

FORSYTH ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

MISSION AND VISION:

The faculty and staff of the Alternative High School at Forsyth R-III Schools believe we can play a significant role in the lives of students. The vision of FHS is to support student growth for a positive future impact. It is the mission of Forsyth Alternative School's faculty and staff to inspire and equip every student for their next stage in life.

The Forsyth R-III School District agrees to provide students with opportunities for academic, personal, and social success by providing a unique, individualized program of instruction. This alternative program encourages high academic achievement, which incorporates learning and personal skills to enable the student to become a successful, productive, and contributing member of society.

Expectations of students entering the Alternative High School:

1. Personal responsibility for all behavior, which includes but not limited to:
 - A. Regular School Attendance
 - B. Arriving to class on time
 - C. Prepared for class (on time, materials, and *positive attitude*)
 - D. Complete all assigned work
 - E. Agree to notify and work with all Alternative School staff to seek solutions to problems that which may arise (academic, social, or personal)
 - F. Working in a respectful, cooperative manner with other students and staff members.

 - G. Students must show continued academic progress in the program.
 - H. Students will meet regularly with faculty to review and evaluate student progress.

ATTENDANCE: Regular school attendance is extremely important if students are to be successful in Alternative High School. Credits will be awarded by the amount of coursework they have completed. Students will have to complete at least 80% of the course with at least 80% grade to earn a D. This means that students must be in regular attendance to earn credits. Absences, regardless of the reason, are absences.

Students will not be permitted to leave school unless accompanied by a parent/guardian. If a student is to leave school for any reason without parents, it will be for the remainder of the school day. Students are encouraged to schedule appointments (doctor visits, interviews, etc.) before or after school when possible.

Students missing more than 8 days per semester will have to recover the missed hours/days through "Saturday school" or before/after school tutoring.

TARDIES: Students are expected to arrive at school on time. School begins at 8:00. Any student reporting after 8:00 will be tardy. If the student arrives after the 1st hour they will be considered "Absent" and the absentee policy will apply. Students with 3 or more tardies per quarter will be disciplined according to the policy.

LUNCH: Students are allowed to bring their lunch or may choose to use the lunch services provided. **THERE IS NO OPEN LUNCH.** The student will not be allowed to leave for lunch unless accompanied by his or her parent/guardian. Students will select a lunch choice at the beginning of each morning and will eat lunch together in the alternative school.

BREAKFAST: Students wishing to eat breakfast will need to select a choice the day before and it will be delivered to the alternative school each morning. Breakfast will be eaten from 8:00-8:15 each morning before instruction/activity begins.

TRANSPORTATION: Students will report directly to the Alternative School building. Students that drive will park on site. Students that ride a bus will wait in a designated place and will be transported to the Alternative School building at 7:55. Students are not to be in the courtyard, buildings, or parking lots for any circumstances unless approved by school administrators.

REMOVAL FROM THE ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL: The Alternative High School program is a privilege and not a right. Students will be encouraged to make positive choices and show improvement in academics, attendance, and interpersonal relationships. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary consequences or removal from the program and long term Out of School Suspension (OSS), from the Administration/Superintendent.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Most issues that arise are covered in the Forsyth R-III High School Student Handbook. However, some behaviors will result in consequences specific to the unique Alternative School environment. Consequences for discipline issues will be determined by a team including but not limited to the director of the alternative school, the high school principals, and/or other Forsyth R-III district administrators.

SITUATIONS NOT IN STUDENT HANDBOOK: Situations that might arise that are not addressed in this handbook or the Forsyth R-III Student Handbook will be handled at the discretion of the administration.

INSUBORDINATION: defiance of authority; refusal to obey directions/Alt. School norms.

1st offense: Warning

2nd offense: Warning; Change of environment (if applicable)

3rd offense: OSS (1-3 days)

TOBACCO: The possession or use of any tobacco product, e-cigarette, or imitation tobacco or cigarette product within one (1) square block of school property by a student is prohibited. This includes all school activities (home or away), as well as district transportation.

1st offense: report to SRO and OSS (1 day)

2nd offense: report to SRO and OSS (1-3 days) and parent meeting

3rd offense: report to SRO and OSS (3+ days) and parent meeting

FIGHTING: A verbal or physical altercation.

1st offense: 1-3 days OSS and parent meeting

TRUANCY: Absence from school without expressed parental consent or knowledge before the absence occurs, including leaving school without permission from the appropriate school authorities.

1st offense: OSS (1 day) and parent contact

2nd offense: OSS (1-3 days) and parent meeting

3rd offense: OSS (3-5 days) and parent meeting

BEING IN OTHER BUILDING/PARKING LOT WITHOUT PERMISSION:

1st offense: Warning

2nd offense: OSS (1 day) and parent contact

3rd offense: OSS (1-3 days) and parent meeting

USE OF INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE:

1st offense: Warning

2nd offense: Warning; change of environment (if applicable)

3rd offense: OSS (1-3 days)

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR:

1st offense: Warning

2nd offense: Warning; change of environment (if applicable)

3rd offense: OSS (1-3 days)

TARDIES: Calculated per quarter

1st offense: Warning

2nd offense: Warning

3rd offense: OSS (1-3 days) (Tardies 7+) and parent meeting

DRESS CODE AND APPEARANCE: Students violating the FHS Handbooks guidelines for proper dress and appearance could be sent home and not be admitted to school until they comply with this policy. Failure to comply with dress code will result in OSS (1-3 days)

ELECTRONIC DEVICES & CELL PHONES: The use of personal electronic devices, including cell phones, in the classroom will be prohibited. Personal electronic devices are permitted before school, during your assigned lunch/break, and after school. During all other times, these devices must be turned off. The school will not be responsible for stolen, lost, or damaged devices.

1st offense: Warning

2nd offense: Students will voluntarily turn in their device. Any student who refuses to do so will be sent home.

Continued offenses will result in OSS (1-3 days) and parents will have to pick up the phone from the Alt. School.

TECHNOLOGY MISCONDUCT: Attempting, regardless of success, to: gain unauthorized access to a technology system or information; use district technology to connect to other systems in evasion of the physical limitations of the remote system; copy district files without authorization; interfere with the ability of others to utilize district technology; secure a higher level of privilege without authorization; introduce computer viruses, hacking tools, or other disruptive/destructive programs onto or using district technology; or evade or disable a filtering/blocking device; or sending out mass emails/spamming

1st offense: Warning

2nd offense: Removal of device and loss of privileges

FORSYTH ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION SHEET

PLEASE WRITE NEATLY.

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of Parents/Guarian: _____

Address (If different): _____

Parent/Guardian phone numbers: _____

Place of Employment (Parents/Guardian): _____

Is your contact information correct on your child's parent portal in case we need to contact you?

Are there any special problems, issues, illnesses we should be made aware of?

HANDBOOK SIGN OFF SHEET

I have read and understand the rules and expectations of the Forsyth Alternative School.

Student Signature

Parent Signature