prevent bullying during the course of an investigation, if appropriate.

Concluding the Investigation
Absent extenuating circumstances, the investigation should be completed within ten District business days from the date of the initial report alleging bullying; however, the principal or designee shall take additional time if necessary to complete a thorough investigation.

The principal or designee shall prepare a final, written report of the investigation. The report shall include a determination of whether bullying occurred, and if so, whether the victim used reasonable self-defense. A copy of the report shall be sent to the Superintendent or designee.

Notice to Parents
If an incident of bullying is confirmed, the principal or designee shall promptly notify the parents of the victim and of the student who engaged in bullying.

District Action
If the results of an investigation indicate that bullying occurred, the District shall promptly respond by taking appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the District’s Student Code of Conduct and may take corrective action reasonably calculated to address the conduct. The District may notify law enforcement in certain circumstances.

Discipline
A student who is a victim of bullying and who used reasonable self-defense in response to the bullying shall not be subject to disciplinary action.

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The discipline of a student with a disability is subject to applicable state and federal law in addition to the Student Code of Conduct.

**Corrective Action**

Examples of corrective action may include a training program for the individuals involved in the complaint, a comprehensive education program for the school community, follow-up inquiries to determine whether any new incidents or any instances of retaliation have occurred, involving parents and students in efforts to identify problems and improve the school climate, increasing staff monitoring of areas where bullying has occurred, and reaffirming the District's policy against bullying.

**Transfers**

The principal or designee shall refer to FDB for transfer provisions.

**Counseling**

The principal or designee shall notify the victim, the student who engaged in bullying, and any students who witnessed the bullying of available counseling options.

**Improper Conduct**

If the investigation reveals improper conduct that did not rise to the level of prohibited conduct or bullying, the District may take action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct or any other appropriate corrective action.

**Confidentiality**

To the greatest extent possible, the District shall respect the privacy of the complainant, persons against whom a report is filed, and witnesses. Limited disclosures may be necessary in order to conduct a thorough investigation.

**Appeal**

A student who is dissatisfied with the outcome of the investigation may appeal through FNG(LOCAL), beginning at the appropriate level.

**Records Retention**

Retention of records shall be in accordance with CPC(LOCAL).

**Access to Policy and Procedures**

This policy and any accompanying procedures shall be distributed annually in the employee and student handbooks. Copies of the policy and procedures shall be posted on the District's website, to the extent practicable, and shall be readily available at each campus and the District's administrative offices.